

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

*This is a summary of the Pardon Advisory Board Meeting; please submit requests for additional information to: mlinster@nd.gov

11/20/25	North Dakota Pardon Advisory Board
Call to Order	The meeting of the North Dakota Pardon Advisory Board was called to order by PW. In attendance were Chairman H. Patrick Weir (PW), Attorney General Drew Wrigley (AGDW), Beverly Adams (BA), Jennifer Thompson (JT), Leslie Bakken Oliver (LBO), Adam Anderson, Tiffany Holte, Kimberley Thompson, Carisa Upton, Christopher Joseph, Conner Swanson. Leslie Bakken Oliver arrived after the second interview.
Old Business	Governor Armstrong granted 18 Pardons and 1 Commutation of Sentence from the April 2025 Board. Certificates and denial letters were mailed. DOCR Legal Records has forwarded the pardon certificates to the Clerk of Courts & BCI criminal records to update their files.
Interview-	Mitchell Rysgaard (In person)
Executive Session-	BA made a motion to go into executive session. PW seconded. Roll Call Vote: PW, AGDW, BA, JT voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried. Executive Session in according to procedural requirements stated in NDCC 44-04-19.2. In attendance: Chairman H. Patrick Weir, Beverly Adams, Attorney General Drew Wrigley, Jennifer Thompson, Adam Anderson, Tiffany Holte, Kimberley Thompson, and Carisa Upton The executive session began at 9:01 am. The executive session ended at 9:09 am.
	AGDW made a motion to recommend granting a pardon with removal of guilt. PW seconded. There was no further discussion. Roll Call Vote: JT, PW, AGDW, BA voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.
Interview-	Nicole Gehrke (In person)
	AGDW made a motion to recommend granting a pardon with removal of guilt. PW seconded. There was no further discussion. Roll Call Vote: BA, JT, PW, AGDW voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.
Interview-	Emily Anvid (via TEAMS)
	JT made a motion to recommend granting a pardon with removal of guilt. BA seconded. There was no further discussion. Roll Call Vote: LBO, JT, AGDW, BA, PW voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.
Interview-	Shawn Kimberlin (In person)
	LBO made a motion to recommend granting a pardon with removal of guilt. BA seconded. There was no further discussion. There was no further discussion. Roll Call Vote: AGDW, PW, LBO, JT, BA voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

Interview-	Janaye Opp (In person)
Executive Session-	PW made a motion to go into executive session. LBO seconded. Roll Call Vote: PW, AGDW, BA, JT, LBO voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried. Executive Session in according to procedural requirements stated in NDCC 44-04-19.2. In attendance: Chairman H. Patrick Weir, Beverly Adams, Attorney General Drew Wrigley, Jennifer Thompson, Adam Anderson, Tiffany Holte, Kimberley Thompson & Carisa Upton The executive session began at 10:45 am. The executive session ended at 10:56 am.
	PW made a motion to recommend deferring a pardon to the April 2026 Pardon Board after submission of a current psychiatric evaluation. LBO seconded. There was no further discussion. Roll Call Vote: JT, BA, PW, LBO, AGDW voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.
Interview-	Clinton Potulny (In person)
	BA made a motion to recommend granting a pardon with removal of guilt. PW seconded. There was no further discussion. Roll Call Vote: PW, AGDW, BA, JT, LBO voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.
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Interview-	Angelina Zokego (via TEAMS)
	AGDW made a motion to recommend denying a pardon with removal of guilt. JT seconded. Roll Call Vote: PW, AGDW, BA, JT, LBO voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.
	BA made a motion to recommend reapplying for a pardon in three (3) years. JT seconded. No further discussion. Roll Call Vote: PW, LBO, JT, BA, AGDW voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.
Interview-	Iman Hassan (via TEAMS)
	JT made a motion to recommend granting a pardon with removal of guilt. BA seconded. There was no further discussion. Roll Call Vote: LBO, JT, AGDW, BA, PW voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.
Interview-	Jill Gerszewski (In person)
Executive Session-	PW made a motion to go into executive session. LBO seconded. Roll Call Vote: BA, AGDW, JT, PW, LBO voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried. Executive Session in according to procedural requirements stated in NDCC 44-04-19.2. In attendance: Chairman H. Patrick Weir, Beverly Adams, Attorney General Drew Wrigley, Jennifer Thompson, Adam Anderson, Tiffany Holte, Kimberley Thompson, Leslie Bakken-Oliver & Carisa Upton The executive session began at 2:32 p.m. The executive session ended at 2:37 p.m.

	LBO made a motion to recommend granting a pardon with removal of guilt. BA seconded. There was no further discussion. Roll Call Vote: AGDW, PW, LBO, JT, BA voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.
Interview-	Scott MacLeod (via TEAMS)
Executive Session-	PW made a motion to go into executive session. BA seconded. Roll Call Vote: JT, PW, LBO, AGDW, BA voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried. Executive Session in according to procedural requirements stated in NDCC 44-04-19.2. In attendance: Chairman H. Patrick Weir, Beverly Adams, Attorney General Drew Wrigley, Jennifer Thompson, Adam Anderson, Tiffany Holte, Kimberley Thompson, Leslie Bakken-Oliver & Carisa Upton The executive session began at 2:50 p.m. The executive session ended at 3:03 p.m.
	PW made a motion to recommend granting a pardon with removal of guilt. LBO seconded. There was no further discussion. Roll Call Vote: JT, BA, PW, AGDW, LBO voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.
Consent Summary Application Agenda (Marijuana Offenses)	[REDACTED]. PW made a motion to accept the marijuana offense cases listed on the consent summary application agenda for [REDACTED]. BA seconded. There was no further discussion. Roll Call Vote: LBO, JT, AGDW, BA, PW voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.
Consent to Deny Agenda	Gino Acker – Seriousness of offense – Reapply in three (3) years Melissa Atibagos – Recency of offense – May reapply in one (1) year Melissa Bjornson – Recent criminal behavior – Reapply in 2030 (5 Yrs) Rebecca Cheatley – Recency of offense & violence – Reapply in 2032 (7 Yrs) Betty Clementich – Recency of offense – May reapply for the April 2026 PAB Lance Foreman – Seriousness of offense – Serve remainder balance Jennifer Francisco – Recency of offense – Reapply in 2027 (2 Yrs) Dennis Gaede – Seriousness of offense – Reapply in five (5) years Justin Gibson – Recency/Seriousness of offense – Reapply after release from incarceration Daniel Habiger – Recency of offense - Reapply after release from incarceration Lawrence Harris – Recency of offense - Reapply after release from incarceration Kyle Herr – Recency & seriousness of offense – Reapply in ten (10) years Jon Jacobson – Recency of offense – Reapply in three (3) years Rebecca Kellems – Recency/violence of offense – Reapply in six (6) years Gene Kirkpatrick – Seriousness of offense – Reapply in ten (10) years Jacque Lee – Recency of offense – Reapply after registration expiration (2035) Koffi Mande – Recency of offense – Reapply in 2035 Levi Mayo – Recency of offense - Reapply after fine/fees & restitution are paid Sheldon McHugh – Seriousness of offense – Reapply in 2035 Robert Mead – Seriousness of offense – Reapply in 2035 Alma Olds – Recency of offense – Reapply in two (2) years

	Darrell Red Paint – Seriousness of offense – Reapply in 2035 Travis Robinson – Recency of offense – Reapply in three (3) years Zachary Roller - Recency of offense – Reapply in three (3) years Travis Smith – Recency of offense - Reapply after release from incarceration and when all fines/fees & restitution are paid Allen Thomas – Recency of offense – Reapply in ten (10) years Reginald Tweed – Seriousness of offense Jeronimo Valdez – Recency of offense – Reapply in two (2) years Nathyn Visto – Recency of offense – Serve balance of incarceration Nigel Wakefield – Seriousness of offense – Serve balance of incarceration Byron Whetsel – Seriousness of offense – Serve balance of incarceration Damon Whitebird – Seriousness of offense – Serve balance of incarceration PW made a motion to accept the cases listed above on the consent to deny agenda, with recommended changes made by BA. JT seconded. There was no further discussion. Roll Call Vote: BA, JT, LBO, PW, AGDW voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.
Consent to Approve Agenda	Sabrena Bhandari, Francis Connors, Kelly Hurley, Abdirisak Ismail, Miranda Norcia, Mara Porter, Wade Puttbrese, Mitchell Schenstad, Trudy Stubson, Dorothy Wilbanks, Brianna Willey. PW made a motion to accept the cases for Sabrena Bhandari, Francis Connors, Kelly Hurley, Abdirisak Ismail, Miranda Norcia, Mara Porter, Wade Puttbrese, Mitchell Schenstad, Trudy Stubson, Dorothy Wilbanks, Brianna Willey, listed on the consent to approve agenda and recommended granting a pardon with removal of guilt. BA seconded. There was no further discussion. Roll Call Vote: AGDW, BA, JT, LBO, PW voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.
Adjourn	PW moved to adjourn at 3:16 pm; all agreed.