

**2018 LEGISLATIVE REPORT
MINNESOTA BOARD OF PARDONS**

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Background

The Minnesota Board of Pardons (Board) is required to file a written report with the legislature by February 15 of each year, reporting the number of pardon/commutation and pardon extraordinary applications received and those granted by the Board. Minn. Stat. § 638.075.

The Board is made up of Minnesota’s Governor, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and Attorney General. Under Article V, Section 7, of the Minnesota Constitution and Minn. Stat. Chapter 638, the Board may grant the following types of relief to persons who have been convicted of crimes:

- **Pardon** – an act of forgiveness that exempts the convicted person from the punishment imposed by law.
- **Commutation** – the substitution of a lesser or different type of punishment for that imposed in the original sentence.
- **Pardon Extraordinary** – a statutorily-created relief granted to applicants who have served their sentences. When a pardon extraordinary is granted, the court is directed to issue an order setting aside the conviction and the applicant is no longer required to report the conviction, except in specified circumstances. The original conviction and the pardon extraordinary are recorded on the applicant’s criminal record.

Pardons/commutations may be granted to persons who are currently serving active Minnesota sentences. Pardons extraordinary may be granted to persons who committed Minnesota crimes, have fully served their sentences, and have waited the applicable waiting periods after discharge from their sentences before applying for relief.

2018 Meetings

The Board met on April 24, 2018, and December 13, 2018.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND ACTION TAKEN IN 2018

Type of Relief Requested	Number of Applications Received	Number Granted
Pardon/Commutation	25	0
Pardon Extraordinary	32 (2 later withdrew)	16

PARDONS EXTRAORDINARY GRANTED IN 2018

Applicant Name	Offense(s)	Age at time of Conviction	Year of Conviction
Aden, Ahmed Abdi	Theft	23	2005
Bass, Francesca Helene	Aid and abet wrongfully obtaining assistance – theft	19	2009
Carlson, Robin Dean	Receiving stolen property	39	2009
Fischer, Jessica Leigh	Neglect of a child	19	2011
Gurtin, Scott David	Sale of a controlled substance	19	1989
Karsten, Trisha Mae	Second-degree controlled substance crime	17-18	2002
	Attempted third-degree controlled substance crime	18	2003
Kline, Shawn Ryan	Criminal vehicular operation	22	2008
Jochem, Amber	Third-degree controlled substance crime	24	2001
	Theft of a motor vehicle	25	2001
	Offering a forged check	27	2004
	Check forgery	28	2004
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	False name or date of birth to police	32	2008
Johnson, Ashley Dannielle	Second-degree assault with a deadly weapon	21	2004
	Obstructing legal process	22	2004
	Disorderly conduct	22	2004
Ojanen, Paul Thomas	Second-degree burglary	21	1985
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Rygh, Derek Allen	Third-degree driving under the influence	19	2002
	Manufacture of methamphetamine	22	2005

Shook, Medaya Sonia	First-degree controlled substance crime	26	2004
Sigg, Raymond Michael	Theft	27	2011
Westman, Nicholas Doyle	Second-degree aggravated robbery	19	1998
Williams, Michael Steven	Fifth-degree controlled substance crime	21	1995
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Winsor, Lorraine	Theft	19	1999