

JOHN BEL EDWARDS
Governor



State of Louisiana

BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLE

Date: April 21, 2020

Re: Suspension of Pardon Hearings Due to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Based on the latest impacts of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) to Louisiana, we are moving into the next steps of response for the Board of Pardons. It is our opinion that all parties should be able to safely participate in the hearing process and out of an abundance of caution for all of our stakeholders, the offender population, as well as our staff and Board Members, we have made the following decision:

Commutation hearings will continue to be suspended for the next 30 days.

- All Commutation hearings will be rescheduled at a later date.

Due to the uncertainty in when this threat will subside we will be reviewing this decision every 30 days until the threat diminishes. When scheduling resumes, the Board of Pardons will make every effort to expedite the rescheduling of hearings affected by this suspension. We can be reached with any questions via phone at 225-342-5421 or the via email at: paroleboard@corrections.state.la.us.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Francis Abbott III".

Francis Abbott
Executive Director
Louisiana Board of Pardons & Committee on Parole