



Supervised Release Board

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Supervised Release Board Meeting Minutes

When: Tuesday, December 9, 2025

11:15am-4:30pm

Where: Minn. Department of Corrections – Afton Room (Rm. 135) – ETC Building (West Entrance)
1450 Energy Park Drive, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55108

Minutes prepared by: Aubrey Steckelberg

Call to Order & Roll Call

☒ Chair Commissioner Paul Schnell

☒ Member Christine Bray

☒ Member Jo Earhart

☒ Member Andrew Larson

☒ Member Sheryl Ramstad

Present only for Juvenile Offense Reviews:

☐ Juvenile Expert Member Jody Nelson

☐ Juvenile Expert Member Donald Streufert

Others Present: Rebecca Holmes-Larson, Executive Officer of Hearings and Release, Donald Klick, Executive Assistant

Review of Individuals

Quorum requirement met: ☒ Yes ☐ No 3 members for non-Juvenile Offense cases

NAME	ID #	Type of Review
Carlos Sessions	171190	Initial 27-year review

Motion by Jo Earhart, 2nd by none: Deny parole, continue 2 years. Directives include Discipline free, No step down, Develop a more detailed release plan, Continue to work on emotional regulation.

Chair Commissioner Paul Schnell ☐ Yes ☒ No

Member Christine Bray ☐ Yes ☒ No

Member Jo Earhart ☒ Yes ☐ No

Member Andrew Larson ☐ Yes ☒ No

Member Sheryl Ramstad ☐ Yes ☒ No

Juvenile Expert Member Jody Nelson ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA
Juvenile Expert Member Donald Streufert ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

Motion does not prevail

Motion by Paul Schnell, 2nd by Sheryl Ramstad: Deny parole, continue 3 years. Directives include remain discipline free, continue further work on release plan, continue programming and demonstration of regulation of anger and emotions, and follow rules of ELU or minimum custody.

Chair Commissioner Paul Schnell ☒ Yes ☐ No
Member Christine Bray ☒ Yes ☐ No
Member Jo Earhart ☒ Yes ☐ No
Member Andrew Larson ☒ Yes ☐ No
Member Sheryl Ramstad ☒ Yes ☐ No
Juvenile Expert Member Jody Nelson ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA
Juvenile Expert Member Donald Streufert ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

Motion prevails

Trevor Brown 203814 Initial 27-year review

Motion by Andrew Larson, 2nd by Jo Earhart: Deny parole, Continue 3 years. Directives include Remain discipline free, continue to refine release plan, follow the rules of minimum custody unit and the work release program, pursue monthly support.

Chair Commissioner Paul Schnell ☒ Yes ☐ No
Member Christine Bray ☒ Yes ☐ No
Member Jo Earhart ☒ Yes ☐ No
Member Andrew Larson ☒ Yes ☐ No
Member Sheryl Ramstad ☒ Yes ☐ No
Juvenile Expert Member Jody Nelson ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA
Juvenile Expert Member Donald Streufert ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

Motion prevails

Lawrence Johnson 118310 18-month continuance

Motion by Paul Schnell, 2nd by Sheryl Ramstad: Deny parole, continue 10 months. Directives include Remain discipline free, continue to work on the details of release plan with clearly defined medical and mental health support, follow the rules of minimum and work release.

Chair Commissioner Paul Schnell ☒ Yes ☐ No
Member Christine Bray ☒ Yes ☐ No
Member Jo Earhart ☒ Yes ☐ No
Member Andrew Larson ☒ Yes ☐ No
Member Sheryl Ramstad ☒ Yes ☐ No

Juvenile Expert Member Jody Nelson ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA
Juvenile Expert Member Donald Streufert ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

Motion prevails

Dwight Bowers 110475 Violation Disposition

Motion by Paul Schnell, 2nd by Andrew Larson: Revoked, credit from September 17, 2024 until he has completed Decision Points and has an agent approved plan on ISR. Directives include Complete decision points, remain discipline free, conditions too include SUD/Aftercare.

Chair Commissioner Paul Schnell ☒ Yes ☐ No
Member Christine Bray ☒ Yes ☐ No
Member Jo Earhart ☒ Yes ☐ No
Member Andrew Larson ☒ Yes ☐ No
Member Sheryl Ramstad ☒ Yes ☐ No
Juvenile Expert Member Jody Nelson ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA
Juvenile Expert Member Donald Streufert ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

Motion prevails

Brian Pippitt 133326 Special Review

Motion by Chris Bray, 2nd by Paul Schnell: Grant parole. Directives include Complete Decision Points, work with a medical release planner, remain discipline free, Executive Officer will set parole date when there is an agent approved plan.

Chair Commissioner Paul Schnell ☒ Yes ☐ No
Member Christine Bray ☒ Yes ☐ No
Member Jo Earhart ☒ Yes ☐ No
Member Andrew Larson ☒ Yes ☐ No
Member Sheryl Ramstad ☒ Yes ☐ No
Juvenile Expert Member Jody Nelson ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA
Juvenile Expert Member Donald Streufert ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

Motion prevails

Public Comment – No public comments

New Business:

1. Board members should send any CFSY training questions to Rebecca and Aubrey.
2. Appointment applications received and being processed.

Action Items:

1. Motion to approve Friday, November 14, 2025, meeting minutes. Approved (Sheryl Ramstad/Chris Bray).
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Lillian Simmons	154928	Parole Discharge Request
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Motion by Paul Schnell, 2nd by Christine Bray: Grant parole discharge.

Chair Commissioner Paul Schnell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Member Christine Bray	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Member Jo Earhart	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Member Andrew Larson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Member Sheryl Ramstad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Juvenile Expert Member Jody Nelson	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA
Juvenile Expert Member Donald Streufert	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA

Motion prevails

Next Supervised Release Board Meeting: Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 11:15am-4:30pm
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Adjournment

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