

BOARD OF PAROLE HEARINGS

Executive Board Meeting

May 16, 2017

Meeting Called to Order at 9:04 a.m.

Roll Call: Commissioners Cassady, Chappell, Fritz, Garner, Grounds, Labahn, Minor, Montes, Peck, Ruff, Taira, and Turner present. Commissioners Anderson and Roberts absent.

Commissioner LABAHN stated that the majority of currently-appointed commissioners are present.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Report from Executive Officer, Jennifer Shaffer

SHAFFER stated that she and Commissioner ANDERSON attended the Association of Paroling Authorities International Training Conference last month. She also stated that the Office of Victim Rights and Services presented a certificate of appreciation to Commissioner ANDERSON. Next month, SHAFFER and Chief Counsel NEILL will be attending the California District Attorneys Association's summer training conference. SHAFFER congratulated Commissioners FRITZ, LABAHN and MINOR on being confirmed by the Senate.

Report from Chief Counsel, Jennifer Neill

NEILL stated that she recently gave a presentation on the parole board to new volunteers for the Crime Victims Assistance Network Foundation (iCAN).

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

KUSAJ stated that in May 2017 psychologists were assigned 287 comprehensive risk assessments, to be completed in June. Almost all the assessments were for hearings scheduled after the first week of August. There are only three unassigned assessments for hearings scheduled in September. More than 90% of assessments will be completed and distributed at least 60 days before hearings. Approximately 40% will be completed more than 90 days before hearings scheduled after September 15, 2017. One late expedited assignment was added to the June workload.

Report from Acting Chief Administrator, Offender Investigations and Screening Division, Brian Kelley

KELLEY introduced the recently-hired Senior Investigator, CHARLEY CISNEROS.

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EN BANC REFERRALS

Referral by the Governor, pursuant to Penal Code section 4802 to review a pardon application.

A. BRUNO, MICHAEL Case Nos. 9406877 and 9407297

HAL SEIBERT, applicant's attorney, LAURA BRUNO, applicant's step-mother, JESSE BRUNO, applicant's son, and MICHAEL BRUNO, applicant, supported the application.

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

B. GRICE, AARON C-57435

No speakers.

C. ~~CORDERO, ANTONIO~~ ~~C-52953~~

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.

D. DUNKELBURGER, KEVIN T-49969

KATE BROSGARD, inmate's attorney, supported the parole grant.

CHRISTINE WARD, iCAN, read a letter from the victim opposing the parole grant.

E. PINA, JERMAINE K-04452

CHARLES CARBONE, inmate's attorney, requested an investigation into the reliability of confidential information.

DONNA LEBOWITZ requested that a rescission hearing be ordered.

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OPEN COMMENTS

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance, expressed concern at the number of training sessions the Board held in closed session last month. She also stated that referrals *en banc* by the Governor are frequently expedited and placed on the agenda without giving inmates adequate notice.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

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Penal Code section 3041(d)
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