

INDETERMINATE SENTENCE REVIEW BOARD
BOARD MEETING
SUMMARY MINUTES

Monday, September 22, 2025

A regular meeting of the Indeterminate Sentence Review Board was held in the ISRB Office Building located at 637 Woodland Square Loop SE, Lacey, WA 98504, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Present were:

Board Members:

Kecia Rongen
Corey McNally
Jeff Patnode
Jill Getty
Meghan Kelly-Stallings

Staff:

Leah Landon, Executive Director
Rebecca Torrence, Executive Assistant

A. To the Table Case – Members had a full Board discussion of this ISRB case.

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- PAULEY, Timothy
- DOC #273053
- Purpose: Full Board Discussion
- Date: September 22, 2025
- List of Documents Reviewed
 - ISRB File
- An updated prosecutor recommendation was not received.
- Timothy Pauley was seen for a 9.95.052 – Redetermination hearing on September 10, 2025 at the Monroe Correctional Complex.
- **Summary Discussion**
Jill Getty presented the case to the full Board.
- Timothy Pauley under the jurisdiction of the Board for their conviction of three counts of Murder in the First Degree in King County Cause #80-1-02459-7.

Mr. Pauley and a co-defendant entered the Barn Door Tavern and murdered three employees of the tavern. He was 21 years of age at the time of the crime and is currently 67 years of age.

Previous Criminal History:

Mr. Pauley's criminal history started in 1976 with the conviction of Malicious Mischief. He himself disclosed a robbery at the age of 17 of which he was not convicted for.

Risk assessments show him to be a low moderate risk to re-offend.

It was noted in Mr. Pauley's hearing that he has not received any serious infractions for "many years."

Mr. Pauley has participated in programming that has been available to him, to include programs that address the ability to have empathy.

Mr. Pauley would like to release to Wyoming.

- **Decision:**

- Mr. Pauley is approximately 39 months past his current ERD. In addition, he is eligible to receive good/earned time credits of 33.33%. Based on those considerations, the requirements of RCW 9.95.052, and the totality of evidence and information considered by the Board, the Board sets the minimum term at 133 months resulting in an ERD in November 2029.

- **Reasons:**

- During questioning in the Redetermination Hearing, Mr. Pauley's explanation of events did not appear to be credible given the facts of the crime. When pressed on specific issues Mr. Pauley was often not able to provide explanations regarding his reasoning/decision making. For example:
 - Mr. Pauley stated he only had a gun with him on the date of the offense because he didn't want to leave it unattended in his van. However, he later left it unattended in his co-defendant's vehicle.
 - He could not provide an explanation regarding why he and his co-defendant wore gloves to avoid leaving fingerprints but were unconcerned about covering their faces to hide their identities from the victims who were able to recognize them as they had been in the tavern earlier in the day. This indicated Mr. Pauley, and his co-

defendant, were not concerned with being identified because they did not intend to leave any survivors. This belief is consistent with previous Board decisions. However, Mr. Pauley denied that any prior conversation ever took place regarding harming the victims.

- Mr. Pauley discussed that having a gun had helped reduce his mental health symptoms and made him feel safe. However, despite having possession of the gun for the entirety of the offense he stated he was afraid of/intimidated by his co-defendant.
- He denied being present while the female victims were made to remove their clothing, despite witness statements to the contrary.
- File material reflects that he and his co-defendant were in the tavern for approximately 90 minutes. According to Mr. Pauley's testimony, the robbery and restraining of the victims was completed within approximately 10 or 20 minutes of entering the tavern. He stated he spent the remaining time standing guard in the kitchen alone.

Mr. Pauley's testimony supported Governor Ferguson's concerns with his lack of genuine acceptance of responsibility for his crimes.

- Testimony was provided regarding programs Mr. Pauley had completed to increase his empathy for the victims and survivors, and Mr. Pauley, again, apologized to the victims and survivors in the hearing. However, when questioned about a comment he made in a 2019 Psychological Evaluation, "It was a horrible thing to do. There are some people that will never see me for more than that five seconds of my life and that troubles me...", he appeared to have difficulty understanding how reducing his crime to a "five second" decision minimized both the decision making leading up to the crime and the offense itself, as well as lacked insight on the devastating impact of his crime on victims, survivors, and the community. He seemed to have similar difficulty understanding the impact of his comments in his 2022 Redetermination Hearing, demonstrating a pattern of behavior. Again, Mr. Pauley's testimony and lack of accountability regarding this issue supported Governor Ferguson's concerns

about the sincerity of his remorse, despite his recent completion/participation in empathy skills, Emotional Regulation classes, and other voluntary programs.

- Despite Mr. Pauley's participation in additional programs, the Board agrees with the areas of concern identified in Governor Ferguson's March 2025 Order Canceling Parole.
 - Mr. Pauley is currently housed in an area of DOC with limited available programming. It will require additional time to locate appropriate programs for him to continue with his rehabilitation.
 - In a 2019 Psychological Evaluation, a Personality Assessment Inventory (PAI) found Mr. Pauley to be high on the positive image management (PIM) scale suggesting that he downplayed more negative traits about himself or that he had poor insight into the potential problems/risk factors he presented. In addition, risk assessment predicting violent recidivism (VRAG-R) conducted during a 2021 Psychological Evaluation placed Mr. Pauley's in a category in which 34% of individuals re-offended within 5 years and 60% of individuals re-offended within 12 years.
 - Mr. Pauley has not fully embraced and acknowledged that his rehabilitation efforts to date have been insufficient in addressing the areas of concern observed by Governor Ferguson in his March 25, 2025 Order Canceling Parole.
- **Recommendations:**
 - Mr. Pauley should participate in any available programming to increase his understanding and accountability regarding the dynamics that led to his offense and the resulting impact of his actions on crime victims, survivors, and the community.

- **Next Action:**

- Schedule a .100 hearing 120 days prior to his parole eligibility review date (PERD). The Board will require an updated psychological evaluation for his next hearing.

- **Vote:**

Jeff Patnode	Agree with recommendation
Kecia Rongen	Agree with recommendation
Corey McNally	Agree with recommendation
Jill Getty	Agree with recommendation
Meghan Kelly-Stallings	Agree with recommendation