

BOARD OF PAROLE HEARINGS
Executive Board Meeting
June 20, 2017

Meeting Called to Order at 10:04 a.m.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

Public Comments on Consent Calendar

KEITH WATTLEY, Uncommon Law, requested clarification of the statistics contained in the backlog report. He stated that it would be helpful to know how many of the monthly scheduled hearings were completed. WATTLEY requested an explanation of how the backlog is calculated.

Commissioner TURNER moved to approve the consent calendar. Commissioner ANDERSON seconded the motion, which carried with Commissioner ROBERTS abstaining.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Report from Executive Officer, Jennifer Shaffer

SHAFFER stated that she and NEILL attended the California District Attorneys Association Summer Training Conference the day before. She congratulated Commissioner GARNER on his upcoming retirement, acknowledged his significant contribution to the Board as the longest serving commissioner on record, and thanked him for his public service.

Report from Chief Counsel, Jennifer Neill

NEILL stated that Senior Staff Attorney JEROME HESSICK has returned from military duty.

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

KUSAJ stated that, in June, 2017, FAD psychologists were assigned 255 comprehensive risk assessments, to be completed in July. All but three of the assignments are for hearings scheduled after October, 2017. There are no unassigned assessments for hearings scheduled in October. All assignments will be completed and distributed at least 60 days before the hearing. More than 60% will be completed at least 90 days before the hearing.

Report from Classifications Services Unit, Satellite Office at BPH

NICHOLE FELTSEN stated that the Classification Services Unit, Satellite Office at the Board has begun reviewing and issuing reports on the confidential sections of inmates' central files.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Patton, Joe (E-22277)

Chief Counsel NEILL stated that new information was received within the last few days that inmate Patton recently received a rules violation report. She invited the Board to consider placing the matter on the Board's agenda for determination whether to vacate the inmate's grant and order a rehearing.

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Public Comments on Discussion Item

DAVIS DAHLE, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, supported placing the matter of inmate Patton on the agenda.

KEITH WATTLEY, Uncommon Law, questioned whether the matter qualifies as an emergency, for purposes of including in the Board's agenda.

Commissioner ROBERTS moved to add the discussion item to the day's agenda. Commissioner MONTES seconded the motion, which carried with Commissioner TAIRA abstaining.

EN BANC REFERRALS

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

A. PATTON, JOE E-22277

DAVID DAHLE, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, recommended ordering a rehearing.

Referrals 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.

B. JENKINS, EDWARD D-76929

KATE BROSGART, inmate's attorney, opposed ordering a rescission hearing.

C. JOHNSON, CHRIS C-23161

DAVID DAHLE, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, recommended ordering a rescission hearing.

D. VARGAS-CRISPIN, JONATHAN F50322

RICHARD RUBIO and JOEL ESTRADA, inmate's friends opposed ordering a rescission hearing.

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LINDA GROBERG, Ventura County District Attorney's Office and CHRISTINE WARD, iCAN Crime Victims Assistance Network Foundation, recommended ordering a rescission hearing.

OPEN COMMENTS

CHRISTINE WARD, iCAN Crime Victims Assistance Network Foundation, thanked the Board for its compassionate treatment of victims at hearings. She thanked Commissioner GARNER for his service to the Board.

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance, expressed concern that inmates are being questioned inappropriately about their relationships. She also thanked Commissioner GARNER for his service.

KEITH WATTLEY, Uncommon Law, stated that using confidential information without advanced disclosure is a violation of inmates' due process rights. He welcomed the new disclosure procedures from the Classification Services Unit. WATTLEY thanked Commissioner GARNER for his service.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.



Board of Parole Hearings Scheduled and Backlog Hearings Report Penal Code Section 3041(d) July 2017

