

BOARD OF PAROLE HEARINGS
Executive Board Meeting
April 18-22, 2016

April 18, 2016

Meeting Called to Order at 1:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Commissioners Anderson, Chappell, Fritz, Garner, Labahn, Minor, Montes, Roberts, Turner, and Zarrinnam present. Commissioners Peck and Richardson absent.

Commissioner ANDERSON stated that a majority of currently-appointed commissioners is present.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner TURNER moved to approve the consent calendar. Commissioner MONTES seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Report from Executive Officer, Jennifer Shaffer

SHAFFER stated that there have been 1,193 youth offender hearings since January 1, 2014. There have been 325 grants, 735 denials, 133 stipulations to unsuitability and 644 waivers, postponements, continuances or cancellations. There have been no tie votes.

From January 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016, 6,734 non-violent, second-strike inmates were referred to the Board; 2,163 inmates were approved for release, 1,991 were denied, with the remaining cases pending. The Board does not consider a referral until inmates are within 60 days of having served 50% of their sentence.

From February 11, 2014 to March 31, 2016, there were 1,254 elderly parole hearings. There were 336 grants, 825 denials, 93 stipulations to unsuitability and 585 hearings waived, postponed, continued or cancelled. As of April 9, 2016, there have been 78 medical parole hearings. An additional 21 hearings were postponed, continued or cancelled.

The stakeholder conference call will take place on April, 29, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. SHAFFER apologized for a problem with sending conference call notices to all persons on the Board's distribution list. The problem has been corrected and everyone on the list should have received notice.

May, 2016 is mental health month and, on May 23, 2016, there will be a public ceremony at CDCR Headquarters, entitled, "Mental Health Matters Day." On May 24, 2016, there will be an event at the Capitol.

Senate Bill 1070 proposes to amend youth offender legislation by removing the words, "or enhancement," when defining an inmate's controlling offense.

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Report from Chief Deputy of Program Operations, Sandra Maciel

MACIEL stated that this year's inmate panel attorney orientation will be held in Sacramento on September 12, 2016 and in Diamond Bar on September 26, 2016. The sessions are open to the public.

STEPHEN LODER, Associate Governmental Program Analyst, gave an overview of enhancements to the Board's website.

SHAFFER thanked the information technology staff for redesigning the Board's website.

Report from Chief Deputy of Field Operations, Rhonda Skipper-Dota

Associate Chief Deputy Commissioner SHANNON HOGG introduced a recently-appointed Deputy Commissioner, WALTER JOHNSON. She outlined his professional experience.

Report from Chief Psychologist, Forensic Assessment Division, Dr. Cliff Kusaj

KUSAJ stated that Forensic Assessment Division psychologists were assigned 300 comprehensive risk assessments in April 2016, to be completed in May 2016. Most of the assessments are for hearings scheduled after July, 15, 2016. Almost all the assessments will be completed and distributed at least 30 days before the hearing. Most will be completed at least 45 days before the hearing. The goal is to distribute assessments at least 60 days before the hearing. The FAD continues to complete assessments in record numbers. However, the August and September calendars generated 600 assessments, causing progress towards the goal to remain at last month's position. It is anticipated that progress will resume in the coming months.

Report from Chief Administrator, Offender Investigations and Screening Division, Elizabeth Allen

Senior Investigator RON FRANTZ reported on the active shooter training the Board's investigators attended.

PRESENTATIONS

Long-Term Offender Pilot Program (LTOPP), presented by Cynthia Florez-DeLyon, Deputy Director, Division of Rehabilitative Programs, CDCR

FLOREZ-DELYON, KEVIN HOFFMAN and KIMBERLEY CHU gave a PowerPoint presentation

PUBLIC COMMENT

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance, thanked SHAFFER for addressing a meeting dealing with the life parole process. She described the achievements of a number of former lifer inmates. Life Support Alliance intends run a monthly relationships class.

Meeting recessed at 2:15 p.m.

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Meeting called to order at 10: 05 a.m.

Roll Call: Commissioners Anderson, Chappell, Fritz, Garner, Labahn, Minor, Montes, Roberts, Turner and Zarrinnam present. Commissioners Peck and Richardson absent.

Commissioner ANDERSON stated that a majority of currently-appointed commissioners is present.

EN BANC REFERRALS

Referral pursuant to Penal Code section 1170(e) to determine eligibility for recommendation to sentencing court for recall of sentence.

A. HOLBERT, GREGG T-21631

BERNICE HOLBERT, inmate's mother, supported a recommendation for recall of his sentence.

DAVID ARCHIBALD, Sacramento County District Attorney's Office, opposed a recommendation for recall of the inmate's sentence.

B. ROBINSON, LONNIE F-42430

ANOTINETTE MITCHELL, inmate's sister, and DWIGHT MITCHELL, inmate's brother-in-law supported a recommendation for recall of his sentence.

DAVID ARCHIBALD, Sacramento County District Attorney's Office, opposed a recommendation for recall of the inmate's sentence.

C. WATTS, GUY K-86918

No speakers.

Referral to consider ordering a rescission hearing, pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 15, section 2450 *et seq.*

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D. HARRIS, KALVIN D-71291

SUSAN JORDAN, inmate's attorney opposed ordering a rescission hearing.

Referral by the Chief Counsel pursuant to Penal Code section 3041 (b) and California Code of Regulations, title 15, section 2042, to assure complete, accurate, consistent and uniform decisions and the furtherance of public safety.

E. MCCLELLAND, BOBBY H-29611

DONNA LEBOWITZ, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, took no position on the issue of ordering a rehearing.

Referral by the Governor pursuant to Penal Code section 3041.1 and California Code of Regulations, title 15, section 2044 (b) to request review of a parole decision by the full Board.

F. WASHINGTON, TRAVIS J-25894

DONNA LEBOWITZ, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, recommended ordering a rescission hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance, stated that the Amends Project is making rapid progress and there will be presentations soon in Old Folsom and Mule Creek State Prisons. She stated that there are continuing problems with LTOPP. Lifer parolees are often directed to live at inappropriate facilities. The needs of lifer parolees are different from those of non-lifers. Lifer parolees do not need to repeat programs, such as anger management. The LTOPP program is only offered at three institutions and a transfer to those facilities often has an adverse impact on inmates' work opportunities and family contact.

Meeting recessed at 10:45 a.m.

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April 20, 2016

Meeting called to order at 9:13 a.m.

Roll call: Commissioners Anderson, Chappell, Garner, Labahn, Minor, Montes, Roberts, Turner and Zarrinam present. Commissioners Fritz, Peck and Richardson absent.

Commissioner ANDERSON stated that a majority of currently-appointed commissioners is present.

Parole Plan Verification Process Update on Transitional Housing, Douglas Eckenrod, Parole Administrator I, and Dan Warstler, Parole Agent III, Division of Adult Parole Operations (DAPO), CDCR

ECKENROD, WARSTLER, MICHAEL TRUJILLO and RYAN YOUTSEY gave a Power Point presentation.

Adolescent Brain Development, Heather Bowlds, Senior Psychologist Supervisor, Division of Juvenile Justice, CDCR

BOWLDS gave a PowerPoint presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance, commended the presentation by BOWLDS. She recommended that DAPO increase their efforts to provide inmates with the information given in their presentation. Life Support Alliance will include the information in their newsletter. She stated that some parole agents have difficulty in appreciating the needs of lifer parolees. It would be helpful if they attended parole consideration hearings.

Meeting recessed at 12:00 noon.

April 21, 2016

Meeting called to order at 9:06 a.m.

Roll Call: Commissioners Anderson, Chappell, Garner, Labahn, Minor, Montes, Peck, Roberts, Turner and Zarrinam present. Commissioners Fritz and Richardson absent.

Commissioner ANDERSON stated that a majority of currently-appointed commissioners is present.

Credit Earning Laws, Karen Elliott and Janine Smalley, Correction Case Records Administrators, Division of Adult Institutions, CDCR

ELLIOTT and SMALLEY gave a PowerPoint presentation.

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This is Your Brain ... On Trauma, Dr. Robert Ross, President and Chief Executive Officer, California Endowment

ROSS gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Contributing Factors to Sexual Offending, Elissa Klein, LCSW, Assistant Director for Training, Bay Area, Sharper Future

KLEIN gave a PowerPoint presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance, stated that the organization receives many questions about sentence credits. She commended the presentation by ROSS and recommended that panels take the information provided by her into account when determining an inmate's suitability for parole. She suggested that it might be appropriate for the Stable 2007 assessment tool to be included in comprehensive risk assessments.

JILL KLINGE, Alameda County District Attorney's Office, thanked the Board for its treatment of victims at hearings. She stated that they are also affected by trauma resulting from the life crime.

Meeting recessed at 12:45 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

Lifer Responsivity, Dr. Elizabeth Kita, Division of Adult Parole Operations, CDCR

KITA gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Significant Events of 2015, Executive Officer Jenifer Shaffer

SHAFFER provided copies of the Report of Significant Events of 2015 and summarized its contents.

PUBLIC COMMENT

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, of Life Support Alliance, stated that it has produced a video entitled, "Date to the Gate."

Meeting recessed at 3:50 p.m.

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April 22, 2016

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll call: Commissioners Anderson, Chappell, Fritz, Garner, Labahn, Minor, Montes, Peck, Roberts, Turner and Zarrinam present. Commissioner Richardson absent.

Commissioner ANDERSON stated that a majority of currently-appointed commissioners were present.

Update from Office of Victim and Survivor Rights and Services

MELISSA EDWARDS and KATIE JAMES gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Meeting recessed at 10:28 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 10:57 a.m.

The Actors' Gang, Sabra Williams, Director, Prison Project

SHAFFER introduced CDCR Secretary SCOTT KERNAN, who commended the work of the Actors' Gang.

WILLIAMS described the history and work of the Actors' Gang and played a video. Former lifer inmate, ISRAEL GUILLAN, described his experiences in the program. STEPHEN WALKER, institutional captain commended the positive influence of the Actors' Gang.

PUBLIC COMMENT

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE of Life Support Alliance, thanked the Board for the open training sessions. She stated that next week (beginning with April 24, 2016) is national re-entry week.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

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Scheduled and Backlog Hearings Report

Penal Code section 3041(d)

May, 2016



