

# ALABAMA BOARD OF PARDONS & PAROLES

## Open Public Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2024

### A. Call to Order:

1. The Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles called to order its open public meeting on this date at 9:08A.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: Leigh Gwathney, Chairperson, Darryl Littleton, Board Member and Gabrelle Simmons, 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 January 9, 2024, moved by Leigh Gwathney and seconded by Gabrelle Simmons which was majority vote.

The Board voted and approved to withdraw the Parole Officer's Authorization of Arrest Warrant and Kristen Riley, AIS# 272655 be released from Houston County Jail. (See Attached Board Order)

The Board voted and approved that Jeffrey Holt, AIS# 279188 will be released from the obligation of completing the PREP Center, attend the Mobile Day Reporting Center, and be located to his approved home plan where he can continue to receive the attention required for his condition. (See Attached Board Order)

### C. Daily Pardon/Parole Docket:

1. Johnny Shannon Futral, AIS# 201076: Speaker against parole 1<sup>st</sup> James Nelson (victim's husband), 2<sup>nd</sup> Makayla Phifer (VOCAL), 3<sup>rd</sup> Nayla Contreras VSO (Atty General Office), 4<sup>th</sup> Josh Cochran (Autauga Co. District Atty Office). The Board voted to deny parole with a reset date of 1/2029.
2. Vegas Contorno, AIS# 310426: Speaker on behalf of parole 1<sup>st</sup> Michael Cortorno (grandfather), 2<sup>nd</sup> Joan Contorno (grandmother). Speaker against parole 1<sup>st</sup> Carol Foradori (victim's grandmother), 2<sup>nd</sup> Kelly Foradori (victim's mother), 3<sup>rd</sup> Makayla Phifer (VOCAL), 4<sup>th</sup> Nayla Contreras VSO (Atty General Office), 5<sup>th</sup> Josh Cochran (Autauga Co. District Atty Office). The Board voted to deny parole with a reset date of 1/2029.
3. Nell Rae Long, AIS# 187372: Speaker on behalf of parole 1<sup>st</sup> David Long (son), 2<sup>nd</sup> David Crittenden (nephew). Speaker against parole 1<sup>st</sup> Joseph Shankles (victim's son), 2<sup>nd</sup> Johnny Shankles (victim's husband), 3<sup>rd</sup> Makayla

Phifer (VOCAL), 4<sup>th</sup> Nayla Contreras VSO (Atty General Office). The Board voted to deny parole with no reset date.

4. Rodriques Simpson, AIS# 284700: Speaker on behalf of parole 1<sup>st</sup> Regina Simpson (mother), 2<sup>nd</sup> Emma Simpson (grandmother). Speaker against parole 1<sup>st</sup> Nadine Walton (victim's mother), 2<sup>nd</sup> Devon Walton (victim's son), 3<sup>rd</sup> Makayla Phifer (VOCAL), 4<sup>th</sup> Nayla Contreras VSO (Atty General Office). The Board voted to deny parole with a reset date of 1/2029.
5. Fredrick Maurice Ellis, AIS# 827193: Speaker on behalf of a pardon Fredrick Maurice Ellis (self). Speaker against a pardon 1<sup>st</sup> Makayla Phifer (VOCAL), 2<sup>nd</sup> Nayla Contreras VSO (Atty General Office). The Board voted to deny a pardon.
6. Jeremiah McKinley, AIS# 825907: Speaker on behalf of a pardon Jeremiah McKinley (self). Speaker against a pardon 1<sup>st</sup> Makayla Phifer (VOCAL), 2<sup>nd</sup> Nayla Contreras VSO (Atty General Office). The Board voted to deny a pardon.
7. Kenneth C. Ford, Jr., AIS# 263071: Speaker on behalf of parole 1<sup>st</sup> Ben Mordechai-Strongin (attorney), 2<sup>nd</sup> Mya Johnson (sister), 3<sup>rd</sup> Jae Forrest (daughter). Speaker against parole 1<sup>st</sup> Makayla Phifer (VOCAL), 2<sup>nd</sup> Nayla Contreras VSO (Atty General Office). The Board voted to deny parole with a reset date of 1/2028.
8. Teona Donnela Sterling, AIS# 268481: Speaker on behalf of parole 1<sup>st</sup> Angela Duncan (mother), 2<sup>nd</sup> James Starks (pastor). Speaker against parole Nayla Contreras VSO (Atty General Office). The Board voted to deny parole with a reset date of 1/2029.
9. Kaleb Quinn Caddell, AIS# 313641: Speaker on behalf of parole 1<sup>st</sup> Glen Caddell (father), 2<sup>nd</sup> Dana Gray (mother). Speaker against parole Nayla Contreras VSO (Atty General Office). The Board voted to deny parole with reset date of 1/2027.
10. Kiara Vonshea Watson, AIS# 261246: Speaker on behalf of parole 1<sup>st</sup> Abbi Hallman (attorney), 2<sup>nd</sup> Willie Parker (uncle), 3<sup>rd</sup> Quiteris Gaitor (husband). Speaker against parole Nayla Contreras VSO (Atty General Office). The Board voted to deny parole with a reset date of 1/2025.
11. Kenneth Bernard Slaughter, AIS# 166491: Speaker on behalf of parole 1<sup>st</sup> Kendra Slaughter (daughter), 2<sup>nd</sup> Emmett Horton (brother). The Board voted to grant parole with special condition to complete the Perry Co. Probation/Parole Reentry Education Program (PREP) and a Drug Assessment Upon Release.

12. Leavert Kendrel McKinney, AIS# 218159: Speaker on behalf of parole 1<sup>st</sup> Patrick Burnham (attorney), 2<sup>nd</sup> Jacqueline Gay (mother), 3<sup>rd</sup> William Foster (social worker). At 12:08pm Chair Gwathney motioned to table the matter to gather additional information from Bureau staff. The motion was seconded by Darryl Littleton. At 1:14pm Chair Gwathney motioned to reopen the case. The motion was seconded by Gabrelle Simmons. The Board voted to grant parole with special condition of referral to the Alabama Department of Mental Health; Mental Health Assessment; Tuscaloosa Day Reporting Center (DRC) and GPS Ankle Monitor.
13. Matthew Cole Kendrick, AIS# 306439: Speaker on behalf of a pardon Matthew Cole Kendrick (self). The Board voted to deny a pardon.
14. Rita Watson Sterling, AIS# 827102: Speaker on behalf of a pardon 1<sup>st</sup> Abbi Hallman (attorney), 2<sup>nd</sup> Rita Watson Sterling (self). The Board voted to grant a full pardon with the restoration of all civil and political rights.

The Board recessed for lunch from 12:15PM – 1:30PM.

15. Cecil Allen Carr, Jr., AIS# 290339: Speaker on behalf of a pardon Cecil Allen Carr, Jr., (self). The Board voted to grant a pardon with the following restrictions (relief from the habitual offender act and firearms disabilities).
16. Kevin Ladale Carter, AIS# 807536: Speaker on behalf of a pardon Kevin Ladale Carter (self). The Board voted to deny a pardon.
17. Robert Earl Williams, AIS# 241989: Speaker on behalf of parole Lynnette Robinson (friend). The Board voted to grant parole with special condition to complete the Mobile Day Reporting Center (DRC), GPS Ankle Monitor and a Drug Assessment Upon Release.
18. Christopher Paul Mims, AIS# 248214: Speaker on behalf of parole 1<sup>st</sup> Angelic Partridge (daughter), 2<sup>nd</sup> Meredith Bearden (friend). The Board voted to deny parole with a reset date of 6/2024.
19. Christell Nicole Hollis, AIS# 286375: The Board voted to grant a pardon with the following restrictions (relief from the habitual offender act and firearms disabilities).
20. Robert Michael Azar, AIS# 194537: The Board voted to grant voting rights only.
21. Cassie Givens Brown, AIS# 148059: The Board voted to deny a pardon.
22. William Carl Ison, AIS# 253953: The Board voted to deny a pardon.

23. Preston Kennedy Lee, AIS# 157624: The Board voted to deny parole with no reset date.
24. Stephen Wayne Bradford, AIS# 306179: The Board voted to deny parole with no reset date.
25. Antonio Tremayne Bennett, AIS# 334695: The Board voted to deny parole with no reset date.
26. Tevin Javoris Wells, AIS# 294904: The Board voted to deny parole with no reset date.
27. Robert Jamaine Grice, AIS# 251396: The Board voted to deny parole with a reset date of 1/2029.
28. Daniel J. Hargrave, AIS# 200440: The Board voted to deny parole with a reset date of 1/2029.
29. Robert Eugene Higgins, AIS# 189867: The Board voted to deny parole with a reset date of 1/2027.
30. Galon Wesley Parker, AIS# 250785: The Board voted to deny parole with a reset date of 9/2024.
31. Jody Alan Mead, AIS# 256809: The Board voted to deny parole with no reset date.
32. Jerald Glenn Kirkland, Jr., AIS# 301695: The Board voted to deny parole with no reset date.
33. Jerry O'Dell Kelley, AIS# 273356: The Board voted to deny parole with a reset date of 1/2029.
34. Thomas Wilbert Curry, AIS# 173561: The Board voted to deny parole no reset date.
35. Teddy Roosevelt Cotton, AIS# 284288: The Board voted to deny parole with a reset date of 1/2027.
36. Jamie Gregorius Driskell, AIS# 330903: The Board voted to deny parole with no reset date.

D. Files for Review:

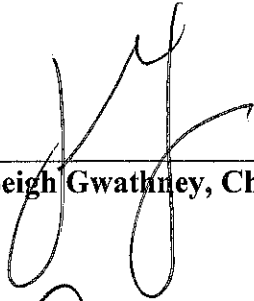
1. The Board reviewed the attached list of delinquent files.

E. Additional Board Business: None.

Adjournment:

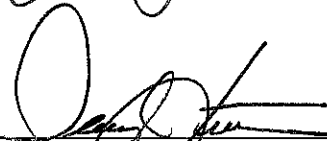
- a. The Board adjourned at 5:15pm moved by Leigh Gwathney and seconded by Darryl Littleton with majority vote. The Board's next meeting will be January 11, 2024, at 8:00am at 301 South Ripley Street, Montgomery, AL 36104.

**APPROVED:**



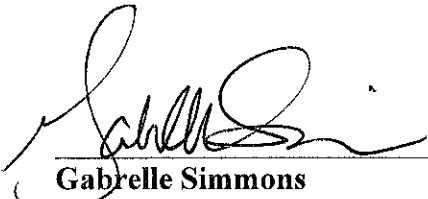
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**Leigh Gwathney, Chairman**



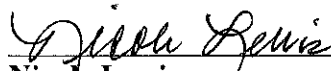
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**Darryl Littleton  
Board Member**



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**Gabrelle Simmons  
Board Member**



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**Nicole Lewis  
Board Secretary**

**DISAPPROVED:**

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**Leigh Gwathney, Chairman**

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**Darryl Littleton  
Board Member**

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**Gabrelle Simmons  
Board Member**

Date: 1/10/24  
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Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles  
Meeting Agenda

The Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles will convene  
at 100 Capitol Commerce Boulevard, Montgomery, Alabama 36117 at 8:00 AM.

January 10, 2024

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

**STATE OF ALABAMA  
BUREAU OF PARDONS AND PAROLES**

**BOARD ORDER**

The Board of Pardons and Paroles met on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of **January 2024** in open public meeting, at which time the following Board Members were present: Leigh Gwathney, Chair, Darryl Littleton, Associate Member and Gabrelle Simmons, Associate Member.

The Division Director is asking that **Jeffrey Holt**, AIS# **279,188** be released from the obligation of completing the PREP Center and attend his approved home plan with Cynthia Bennett (spouse/ partner) located at 1709 Gill Road Mobile, AL 36605 (251) 395-4542 or (251) 287-1939 so that he may receive programming from the Mobile Day Reporting Center and continue to receive the medical attention required for his condition.

The Board voted and approved that **Jeffrey Holt**, AIS# **279,188** will be released from the obligation of completing the PREP Center, attend the Mobile Day Reporting Center, and be located to his approved home plan where he can continue to receive the attention required for his condition.

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**Done this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024**

**APPROVED:**

  
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**Leigh Gwathney**  
Chair

  
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**Darryl Littleton**  
Associate Member

  
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**Gabrelle Simmons**  
Associate Member

**DISAPPROVED:**

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**Leigh Gwathney**  
Chair

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A Parole Officer Authorization of Arrest was issued on **Kristen Riley, AIS#272,655**. The Division Director is asking that the Authorization of Arrest be withdrawn, and **Kristen Riley** be released from Houston County Jail with her Parole Court Hearing to be held at a later date.

The Board voted and approved to withdraw the Parole Officer's Authorization of Arrest Warrant and **Kristen Riley** be released from Houston County Jail.

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**Done this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024**

**APPROVED:**



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**Leigh Gwathney**  
Chair



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**Darryl Littleton**  
Associate Member



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**Gabrelle Simmons**  
Associate Member

**DISAPPROVED:**

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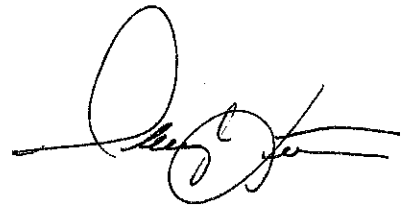
PAROLEES DECLARED DELINQUENT  
01/10/2024

NAME	NUMBER	ACTION
1. Adams, Thomas II	308984A	<u>DD</u>
2. Burney, Kaitlyn	302284A	<u>DD</u>
3. Click, Dakota	294594C	<u>DD</u>
4. Derusha, Christopher	311889A	<u>DD</u>
5. Dixon, Wallace	145947A	<u>DD</u>
6. Evans, Willard	194512R	<u>DD</u>
7. Johnson, Linton	258826	<u>DD</u>
8. Kay, Emily	333001	<u>DD</u>
9. Logan, Michael	120835B	<u>DD</u>
10. McDonald, Scottie	174727A	<u>DD</u>
11. Mills, Courtney	335080	<u>DD</u>
12. Mize, Timothy	264259B	<u>DD</u>
13. Montgomery, Terry Jr.	320783A	<u>DD</u>
14. Morris, Harley	331930	<u>DD</u>
15. Nickens, Manuel	141193D	<u>DD</u>
16. Osteen, Brandon	324917	<u>DD</u>
17. Stewart, Corey	332677	<u>DD</u>
18. Truitt, Carolyn	195740C	<u>DD</u>
19. Tubbs, Kyandre	286745	<u>DD</u>
20. Whitworth, Isaiah	333548	<u>DD</u>
21. Zanetti, Gwen	295485A	<u>DD</u>

HEARINGS BEGIN AT 8:00 A.M. ON 01-10-2024  
301 S. RIPLEY ST, BLDG D  
MONTGOMERY AL 36104  
PAROLE DOCKET

SD	CLASS	NAME	AIS #	ACTION
		LEE PRESTON KENNEDY	157624	DENIED - EDS
		SLAUGHTER KENNETH BERNAR	166491	WRANIED - PREP
		CURRY THOMAS WILBERT	173561	DENIED - EDS
		HIGGINS ROBERT EUGENE	189867	DENIED - 1/27
		MCKINNEY LEAVERT KENDREL	218159	WRANIED - TUSCALOOSA DEC
		WILLIAMS ROBERT EARL	241989	WRANIED - MOBILE DEC
		MIMS CHRISTOPHER PAUL	248214	DENIED - 6/24
		PARKER GALON WESLEY	250785	DENIED - 9/24
		MEAD JODY ALAN	256809	DENIED - EDS
		FORD KENNETH C JR	263071	DENIED - 1/28
		KELLEY JERRY ODELL	273356	DENIED - 1/29
		COTTON TEDDY ROOSEVELT	284288	DENIED - 1/27
		SIMPSON RODRIQUES	284700	DENIED - 1/29
		KIRKLAND JERALD GLENN JR	301695	DENIED - EDS
		BRADFORD STEPHEN WAYNE	306179	DENIED - EDS
		CONTORNO VEGAS A	310426	DENIED - 1/29
		CADDELL KALEB QUINN	313641	DENIED - 1/27
		DRISKELL JAMIE GREGORIUS	330903	DENIED - EDS
		BENNETT ANTONIO TREMAYNE	334695	DENIED - EDS

  
Cristina Lewis  
1/10/24





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301 S. RIPLEY ST, BLDG D  
MONTGOMERY AL 36104  
PAROLE DOCKET

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\*\*\*\*\* TOTAL RECORDS WRITTEN ..... 19

\*\*\*\* SPECIAL DOCKET TOTALS... 0 MALES 0 FEMALES 0


  
 Nicole Lewis 1/10/24

BUREAU OF PARDONS AND PAROLES  
CLASS 'A' DOCKET  
HEARINGS BEGIN AT 8:00 A.M. ON 01-10-2024  
301 S. RIPLEY ST, BLDG D  
MONTGOMERY AL 36104  
PAROLE DOCKET

SD	CLASS	NAME	AMS #	ACTION
A		LONG NELL RAE	187372	DENIED - EDS
A		HARGRAVE DANIEL J	200440	DENIED - 1/29
A		FUTRAL JOHNNY SHANNON	201076	DENIED - 1/29
A		GRICE ROBERT JAMAINE	251396	DENIED - 1/29
A		WATSON KIARA VONSHEA	261246	DENIED - 1/25
A		STERLING TEONA DONNELA	268481	DENIED - 1/29
A		WELLS TEVIN JAVORIS	294904	DENIED - EDS

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Nisha Rami  
1/10/24

BUREAU OF PARDONS AND PAROLES  
CLASS 'A' DOCKET  
HEARINGS BEGIN AT 8:00 A.M. ON 01-10-2024  
301 S. RIPLEY ST, BLDG D  
MONTGOMERY AL 36104  
PAROLE DOCKET

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Doris Lewis  
1/10/24

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100 CAPITOL COMMERCE BLVD  
MONTGOMERY AL 36117  
PARDON DOCKET

SD	CLASS	NAME	AIS #	ACTION
		BROWN CASSIE GIVENS	148059	DENIED
		AZAR ROBERT MICHAEL	194537	GRANTED VOLUNTARY RIGHTS ONLY
		ISON WILLIAM CARL	253953	DENIED
		HOLLIS CHRISTELL NICOLE	286375	GRANTED
		CARR CECIL ALLEN JR	290339	GRANTED
		KENDRICK MATTHEW COLE	306439	DENIED
		CARTER KEVIN LADALE	807536	DENIED
		MCKINLEY JEREMIAH	825907	DENIED
		STERLING RITA WATSON	827102	GRANTED
		ELLIS FREDRICK MAURICE	827193	DENIED

  
Nina Lewis  
1/10/24



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100 CAPITOL COMMERCE BLVD  
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PARDON DOCKET

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Nisha Lewis  
1/10/24

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