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BOARD OF PARDONS

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Date and Time: 9:00 AM –Tuesday March 17, 2026

Location: Nevada Supreme Court
201 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada
&
Video Conference
Nevada Supreme Court
408 East Clark Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada

The State Board of Pardons Commissioners (Board) will consider commuting sentences, granting pardons, and restoring the civil rights of the applicants listed on this agenda. The Board may take action to commute or modify the sentence of a prisoner, grant a full and unconditional pardon**, grant a conditional pardon***, deny a request, or take no action on a request. The Pardons Board may restore the right to bear arms to an applicant even if the applicant has not specifically requested such action.

Items on the agenda may be taken out of order. The Board may combine two or more agenda items for consideration. The Board may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time.

The Board may place reasonable restrictions on the time, place, and manner of public comments; however, comments based on viewpoint will not be restricted. The Board may limit such comments to three minutes per person.

** A full and unconditional pardon restores all civil rights lost as a result of the conviction including the right to bear arms. The Pardon instrument will specify that the person does not have to comply with the registration requirements pursuant to NRS 179C.100(6).

***The Board may condition or limit the Pardon by excluding the restoration of the right to bear arms, by requiring that the person continue to register as an ex-felon as required by NRS 179C or impose any legal or reasonable condition as long as it does not offend the Nevada Constitution or the Constitution of the United States.

I.		Roll call; and determination of quorum
II.		Public Comment. Members of the public may comment on the agenda at this time. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken pursuant to subparagraph (2) of NRS 241.020.
III.		For possible action is a discussion that may include but is not limited to a commutation of the sentence(s) of the following Nevada Department of Corrections inmates, a denial of the request or no action may be taken on the following inmate applicants with said item possibly taken out of order, combined for consideration by the Board and/or pulled or removed from the agenda at any time.
	a.	Alfred Paul Centofanti, NDOC# 85237 -Clark County Murder 1 st Degree with Use of Deadly Weapon in 2000
	b.	Jesus Benitez, aka Jesus Omar Benitez, Jr., NDOC# 80778 - Clark County Robbery with Use of Deadly Weapon x7 in 2003
	c.	Tyler James Ashley, NDOC# 1125902 - Clark County 2 nd Degree Murder with Use of Deadly Weapon, Robbery, Conspiracy to Commit Robbery in 2012
	d.	Fredrick Benson (aka: Fredrick James Benson, Freddie Benson, Frederick James Benson, NDOC #65366 - Clark County Murder 1 st Degree with Use of Deadly Weapon in 2000, Trafficking Controlled Substance in 2018
IV.		For possible action is a discussion that may include but is not limited to grant a full and unconditional pardon with restoration of all civil rights including the right to bear arms, grant a conditional or limited pardon, deny a request or take no action on the following community case applicants with said items possibly taken out of order, combined for consideration by the Board and/or pulled or removed from the agenda at any time. Scheduled to begin at the conclusion of Item III, but no earlier than 12:30 p.m.
	aa.	Ozzie Arias - Clark County Driving and/or Being Under Physical Control While Under the Influence of Intoxication Liquor in 2012
	bb.	Steven Wayne Brewster - Clark County Battery Domestic Violence in 2002, Possess Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell in 2003, and Disorderly Conduct in 2016
	cc.	Ryan Joseph Ludack - Clark County Grand Larceny Auto in 2006
	dd.	Amora Schley (Brooks) - City of Las Vegas Battery/Domestic Battery in 2019
	ee.	Brent Alexander Ellwanger - City of Henderson Domestic Battery 1 st in 2015
	ff.	Kelsey Anne Schroeder - Washoe County Possession of a Controlled Substance in 2007

	gg.	Steven Michael Derbin- Clark County Forgery in 1992
	hh.	Leonardo Velazquez Quinonez- Clark County Disorderly Conduct in 2011, Possession of Controlled Substance in 2006, and Transport of a Controlled Substance in 2005
	ii.	La Wanna La Prese Calhoun (aka: La Wanna Laprese Bell, La Wanna Caprice Calhoun, Kammie Kyle, Lowanna Virgil, Lowanna Laprice, Ulunda Patrice Jefferson, Wunda Jefferson, Yolanda Jefferson, Ulunda Patrice Jefferson, Lajuana Calhoun, Patrice Ulanda Jefferson, Lawanna Virgil, Gloria Mingo, and LaPrise Calhoun)- Clark County, Washoe County, City of North Las Vegas Disorderly Conduct in 2003, Possession of Controlled Substance in 2002, Possess Controlled Substance for Sale and Sale of Controlled Substance in 1996, Conspiracy to Commit Larceny from a Person and Battery in 1994, and Battery in 1993
	jj.	Eric Leon Hicks- Clark County Murder in the Second Degree in 1979
	kk.	Kim David Lauren- City of Las Vegas Battery Domestic Violence in 2004
	ll.	Nicholas James Stone- Nye County and Esmeralda County Use of Controlled Substance (Meth.) in 2009, Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicating Liquor or Controlled Substance in 2014, Trafficking Controlled Substance (Meth. 14-28 grams) in 2014, and Felony Failure to Appear in 2014
	mm.	Thomas Benjamin Cheers- Washoe County Battery Causing Substantial Bodily Harm in 1997, Possession of Stolen Property and Burglary in 1992, and Domestic Battery in 2005
	nn.	Gretchen Noel Goslin (Dodds)- Carson City Battery/Domestic Violence in 1994
	oo.	Paul Michael Lampron- Washoe County and Lander County Grand Larceny in 1997 and Battery with Deadly Weapon, Being Ex-Felon in Possession of a Firearm in 2003
	pp.	Isaac Fabian Guerra- Elko County Battery Constituting Domestic Violence in 2007
	qq.	Ryan Melvin- Las Vegas Township Battery in 2016
	rr.	Leon Thomas Mason, III- Clark County Robbery in 1998 and Possession of Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell in 1999
V.		Approval of December 16, 2025, meeting minutes, for possible action
VI.		Discussion regarding victim notification policies for pardon and commutation applications coming before the Board including possible instruction to the Secretary of the Board regarding searches for victim contact information, for possible action.
VII.		Public Comment. Members of the public may comment on any matter that is not specifically included on the agenda at this time. However, no action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken pursuant to subparagraph (2) of NRS 241.020.
VIII.		Adjournment, <i>for possible action.</i>

NOTE: ANY PERSON PROVIDING INPUT IN SUPPORT OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO ANY OF THE REQUESTS MADE FOR COMMUTATION SHOULD SEND THEM DIRECTLY TO THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY VIA FAX 775-687-6568 OR MAIL/FEDEX TO PARDONS BOARD, 1667 OLD HOT SPRINGS RD SUITE A, CARSON CITY, NV 89706.

Prior to the commencement and conclusion of a contested case or a quasi-judicial proceeding that may affect the due process rights of an individual, the Board may refuse to consider public comment. See NRS 233B.126.

This notice of hearing has been posted at the following locations:

CARSON CITY: Parole and Pardons Board office, 1677 Old Hot Springs Road, Suite A; Attorney General's office, 100 S. Carson Street; Carson City Library, 900 N. Roop Street. LAS VEGAS: Parole Board office, 4000 S. Eastern Ave, Suite 130; Attorney General's office, 1 State of Nevada Way, Suite 100 Las Vegas, NV 89119; Parole & Probation, 628 Belrose Street; Clark County Court House, 200 S. Third Street; Clark County Main Library/reference section, 833 Las Vegas Blvd. This agenda is also posted on the Pardons Board web site located at <http://pardons.nv.gov> and the Nevada Public Notice Website at notice.nv.gov. Copies of this agenda were also mailed to every Nevada Judge, every Nevada District Attorney and every person or institution on the mailing list of the Board of Pardons.

Dated: August 28, 2025

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Topic: Pardons Board - 03/17/26

Time: Mar 17, 2026 09:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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