

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2025-01**

Whereas, The State of South Dakota has a constitutional obligation pursuant to Article XIV § 1 to provide a penitentiary; and,

Whereas, The current penitentiary, built in 1881, is deteriorating and has limited space for programming or rehabilitative services necessary for the benefit of inmates and to reduce recidivism; and,

Whereas, Additional legislative and stakeholder input is necessary to reset for the right plan to keep South Dakota strong, safe, and free:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Larry Rhoden, Governor of the State of South Dakota, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State, including SDCL 1-32-4.1, do hereby Order and Direct that Project Prison Reset be established according to the provisions of this Executive Order.

General Provisions

Section 1. The name of the advisory council is Project Prison Reset.

Section 2. The Governor may appoint as many members as the Governor deems necessary to carry out the directives of the Task Force. The membership shall at least include:

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| 1) Lieutenant Governor, serving as chairperson, | 6) Attorney General, |
| 2) Eight current House of Representative members, | 7) One State's Attorney, |
| 3) Seven current Senate members, | 8) One representative with experience in correctional rehabilitative services, and |
| 4) One judge, | 9) Any other interested representative deemed necessary by the Governor. |
| 5) Two law enforcement representatives, | |

All members serve at the pleasure of the Governor. In the event of vacancies, appointments shall be made by the Governor. There are no term limits.

Section 3. The Lieutenant Governor shall assemble, administer, and lead the Task Force. The first meeting will be April 2, 2025, in Pierre, South Dakota. The Task Force must convene no less than four meetings. The Task Force is attached to the Office of the Governor with expenses paid by Department of Corrections. The Task Force shall meet at the call of the Lieutenant Governor.

Section 4. The Task Force shall have the following directives and functions:

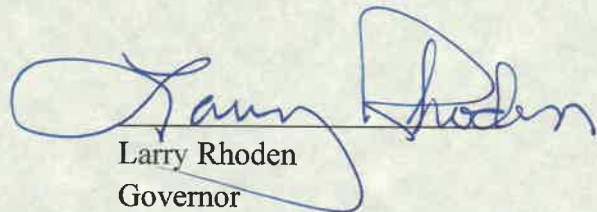
- a. Assess and determine the need for a new prison facility;
- b. Engage and analyze consultant recommendations on size and design of a new prison facility;
- c. Determine options for the optimal location of a new prison facility; and
- d. Make recommendations to be considered at a special session to be called by the Governor at a later date.

Section 5. The Task Force shall make recommendations and propose legislation to the Governor by July 15, 2025.

Section 6. Unless sooner terminated by the Governor, the Task Force shall expire on January 1, 2026.

Dated in Pierre, South Dakota, this 27th day of February, 2025.




Larry Rhoden
Governor

ATTEST:


Monae L. Johnson
Secretary of State