

**BOARD OF PAROLE HEARINGS**  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
**April 17, 2018**

**Meeting Called to Order at 10:02 a.m.**

**Roll Call:** Commissioners Anderson, Barton, Cassady, Castro, Chappell, Dobbs, Labahn, Long, Minor, Montes, Peck, Roberts, Ruff, and Turner present. Commissioner Grounds absent.

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**Report from Executive Officer, Jennifer Shaffer**

SHAFFER stated that last week was National Crime Victims' Rights Week. She thanked the Office of Victim and Survivor Rights and Services, CHRISTINE WARD and I-Can for the important work they do to assist victims throughout the parole process.

SHAFFER stated that the final Proposition 57 rule-making package was submitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL). Subject to OAL's approval, the regulations will take effect on May 2, 2018. One of the more significant changes that will be implemented on May 2, 2018, if the regulations are approved, is that nonviolent offenders who are referred to the board for parole consideration will be reviewed by a hearing officer for jurisdiction before notices are sent to registered victims and prosecutors. The current process requires notices to be sent before the board conducts a jurisdictional review.

**Report from Chief Counsel, Jennifer Neill**

NEILL stated that the California Supreme Court has held in *In Re: Butler* that the Board is no longer required to perform term calculations. However, the Board will continue to do so until the 30-day time for the decision to become final has expired.

**Report from Chief Deputy of Program Operations, Sandra Maciel**

MACIEL stated that the current statewide gate clearances for Board-appointed counsel and prosecutors who routinely attend parole hearings expire on May 23, 2018. The board is working to send updated clearances to the institutions.

**Report from Chief Administrator, Offender Investigations and Screening Division, Sigifrido Rizo**

RIZO introduced two new investigators to the Board.

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**EN BANC REFERRALS**

**Referrals by the Governor pursuant to Penal Code section 4802 to review a commutation application.**

**A. DELGADO, MANUEL J-10150**

No speakers.

**B. SMITH, WILLIAM D-15862**

JAMES BAKER, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, read a letter from the San Diego County District Attorney's Office, opposing the commutation application. He also read a letter from the victim's daughter, who did not oppose the application.

**C. TALIANO, BRANDITA W-68729**

JAMES BAKER, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, opposed the application.

KELLY PHILLIPS and ROBERTA DEVAUL, inmate's friends, supported the application. PAULI NEWALTON, inmate's friend, supported the application and read a support letter from MIKI ELSTER.

MICHELLE MARTIN, I-Can, read an opposition letter from DEBRA CHAPMAN, victim's daughter.

**D. WONG, ELAINE W-15719**

KELLY PHILLIPS, inmate's friend, GLEN WONG, inmate's son, and NORMAN WONG, inmate's husband, supported the application.

JAMES BAKER, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, opposed the application. CHRISTINE WARD, I-Can, read an opposition letter from the victim's daughter, GAYLE KWAN.

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**E. YACKLEY, THOMAS E-04713**

JO SOLIS, inmate's sister, supported the application.

JAMES BAKER, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, opposed the application.

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

**F. GARNETT, VALARIA WA-1327**

LAUREN COLLINS, inmate's attorney, supported the application.

JAMES BAKER, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, opposed the application.

**G. JOHNSON, HARVEY C-00172**

No speakers.

**H. SNELGRO, WAYNE V-28005**

No speakers.

**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.**

**I. PHILLIPS, JOHNNY C-28340**

JAMES BAKER, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, recommended the Board order a new hearing.

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**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.**

**J. McCANN, EUGENE J-44319**

No speakers.

**K. RAMIREZ, DAVID B-80012**

No speakers.

**OPEN COMMENTS**

CHRISTINE WARD, I-Can and Crime Victims Action Alliance, regretted that there all still instances of victims' not being acknowledged at hearings.

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance, stated that inmates frequently have difficulty in obtaining therapy, even though it has been recommended by panels. She requested the Board's assistance in obtaining therapy for such inmates.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.**



## Board of Parole Hearings Scheduled and Backlog Hearings Report Penal Code Section 3041(d) May, 2018

