



Supervised Release Board Meeting Minutes

When: Wednesday, November 12, 2025
11:45am-5:00pm

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, Aubrey Steckelberg, Executive Assistant Hearings and Release

Review of Individuals

Quorum requirement met: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No 3 members for non-Juvenile Offense cases

NAME	ID #	Type of Review
Bradley Sirvio	150000	3-year continuance
Motion by Christine Bray, 2 nd by Sheryl Ramstad: Deny parole, continue 3 years. Directives include continue to work with Behavioral Health and Psychological staff, continue to work on education, remain discipline free, engage with substance use disorder (SUD) staff and follow all recommendations, continue to work on a detailed release plan, continue to participate in positive programming.		
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

Jason Ives **167164** **3-year continuance**

Motion by Paul Schnell, 2nd by Christine Bray: Deny parole, continue 18 months. Directives include complete the construction program, continue with any after care as recommended, work with mental health staff through therapy and an recommendation they have, develop a comprehensive release plan, gain financial literacy, remain discipline free.

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

James Swanson **164297** **5-year continuance (early review)**

Motion by Jo Earhart, 2nd by Sheryl Ramstad: Deny parole, continue 5 years. Directives include work with behavioral health staff and follow all recommendations, remain discipline free, continue to establish prosocial supports in your current community and on the outside.

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

Ronald Schneider **136421** **4-year continuance**

Motion by Andrew Larson, 2nd by Jo Earhart: Deny parole, continue 5 years. Directives include remain discipline free, continue to work with behavioral health professionals and follow all recommendations, engage with medical as needed.

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

Carlos Smith	177289	Special Review
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Motion by Paul Schnell, 2nd by Christine Bray: Grant parole in up to 90 days.

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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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

Otha Townsend	178964	14-month continuance
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Motion by Jo Earhart, 2nd by Sheryl Ramstad: Deny parole, continue 2 years. Directives include remain discipline free, participate in Thinking For A Change, lifer group, engage with behavioral health, continue in Restorative Justice programming.

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 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 does not prevail

Motion by Jo Earhart, 2nd by Andrew Larson: Deny parole, continue 1 year. Directives include remain discipline free, participate in Thinking For A Change, lifer group, engage with behavioral health, continue in Restorative Justice programming..

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 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 training date February 24, 2026. Please mark your calendars.
 - a. Please send Rebecca and Aubrey any questions or information you may have regarding the training proposal from CFSY
 - b. Victim Services and Restorative Justice Unit information (tentative)
 - c. Policy review

Action Items:

1. Motion to approve Wednesday, September 24, 2025, meeting minutes – held from prior meeting. Approved
2. Motion to approve Tuesday, October 14, 2025, meeting minutes. Approved

Next Supervised Release Board Meeting: Tuesday, December 9, 2025, 11:15am-4:30pm
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Adjournment

Look for updates, minutes and upcoming agenda on the MN Dept of Corrections public website:
<https://mn.gov/doc/about/supervised-release-board/lifer-schedule/>