

# **ALABAMA BOARD OF PARDONS & PAROLES**

## **Open Public Meeting Minutes**

**August 26, 2026**

**A. Call to Order:**

1. The Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles called to order its open public meeting on this date at 8:30A.M., 301 South Ripley Street, Montgomery, AL 36104 for the purpose of conducting its regular parole/pardon hearings, as prescribed by Alabama Code, Title 15, Chapter 22. Board members present were: Hal Nash, Chairperson, Gabrelle Simmons, Board Member and Jennifer Conway, Board Member.
2. The Board met to discuss the attached agenda, with the action taken by the Board recorded by the Board's secretary, Nicole Lewis.

**B. Board Business:** The Board approved minutes from previous meeting of August 25, 2026, moved by Hal Nash and seconded by Jennifer Conway which was majority vote.

**C. Daily Pardon/Parole Docket:**

1. Anthony Murphy, AIS# 160782: Speaker against parole 1<sup>st</sup> James Kelley (victim), 2<sup>nd</sup> Venesha Bradley (VOCAL), 3<sup>rd</sup> India Eaves VSO (Atty General Office). The Board voted unanimously to deny parole with a reset date of 8/2031.
2. Joseph McConico, AIS# 210197: Speaker against parole 1<sup>st</sup> Venesha Bradley (VOCAL), 2<sup>nd</sup> India Eaves VSO (Atty General Office), 3<sup>rd</sup> Carla Counts Barber VSO (Jefferson Co. District Atty Office). The Board voted unanimously to deny parole with a reset date of 8/2031.
3. Derrell Young, AIS# 188865: Speaker on behalf of parole Tavarious Young (brother). Speaker against parole 1<sup>st</sup> Aquanetta Shoeford (victim's daughter), 2<sup>nd</sup> Venesha Bradley (VOCAL), 3<sup>rd</sup> India Eaves VSO (Atty General Office), 4<sup>th</sup> Carla Counts Barber VSO (Jefferson Co. District Atty Office). The Board voted unanimously to deny parole with a reset date of 8/2030.
4. Knikita Aydelotte, AIS# 262733: Speaker on behalf of parole 1<sup>st</sup> Ahsha Bowers (daughter), 2<sup>nd</sup> Lonzel Davis, III (brother). Speaker against parole 1<sup>st</sup> Venesha Bradley (VOCAL), 2<sup>nd</sup> India Eaves VSO (Atty General Office), 3<sup>rd</sup> Carla Counts Barber VSO (Jefferson Co. District Atty Office). The Board voted unanimously to deny parole with a reset date of 8/2031.
5. Cedric R. Reese, AIS# 164098: Speaker on behalf of parole 1<sup>st</sup> Aimee Cobb (attorney), 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Flowers (mother), 3<sup>rd</sup> Commie Carter (family friend). Speaker against parole 1<sup>st</sup> Venesha Bradley (VOCAL), 2<sup>nd</sup> India Eaves VSO

(Atty General Office). The Board voted unanimously to deny parole with a reset date of 8/2029.

6. Bernardino Mejia, AIS# 328620: Speaker on behalf of parole 1<sup>st</sup> Evelin Mejia (daughter), 2<sup>nd</sup> Osbeli Mejia (son), 3<sup>rd</sup> Frank Snowden (attorney). Speaker against parole 1<sup>st</sup> Venesha Bradley (VOCAL), 2<sup>nd</sup> India Eaves VSO (Atty General Office). The Board voted unanimously to deny parole with a reset date of 8/2029.
7. Anthony Nicholson, AIS# 285506: Speaker on behalf of parole 1<sup>st</sup> Lisa Johnson (aunt), 2<sup>nd</sup> Shannon Nicholson-Pritchett (daughter). Speaker against parole 1<sup>st</sup> Venesha Bradley (VOCAL), 2<sup>nd</sup> India Eaves VSO (Atty General Office). The Board voted unanimously to deny parole with a reset date of 8/2029.
8. Marquise D. Ford, AIS# 300444: Speaker against parole 1<sup>st</sup> Venesha Bradley (VOCAL), 2<sup>nd</sup> India Eaves VSO (Atty General Office). The Board voted unanimously to deny parole with a reset date of 8/2028.
9. Ersel L. Mitchell, AIS# 254001: Speaker on behalf of parole 1<sup>st</sup> Tiffany Epps (sister), 2<sup>nd</sup> Myesha Rankins (cousin). Speaker against parole 1<sup>st</sup> Venesha Bradley (VOCAL), 2<sup>nd</sup> India Eaves VSO (Atty General Office). The Board voted unanimously to deny parole with a reset date of 8/2030.
10. Barbara R. McMullen, AIS# 311076: Speaker on behalf of parole Teresa Gordbandt (sister). Speaker against parole 1<sup>st</sup> Venesha Bradley (VOCAL), 2<sup>nd</sup> India Eaves VSO (Atty General Office). Board Member Gabrelle Simmons and Board Member Jennifer Conway voted to deny parole with a reset date of 8/2027. Board Chair Hal Nash voted to deny parole with a reset date of 8/2028.
11. Deseontez S. Sharkey, AIS# 294340: Speaker on behalf of parole 1<sup>st</sup> Frances Sharkey (wife), 2<sup>nd</sup> Latasha Dixon (sister-in-law). Speaker against parole India Eaves VSO (Atty General Office). The Board voted unanimously to deny parole with no reset date.
12. Kevin M. Wistoft, AIS# 160715: Speaker on behalf of parole 1<sup>st</sup> Jamie Williams (ex-wife), 2<sup>nd</sup> Jaiden Wistoft (son). Speaker against parole India Eaves VSO (Atty General Office). The Board voted unanimously to deny parole with a reset date of 8/2028.
13. James W. Merritt, AIS# 281075: Speaker on behalf of parole Anne Diprizio (advocate). The Board voted unanimously to deny parole with a reset date of 8/2028.

14. April L. Carroll, AIS# 826506: Speaker on behalf of a pardon 1<sup>st</sup> April L. Carroll (self), 2<sup>nd</sup> Margaret Bell (supporter). The Board voted unanimously to grant a full pardon with the restoration of all civil and political rights.
15. Walter Brown, AIS# 828279: Speaker on behalf of a pardon 1<sup>st</sup> Walter Brown (self), 2<sup>nd</sup> Ken Moore (attorney). The Board voted unanimously to grant a pardon with the following restrictions (relief from the habitual offender act and firearms disabilities). Further, Board Member Gabrelle Simmons and Board Member Jennifer Conway voted to grant partial remission of fines in case No. 68CC2015000075. Board Chair Hal Nash voted to deny remission of fines.
16. Jerry W. Coleman, Jr., AIS# 269208: Speaker on behalf of a pardon Jerry W. Coleman, Jr., (self). The Board voted unanimously to grant a pardon with the following restrictions (relief from the habitual offender act and firearms disabilities).
17. Steven R. Nelson, AIS# 281237: Speaker on behalf of parole Janice Nelson (mother). The Board voted unanimously to grant parole with special condition to complete the Perry Co. Probation/Parole Reentry Education Program (PREP), NA/AA, GPS Ankle Monitor, Mental Health Follow-Up and Drug Assessment Upon Release.
18. Shante A. Francis, AIS# 828272: The Board voted unanimously to grant a pardon with the following restrictions (relief from the habitual offender act and firearms disabilities). Further, the Board voted unanimously to grant total remission of fines in case No. 47CC2013004099.
19. Christopher J. Smoot, AIS# 229190: The Board voted unanimously to deny a pardon.
20. Joseph Glanton, AIS# 828329: The Board voted unanimously to grant a pardon with the following restrictions (relief from the habitual offender act and firearms disabilities).
21. Jameel W. Coleman, Jr., AIS# 244270: The Board voted unanimously to grant a pardon with the following restrictions (relief from the habitual offender act and firearms disabilities).
22. Brian J. Atkinson, AIS# 802072: The Board voted unanimously to deny a pardon.
23. Amos T. Duncan, AIS# 182841: The Board voted unanimously to deny a pardon.
24. Kimberly E. Edwards, AIS# 221004: The Board voted unanimously to deny a pardon.

25. Vantrezz U. Reels, AIS# 333362: The Board voted unanimously to deny parole with no reset date.
26. Rickey T. Owens, AIS# 174561: The Board voted unanimously to grant parole with special condition to complete an Approved Halfway House, GPS Ankle Monitor, Mental Health Follow-Up and Drug Assessment Upon Release.
27. Gordon Knight, AIS# 170866: The Board voted unanimously to deny parole with a reset date of 8/2029.
28. Matthew J. Ives, AIS# 286065: The Board voted unanimously to deny parole with a reset date of 8/2029.
29. Robert C. Smith, AIS# 332983: The Board voted unanimously to grant parole with special condition to complete the Tuscaloosa Day Reporting Center (DRC), GPS Ankle Monitor and Drug Assessment Upon Release.
30. Jodi L. York, AIS# 336936: The Board voted unanimously to deny parole with no reset date.
31. Hunter L. Saultz, AIS# 290626: The Board voted unanimously to deny parole with a reset date of 8/2027.
32. Julius C. Chambles, AIS# 200862: The Board voted unanimously to deny parole with a reset date of 8/2030.
33. Keith A. Mixon, AIS# 200346: The Board voted unanimously to deny parole with a reset date of 8/2031.
34. Donald Coleman, AIS# 282749: The Board voted unanimously to deny parole with a reset date of 8/2028.
35. Joshua K. Marks, AIS# 295318: The Board voted unanimously to deny parole with no reset date.
36. Jeremiah Russell, AIS# 302280: The Board voted unanimously to deny parole with a reset date of 8/2028.
37. Raymond W. Casteel, AIS# 147956: The Board voted unanimously to deny parole with a reset date of 8/2031.

D. Files for Review: None.

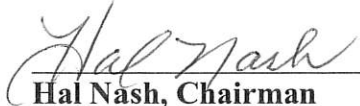
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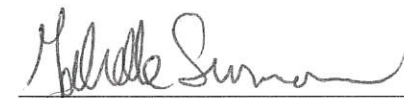
- a. The Board adjourned at 1:30pm, moved by Hal Nash and seconded by Gabrelle Simmons with majority vote. The Board's next meeting will be August 27, 2026, at 8:00am at 301 South Ripley Street, Montgomery, AL 36104.

**APPROVED:**

**DISAPPROVED:**

  
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**Hal Nash, Chairman**

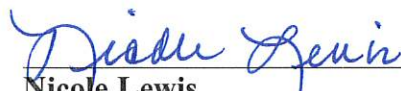
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**Hal Nash, Chairman**

  
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**Board Secretary**

**Date:** 8/27/26

Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles  
Meeting Agenda

The Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles will convene  
at 301 South Ripley Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36104 at 8:00 AM.

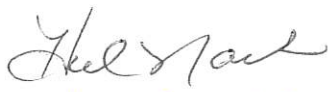
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1. Call to Order
2. Board Business
3. Files for Review
4. Additional Board Business
5. Adjournment

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## Docket Hearing List

| AIS     | suf | Offender             | Date      | Type   | Status             | Notifi | Class A | Cont | Recons                      |
|---------|-----|----------------------|-----------|--------|--------------------|--------|---------|------|-----------------------------|
| 262733  |     | Aydelotte, Knikita   | 8/26/2026 | Parole | Scheduled          | Yes    | Yes     | No   | No DENIED - 8/31            |
| 147956S | S   | Casteel, Raymond W   | 8/26/2026 | Parole | Scheduled          | Yes    | No      | No   | No DENIED - 8/31            |
| 200862  |     | Chambles, Julius C   | 8/26/2026 | Parole | Scheduled          | Yes    | Yes     | No   | No DENIED - 8/30            |
| 282749U | U   | Coleman, Donald      | 8/26/2026 | Parole | Scheduled          | Yes    | No      | No   | No DENIED - 8/28            |
| 300444  |     | Ford, Marquise D     | 8/26/2026 | Parole | Scheduled          | Yes    | No      | No   | No DENIED - 8/28            |
| 286065  |     | Ives, Matthew J      | 8/26/2026 | Parole | Scheduled          | Yes    | No      | No   | No DENIED - 8/29            |
| 170866B | B   | Knight, Gordon       | 8/26/2026 | Parole | Scheduled          | Yes    | No      | No   | No DENIED - 8/29            |
| 295318B | B   | Marks, Joshua K      | 8/26/2026 | Parole | Scheduled          | No     | No      | No   | No DENIED - EOS             |
| 210197  |     | Mcconico, Joseph     | 8/26/2026 | Parole | Scheduled          | Yes    | Yes     | No   | No DENIED - 8/31            |
| 311076A | A   | McMullen, Barbara R  | 8/26/2026 | Parole | Scheduled          | Yes    | No      | No   | No DENIED - 8/27            |
| 328620  |     | Mejia, Bernardino    | 8/26/2026 | Parole | Scheduled          | Yes    | No      | No   | No DENIED - 8/29            |
| 281075B | B   | Merritt, James W     | 8/26/2026 | Parole | Scheduled          | No     | No      | No   | No DENIED - 8/28            |
| 254001  |     | Mitchell, Ersel L    | 8/26/2026 | Parole | Scheduled          | Yes    | Yes     | No   | No DENIED - 8/30            |
| 200346  |     | Mixon, Keith A       | 8/26/2026 | Parole | Scheduled          | Yes    | Yes     | No   | No DENIED - 8/31            |
| 160782S | S   | Murphy, Anthony      | 8/26/2026 | Parole | Scheduled          | Yes    | Yes     | No   | No DENIED - 8/31            |
| 281237  |     | Nelson, Steven R     | 8/26/2026 | Parole | Scheduled          | No     | No      | No   | No GRANTED - KEEP           |
| 285506  |     | Nicholson, Anthony   | 8/26/2026 | Parole | Scheduled          | Yes    | Yes     | No   | No DENIED - 8/29            |
| 174561  |     | Owens, Rickey T      | 8/26/2026 | Parole | Scheduled          | Yes    | Yes     | No   | No GRANTED - HALF WAY HOUSE |
| 296054A | A   | Pitts, Darius D      | 8/26/2026 | Parole | Removed - New Case | Yes    | No      | No   | No                          |
| 333362A | A   | Reels, Vantrezz U    | 8/26/2026 | Parole | Scheduled          | No     | No      | No   | No DENIED - EOS             |
| 164098B | B   | Reese, Cedric R      | 8/26/2026 | Parole | Scheduled          | Yes    | Yes     | No   | No DENIED - 8/29            |
| 302280E | E   | Russell, Jeremiah    | 8/26/2026 | Parole | Scheduled          | No     | No      | No   | No DENIED - 8/28            |
| 290626A | A   | Saultz, Hunter L     | 8/26/2026 | Parole | Scheduled          | No     | No      | No   | No DENIED - 8/27            |
| 294340U | U   | Sharkey, Deseontez S | 8/26/2026 | Parole | Scheduled          | Yes    | No      | No   | No DENIED - EOS             |
| 332983  |     | Smith, Robert C      | 8/26/2026 | Parole | Scheduled          | No     | No      | No   | No GRANTED - TULSAWOOD DR.  |
| 340530  |     | Wilbon, Anthony, Jr  | 8/26/2026 | Parole | Removed - Other    | Yes    | No      | No   | No                          |
| 160715A | A   | Wistoft, Kevin M     | 8/26/2026 | Parole | Scheduled          | Yes    | No      | No   | No DENIED - 8/28            |
| 336936  |     | York, Jodi L         | 8/26/2026 | Parole | Scheduled          | No     | No      | No   | No DENIED - EOS             |
| 188865  |     | Young, Derell        | 8/26/2026 | Parole | Scheduled          | Yes    | Yes     | No   | No DENIED - 8/30            |

  
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| AIS    | suf | Offender              | Date      | Type   | Status    | Notifi | Class A | Cont | Recons     |
|--------|-----|-----------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|---------|------|------------|
| 182841 |     | Duncan, Amos T        | 8/26/2026 | Pardon | Scheduled | Yes    | Yes     | No   | No DENIED  |
| 221004 |     | Edwards, Kimberly E   | 8/26/2026 | Pardon | Scheduled | Yes    | Yes     | No   | No DENIED  |
| 229190 |     | Smoot, Christopher J  | 8/26/2026 | Pardon | Scheduled | Yes    | Yes     | No   | No DENIED  |
| 244270 |     | Coleman, Jameel W, Jr | 8/26/2026 | Pardon | Scheduled | Yes    | No      | No   | No GRANTED |
| 269208 |     | Coleman, Jerry W, Jr  | 8/26/2026 | Pardon | Scheduled | Yes    | No      | No   | No GRANTED |
| 802072 |     | Atkinson, Brian J     | 8/26/2026 | Pardon | Scheduled | Yes    | No      | No   | No DENIED  |
| 826506 |     | Carroll, April L      | 8/26/2026 | Pardon | Scheduled | Yes    | No      | No   | No GRANTED |
| 828272 |     | Francis, Shante A     | 8/26/2026 | Pardon | Scheduled | Yes    | No      | No   | No GRANTED |
| 828279 |     | Brown, Walter         | 8/26/2026 | Pardon | Scheduled | Yes    | No      | No   | No GRANTED |
| 828329 |     | Glanton, Joseph       | 8/26/2026 | Pardon | Scheduled | No     | No      | No   | No GRANTED |

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