

**VILLAGE OF HOWARD**  
**SEX OFFENDER RESIDENCE APPEALS BOARD MEETING**  
**6:00 p.m. July 25, 2023**  
**Fire Department Training Room**

**CALL TO ORDER**

M. Erickson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Board Members: Chair Marc Erickson, Michele Swaer, Sheila Kulow, Jamila Seaton  
Excused: Paula Soletski (alternate)

Also Present: Deputy Brandon Dhuey, Leigh Ann Wagner Kroening

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 22, 2022 SORAB MEETING**

M. Swaer moved to approve the minutes from the SORAB meeting of June 22, 2022. M. Erickson seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.**

**REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION ON THE RESIDENCY APPEAL FROM BRITTANY LYNN LANGE TO RESIDE AT 2507 GLENDALE AVE.**

M. Erickson read the opening statement and reviewed the hearing guidelines. The applicant introduced her support people in attendance, including her grandmother, mother, sister, aunt, uncle, and family friend. The board questioned the applicant about her convictions, her relationship with the co-defendant in the case and her relationship with the victims, her employment status, and education level. Ms. Lange discussed her extended supervision status, which includes lifetime electronic monitoring and sex offender registration. She also listed the courses she completed while incarcerated.

The board then convened into closed session pursuant to State Statutes 19.85(1)(f) to discuss the applicant's medical and/or counseling history and/or treatment.

The board re-convened to open session, and then Ms. Lange read a closing statement reviewing her offense, explaining her monitoring, and asking for a chance to live with her grandparents.

Brown County Deputy Brandon Dhuey, a directed enforcement officer for the Village of Howard, explained Ms. Lange's residency request, criminal conviction and given sentence, monitoring and registration requirements. He summarized the proximity of the residence to bus stops, schools, parks, and a nearby daycare.

M. Erickson opened the meeting to hear from the public.

L.A. Wagner Kroening read into the record a list of written comments that were received prior to the meeting. They included:

1. Darold and Patricia Cichocki, 3317 Stone Ridge Drive, Howard, Email to the SORAB members in opposition.
2. Kellie Ahonen, 1098 Harbor Lights Road, Suamico (grandchildren attend St. John School), Email of opposition to Administrator Evert, forwarded to SORAB members.

3. Fr. Jim Lucas, pastor at St. John the Baptist parish, Email of opposition to Administrator Evert, forwarded to SORAB members.
4. Drew Mulloy, superintendent of GRACE, Email with letter attachment to the SORAB members in opposition.
5. Kimberly Desotell, president of GRACE, Email with letter attachment to the SORAB members in opposition.
6. Mary Vannieuwenhoven, 1887 Lenwood Ave., Howard, Email to the SORAB members in opposition.
7. Mark Smith, deputy superintendent of the Howard-Suamico School District, Email of concern to Deputy Dhuey, forwarded to SORAB members.
8. Sarah Sharkey, 3021 Appollo Ave., Howard, Email of opposition to Administrator Evert, forwarded to SORAB members.
9. Nick Anderson, chairman of Green Bay Area Catholic Education Board of Trustees, Email of opposition to Administrator Evert, forwarded to SORAB members.

The following people spoke in person during the meeting:

- Holly Verhaagh, Ms. Lange's mother, said her daughter is remorseful, has a strong support network, is working and attending counseling, and is determined to be successful.
- Sandra Charles, Ms. Lange's grandmother, said she has lived in Howard her whole life and that her granddaughter will be well supervised in her home.
- Destiny Lange, Ms. Lange's sister, said she is supportive of her sister and would allow her to live with her if she could.
- Joy Micolichek, Ms. Lange's aunt, said her niece has changed for the better since her incarceration and will continue to improve with her grandmother's guidance and structure.
- Kim Desotell, president of GRACE, said the safety, wellness, and decorum of the community is most important, and the offender's requested residence is surrounded by St. John's property.
- Dana Vance, principal of St. John the Baptist School, said Ms. Lange's offenses include victims of similar ages to her students, and the requested residence is too close to the school.
- Karen Tooley, a parent of St. John's students, said the offender isn't being allowed to reside with her own family members who have children but wants to live next to a school full of children.
- Ilya Dayter of Howard requested better notification of SORAB meetings.
- Craig Westhoven of Howard said the offender's requested residence is too close to the school and the trail, and his kids won't be free to attend school unsupervised.
- Erica Krumrei, a parent of St. John's students, said offenders are extremely likely to reoffend, and the requested residence borders a school that has kids present at all hours of the day, as well as after school.
- Kristy Bush, a parent of St. John's students, said the board shouldn't be influenced by Ms. Lange's potential homelessness if her appeal is denied because that's not the community's problem.
- Darold Cichocki of Howard said the recidivism rate is too big of a risk, and the proposed residence is too close to a school.
- Adam Kersten, a St. John's parent, said he is the school's track coach, and his team warms up and practices right near the home.
- Rebecca Tappen, a St. John's parent, said she worries about Ms. Lange's family's discretion and oversight because they also were present when the original offenses occurred.
- Pat Cichocki of Howard said there is no guarantee Ms. Lange won't offend again, and the risk is too great.

M. Erickson moved to deny the appeal from Brittany Lynn Lange to reside at 2507 Glendale Ave. S. Kulow seconded. **The motion to deny carried unanimously.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER DISCUSSION**

- L.A. Wagner Kroening shared that member Tod Kulow resigned from SORAB. The search will begin for a new board member.
- The board discussed preferred meeting days and times.

**ADJOURN**

J. Seaton moved to adjourn. M. Erickson seconded. **The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.**

Leigh Ann Wagner Kroening  
Administrative Assistant