



## 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, 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Member Christine Bray		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Member Jo Earhart		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Member Andrew Larson		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Member Sheryl Ramstad		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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 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	<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**

<b>Trevor Brown</b>	<b>203814</b>	<b>Initial 27-year review</b>
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Motion by Andrew Larson, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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	<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**

<b>Lawrence Johnson</b>	<b>118310</b>	<b>18-month continuance</b>
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Motion by Paul Schnell, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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	<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**

<b>Dwight Bowers</b>	<b>110475</b>	<b>Violation Disposition</b>
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Motion by Paul Schnell, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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	<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**

<b>Brian Pippitt</b>	<b>133326</b>	<b>Special Review</b>
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Motion by Chris Bray, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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	<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**

**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).
- 2.

<b>Lillian Simmons</b>	<b>154928</b>	<b>Parole Discharge Request</b>
Motion by Paul Schnell, 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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
Juvenile Expert Member Donald Streufert	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA
<b>Motion prevails</b>		

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

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**Adjournment**

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