

BOARD OF PAROLE HEARINGS
Executive Board Meeting
May 14 & 15, 2018

May 14, 2018

Meeting Called to Order at 1:04 p.m.

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

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Report from Executive Officer, Jennifer Shaffer

SHAFFER gave an overview of the Proposition 57 regulations, which were sent to the Secretary of State on May 1, 2018 and are now in effect.

SHAFFER reported that all the commissioners attended the Association of Paroling Authorities International training event in April, which lasted three days.

SHAFFER stated that she recently gave a presentation on parole process changes to the Fidler Institute on Criminal Justice.

Report from Chief Counsel, Jennifer Neill

NEILL stated that the Forensic Assessment Division regulations have been approved and will go into effect on July 1, 2018.

Report from Chief Deputy of Program Operations, Sandra Maciel

MACIEL stated that the Board has received the necessary updates for institutional gate clearances. It is anticipated that the new clearances will be obtained before the expiration date of May 28, 2018.

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

In May, 2018, the Forensic Assessment Division's psychologists were assigned 300 comprehensive risk assessments, to be completed in June. All assessments, except one, one are for hearings scheduled after August 1. It is anticipated that 94% of the assessments will be completed and distributed at least 60 days before hearings scheduled after August 15, 2018, with 70% being distributed more than 90 days before the hearing.

KUSAJ stated that he attended the Peer Reentry Navigation Network- Lifer Group of San Francisco in May.

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PRESENTATIONS

2017 Report of Significant Events, presented by Jennifer Shaffer, Executive Officer
SHAFFER gave an overview of the Board's significant events in 2017.

Overview of the Nonviolent Parole Process, presented by Jennifer Shaffer, Executive Officer
SHAFFER gave a PowerPoint presentation.

SHAFFER announced the retirement of Commissioner PECK. She thanked him for his lengthy service to the Board and to the State of California.

OPEN COMMENTS

DONNA LEBOWITZ, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, also thanked Commissioner PECK for his service.

JILL KLINGE, Alameda County District Attorney's Office, thanked Commissioner PECK for his service.

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance, stated the organization is conducting a survey on the service provided by state-appointed attorneys. They have concerns about short consultations and the quality of advice given to inmates. She expressed concern about proposed regulations regarding where parolees may live after their release. NELSON-SLOANE thanked Commissioner PECK for his service.

MICHELLE MARTIN, I-Can, read a letter from a victim who attended a hearing and found the conduct of an observer to be disrespectful. On behalf, of I-Can, she thanked Commissioner PECK.

Meeting recessed at 3:01 p.m.

May 15, 2018

Meeting called to order at 10:02 a.m.

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

EN BANC REFERRALS

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

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A. ANDERSON, BELINDA W-35606

LYNETTE FLOYD, LEJON LOGGINS, VERONICA BROWN, VANESSA COREA, inmate's friends and TYLISHA BERRY, inmate's daughter supported commutation of sentence.

B. BLOUIN, JULIAN G-08964

No speakers.

C. MARTINEZ, LARRY C-50822

No speakers.

D. WOODS, EARLONNE P-35554

NIGEL POOR, JOY ALFERNESS, ALEXANDRA MALIK, LESA WILLIAMS, inmate's friends and KATE CHATFIELD, Policy Director of Restore Justice, supported commutation of sentence.

DONNA LEBOWITZ, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, opposed commutation of sentence.

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

E. DREW, DAVID H-45241

No speakers.

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

F. TURNER, ROY K-74685

No speakers.

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G. FRESCAS, ROBERT AB-3410

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.

H. SARAGOSA, EDWARD C-76826

No speakers.

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

I. LOPEZ, ELYSE WE-4444

DONNA LEBOWITZ, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, recommended ordering a rescission hearing. LAUREN BARTONE, SUSAN GARCIA, victim's family members, opposed the inmate's release.

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.

J. MALLIL, SHELLEY AF-9124

KENDRA BEEBE, victim, and PHYLLIS SHESS opposed the inmate's release. KATIE JAMES read an opposition letter from the victim's mother, LAURIE MADDING.

OPEN COMMENTS

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance, requested information arising from the 2017 Significant Events presentation. She asked for the number of lifer parole discharge reviews and for the number who were discharged from parole. She asked for the number of inmates who died before being released to medical parole. NELSON-SLOANE stated that inmates are still confused about the difference between reconsideration hearings and revocation hearings. They are also unclear about the difference between consultations and suitability hearings. She regretted that the CDCR website no longer provides generalized information about the outcome of past hearings.

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MARC NORTON, attorney, thanked SHAFFER for her presentations to inmates at institutions. He also thanked Commissioner PECK for his service.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.



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