

PARDON ADVISORY BOARD: Chairman H. Patrick Weir, Attorney General Drew Wrigley, Beverly Adams, Jennifer Thompson, Leslie Bakken Oliver.

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<b>04/10/2025</b>	<b>North Dakota Pardon Advisory Board</b>
Call to Order	<p>The meeting of the North Dakota Pardon Advisory Board was called to order by PW.</p> <p>In attendance: Chairman H. Patrick Weir (PW), Attorney General Drew Wrigley (DW), Beverly Adams (BA), Jennifer Thompson (JT), and Leslie Bakken Oliver (LB), Adam Anderson, Drew Wrigley, Reed Johnson, Christopher Joseph, Lacey Beddow, Tiffany Holte, and Carisa Upton.</p>
Old Business	<p>Governor Burgum granted 17 Pardons, 6 Marijuana Summary Pardons, &amp; 1 Commutation of Sentence from the November 2023 Board.</p> <p>DOCR Legal Records has forwarded the pardon certificates to the Clerk of Courts &amp; BCI criminal records to update their files.</p> <p>Review of Notification Process: Attorneys, Judges &amp; Victims (if applicable) must be notified when relief on a case is being considered by the Pardon Advisory Board.</p>
New Business	Victims request for confidentiality.
Consent Summary Application Agenda (Marijuana Offenses)	N/A
Consent Deny Agenda	<p>Jeffrey Bauer – Recency of offenses, May reapply in 2035.</p> <p>Garren Counts – Recency of offense, May reapply in 2030.</p> <p>Sherine Davis – Recency of offense, May reapply in 2026.</p> <p>Koffi Duffi – Recency of offense, May reapply in 2035.</p> <p>Adam Hamilton – Seriousness of offense, May reapply 5 years after release from incarceration.</p> <p>William Harnack – Recency of offense, May reapply in 2035.</p> <p>David Hovda – Recency of offense, May reapply after registration expires.</p> <p>Dominic Jones – Seriousness of offense, May reapply in 10 years after registration expires.</p> <p>Gene Kirkpatrick – Interview at November 2025 PAB.</p> <p>Ellen Klaypenh – Seriousness of offense, May reapply in 10 years after release from incarceration.</p> <p>Angelica Martinez – Recency of offense, May reapply in 5 years after supervision.</p> <p>Leanne Olson – Recency of offense. May reapply in 5 years.</p>

	<p>Zeferino Rangel – Recency of offense, May reapply 10 years after release from incarceration.</p> <p>Steven Shoup – Seriousness of offense, May reapply in 5 years.</p> <p>Andrew Waechter – Interview at November 2025 PAB.</p> <p>Ronald Wooten – Request for Review by November 2025 PAB.</p> <p>Bejan Etemad – Recency of offense, May reapply in 2030.</p> <p>Korey Stomley – Recency of offense, May reapply in 10 years.</p> <p>Angelina Zokego – Recency of offense, May reapply 5 years after supervision.</p> <p>Erik Benson – Extensive criminal history, May reapply in 2031.</p> <p>BA made a motion to review Ronald Wooten November '25 PAB.</p> <p>PW made a motion to interview Andrew Waechter November '25 PAB.</p> <p>BA made a motion to interview Gene Kirkpatrick November '25 PAB.</p> <p>LB seconded.</p> <p>BA yes, LB, yes, AGDW yes, PW yes, JT yes. Motion carried.</p>
Consent Approve Agenda	<p>Crystal Fox</p> <p>Alan Heer</p> <p>Adam Berry</p> <p>Thirsa Cuevas</p> <p>Bret Dockter</p> <p>Darrin Gourde</p> <p>Joshua Knight</p> <p>Michael St Marie</p> <p>LB made a motion to accept the cases listed above on the consent to approve agenda. BA seconded. There was no further discussion. Roll Call Vote: AGDW, PW, BA, LB voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.</p>
Interview-	Ryan Brelje (In Person)
Executive Session	<p>BA made a motion to go into executive session. LB seconded. Roll Call Vote: PW, AGDW, BA, JT &amp; LB voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.</p> <p>Executive Session in according to procedural requirements stated in NDCC 44-04-19.2.</p> <p>In attendance: Chairman H. Patrick Weir (PW), Attorney General Drew Wrigley (DW), Beverly Adams (BA), Jennifer Thompson (JT), and Leslie Bakken Oliver (LB), Adam Anderson, Drew Wrigley, Reed Johnson, Christopher Joseph, Lacey Beddow, Tiffany Holte, and Carisa Upton.</p> <p>The executive session began at 10:31 am.</p> <p>The executive session ended at 10:41 a.m.</p>
	<p>BA made a motion to recommend granting a pardon with removal of guilt for all offenses. PW seconded. Roll Call Vote: PW, JT BA, AGDW, LB voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.</p>

Interview-	Richard Cutting (In Person)
Executive Session	<p>PW made a motion to go into executive session. LB seconded. Roll Call Vote: PW, AGDW, BA, JT &amp; LB voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.</p> <p>Executive Session in according to procedural requirements stated in NDCC 44-04-19.2.</p> <p>In attendance: Chairman H. Patrick Weir (PW), Attorney General Drew Wrigley (DW), Beverly Adams (BA), Jennifer Thompson (JT), and Leslie Bakken Oliver (LB), Adam Anderson, Drew Wrigley, Reed Johnson, Christopher Joseph, Lacey Beddow, Tiffany Holte, and Carisa Upton.</p> <p>The executive session began at 10:55 a.m. The executive session ended at 10:57 a.m.</p>
	PW made a motion to recommend granting a pardon with removal of guilt. AGDW seconded. Roll Call Vote: JT, AGDW, BA, PW voted in favor of the motion. LB voted against. Motion carried.
Interview-	Brandon Guidry (In Person)
	PW made a motion to recommend granting a pardon with removal of guilt. LB seconded. Roll Call Vote: PW, LO, AGDW, JT voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.
Interview-	She-Maine Oden (In Person)
Executive Session	<p>LB made a motion to go into executive session. BA seconded. Roll Call Vote: PW, AGDW, BA, JT &amp; LB voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.</p> <p>Executive Session in according to procedural requirements stated in NDCC 44-04-19.2.</p> <p>In attendance: Chairman H. Patrick Weir (PW), Attorney General Drew Wrigley (DW), Beverly Adams (BA), Jennifer Thompson (JT), and Leslie Bakken Oliver (LB), Adam Anderson, Drew Wrigley, Reed Johnson, Christopher Joseph, Lacey Beddow, Tiffany Holte, and Carisa Upton.</p> <p>The executive session began at 12:31 pm. The executive session ended at 12: 37 pm.</p>
	LB made a motion to deny and defer to April 2027 Pardon Board based on recency of offenses. AGDW seconded. Roll Call Vote: PW, BA, LB, AGDW, JT voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.
Interview-	Barry Garcia (via Teams External Web Ex)
	BA made a motion to defer to November 2025 Pardon Board and recommends Barry Garcia obtain and submit an updated psychological evaluation prior to November. If this is not feasible, please submit the most recent psychological evaluation completed. LB seconded. Roll Call Vote: AGDW, JT, PW, BA, LB voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Interview-	Joseph Jahner (In Person)
Executive Session-	<p>PW made a motion to go into executive session. DW seconded. Roll Call Vote: PW, AGDW, BA, and JT voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.</p> <p>Executive Session in according to procedural requirements stated in NDCC 44-04-19.2.</p> <p>In attendance: Chairman H. Patrick Weir (PW), Attorney General Drew Wrigley (DW), Beverly Adams (BA), Jennifer Thompson (JT), and Leslie Bakken Oliver (LB), Steve Hall, Adam Anderson, Lacey Beddow, Jessica McSparron Bien, Jessi Kirby, and Carisa Upton.</p> <p>The executive session began at 2:21 pm. The executive session ended at 2:30 pm.</p>
	AGDW made a motion to recommend granting a pardon with removal of guilt. PW seconded. Roll Call Vote: JT, PW, BA, LB, AGDW voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.
Interview-	Samuel Maquire (via TEAMS)
	BA made a motion to recommend granting a pardon with removal of guilt. LB seconded. Roll Call Vote: JT, PW, BA, LB, AGDW voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.
Interview-	Joseph Klein (In Person)
	LB made a motion to recommend granting a pardon with removal of guilt. PW seconded. Roll Call Vote: LB, AGDW, JT, PW, BA voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.
Interview -	Matthew Burm (via TEAMS)
	LB made a motion to recommend granting a pardon with removal of guilt. PW seconded. Roll Call Vote: AGDW, BA, PW, LB, JT voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.
Interview-	Derek Lerbakken (In Person)
Executive Session-	<p>LB made a motion to go into executive session. DW seconded. Roll Call Vote: PW, AGDW, BA, and JT voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.</p> <p>Executive Session in according to procedural requirements stated in NDCC 44-04-19.2.</p> <p>In attendance: Chairman H. Patrick Weir (PW), Attorney General Drew Wrigley (DW), Beverly Adams (BA), Jennifer Thompson (JT), and Leslie Bakken Oliver (LB), Steve Hall, Adam Anderson, Lacey Beddow, Jessica McSparron Bien, Jessi Kirby, and Carisa Upton.</p> <p>The executive session began at 3:13 pm. The executive session ended at 3:20 pm.</p>

	LB made a motion to recommend granting a pardon with removal of guilt. BA seconded. Roll Call Vote: JT, PW, BA, LB, DW voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.
Interview-	Stephanie Jetty (In Person)
	PW made a motion to recommend granting a pardon with removal of guilt. DW seconded. Roll Call Vote: JT, PW, BA, DW voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.
Adjourn	BA moved to adjourn; all agreed.