

**Louisiana Board of Pardons
Meeting Minutes**

Date: Monday, July 18, 2022

Recorded by: Theresa D. Blohowiak

1. Call to Order

- a. The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was done with 5 Member(s) present. A quorum was declared.

- Chair – Sheryl Ranatza Pete Fremin
- Tony Marabella Alvin Roche'
- Bonnie Jackson

Staff members present:

Francis Abbott	Theresa D. Blohowiak	----
Lea Wroten	----	----
Kristy Craft	----	----

3. Public Comment was allowed on request before any action item.

4. Regular Business:

- a. The minutes from the June 27, 2022 meeting were reviewed.
 - i. Motion was made by Mr. Roche', seconded by Mrs. Jackson to accept the minutes without any corrections. Without objection, the motion passed unanimously.
- b. Review of proposed revisions to the following policies:
 - 1. 05-509-POL Victim Notification and Participation in Hearings
 - 2. 03-301-POL Parole Eligibility and Types of Parole
 - a. Under sub subsection E in subsection 2 in Section B and under sub subsections of E in subsection 3 in Section B.
 - i. Mr. Roche' would like to add an amendment stating: "If still deemed eligible by the facility medical staff, the warden, and the Secretary of Corrections."
 - 3. 05-505-POL General Procedures
 - a. Under subsection 1 of Section M:
 - i. Mrs. Ranatza would like to amend it to state: "Upon notification that an offender has violated terms..."
 - 4. 07-705-POL Application for Rehearing, Request for Reconsideration of Decision
 - a. Under Section B:
 - i. Mrs. Ranatza would like to amend it to incorporate language from ACA Standard about Automatic Hearing after 10 years (Offender does not have to request.)
 - b. Under subsection chart of section B:

- i. Mrs. Ranatza would like to amend the chart to omit column 1 (Initial Request for Rehearing) to simplify the chart.
 - c. Under subsection 1 in Section B:
 - i. Mr. Roche' would like to amend it to state: "six months prior to the reapplication request"
 - ii. Motion was made by **Mr. Roche'**, seconded by **Mr. Fremin** to accept the amendments to the proposed revisions of the 05-509-POL, 03-301-POL, 05-505-POL, & 07-705-POL.
 - c. Clemency hearings: The Board conducted 7 hearings.

5. Adjournment:

- a. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on motion by **Mrs. Ranatza** at **2:33 PM**.

Lea Wroten

Lea Wroten, Administrative Program Manager

Louisiana Board of Pardons
 Department of Corrections Headquarters
 Monday, July 18, 2022

1. Meeting call to order/roll call at: 8:30 AM
 By: Chair Sheryl M. Ranatza

Louisiana Board of Pardons: Board Members	Present	Absent
Chair - Sheryl M. Ranatza	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pete Fremin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alvin Roche' Jr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bonnie Jackson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Anthony Marabella	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Exec. Session Time Out	Motion By:	Seconded By:	Time Back in Reg. Session
9:49 am	Mr. Roche'	Mr. Fremin	9:53 am
11:19 am	Mr. Fremin	Mr. Roche'	11:22 am
Break	Motion By:	Seconded By:	Time Back

2. Regular Business:
- a.) Approval of Minutes from Monday, June 27, 2022 Hearing
 Approved by **Mr. Roche'** and seconded by **Mrs. Jackson**
 - b.) Pardon Docket:
7 cases heard

3. Adjourn:
 Motion Made by: **Mrs. Ranatza**
 Time adjourned: **2:33 PM**

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MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION:

I move that the Board go into Executive Session, the purpose of which is to discuss information contained in the record of each case on the morning/afternoon docket that is confidential and not subject to public disclosure.

Motion made by: Mr. Roche'

Seconded by: Mr. Fremin

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- | YES | NO | |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | MRS. JACKSON |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | MR. MARABELLA |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | MRS. RANATZA |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | MR. ROCHE' |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | MR. FREMIN |

The motion is:

APPROVED **REJECTED**

Time Out: 9:49am

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Theresa Bohoniah
s/Recording Secretary

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Seconded by: Mr. Roche

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YES	NO	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MRS. JACKSON
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MR. MARABELLA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MRS. RANATZA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MR. ROCHE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MR. FREMIN

The motion is:

APPROVED **REJECTED**

Time Out: 11:19 am

Time Back: 11:22 am

Theresa Bohanich
s/Recording Secretary



LOUISIANA BOARD OF PARDONS

HEARING DOCKET: July 18, 2022 – 8:30 AM

**Hearing Location: LA Department of Public Safety & Corrections, Headquarters Complex
703 South Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, 225.342.5421**

Assigned	Applicant's Name	DOC #	Request/Location	JDC/Location	Offense	Vote
1.	BRIGHT, ELIZABETH A.	564540	PWF RELEASED	40 TH JDC ST. JOHN	Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana, Possession of Cocaine, Possession of MDMA	Grant 5-0 PWF
2.	COWAN, LEONARD S.	392412	PWF RELEASED	1 ST JDC CADDO	Armed Robbery	Deny 0-5
3.	PITTARD, JEFFREY S.	349026	PWF RELEASED	4 TH JDC OUACHITA	Conspiracy to Distribute Marijuana	Deny 0-4
4.	REED, RAYMOND ATTORNEY: KATRINA JACKSON	337791	PWF RELEASED	4 TH JDC OUACHITA	Attempted Possession of Cocaine with Intent to Distribute	Grant 5-0 PWF
5.	MESHELL, BENNY D.	127893	CTO RLCC	11 TH JDC SABINE	Second Degree Murder	Deny 0-5
6.	MILLER, JEWARD	584851	CTO RLCC	22ND JDC ST. TAMMANY	Armed Robbery; Battery of a Correctional Officer	REMOVED
7.	COOPER, GABRIELLE L.	593095	CTO LCIW	1ST JDC CADDO	Manslaughter	REMOVED
8.	LISTER, TASHA L.	573530	CTO LCIW	4 TH JDC OUACHITA	Manslaughter	Deny 1-4
9.	TINGLE, REGAN	583603	CTO LCIW	22 ND JDC ST. TAMMANY	Armed Robbery; Production/Manufacture of Marijuana	Grant 5-0 CTO 15 years IPE
10.	WILLIAMS, LATOYA T.	514424	CTO LCIW	19TH JDC EBR	Attempted First Degree Murder	REMOVED

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