

BOARD OF PAROLE HEARINGS
Executive Board Meeting
June 18 & 19, 2018

June 18, 2018

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

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

Commissioner ANDERSON 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, with Commissioner TAIRA abstaining.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Report from Executive Officer, Jennifer Shaffer

SHAFFER stated that she, Chief Counsel NEILL and Senior Psychologist TEHRANI visited the Connecticut Board of Parole and Pardons.

SHAFFER congratulated Commissioner TAIRA on his appointment.

Report from Chief Counsel, Jennifer Neill

NEILL stated that the decision of the California Supreme Court in *Butler* is final and, therefore, term calculations are no longer necessary at parole consideration hearings.

Report from Chief Deputy of Program Operations, Sandra Maciel

MACIEL stated that institutional gate clearances for inmate attorneys and deputy district attorneys were issued on May 23, 2018.

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

KUSAJ stated that, in May 2018, the Forensic Assessment Division's psychologists were assigned 300 comprehensive risk assessments, to be completed in June. All assessments, save one, are for hearings scheduled after August 1, 2018. The exception is for an expedited court-ordered hearing. It is expected that 94% of the assessments will be completed and distributed at least 60 days before hearings scheduled after August 15, 2018 and that 70% will be distributed more than 90 days before hearings scheduled after September 15, 2018.

KUSAJ stated that, in May 2018, he attended the Peer Reentry Navigation Network, Lifer Group in San Francisco.

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

B. BREWER, CHARLES K-47196

No speakers.

C. COKER, CLAUDE AH-5867

Inmate deceased.

D. DAVIS, ALBERT F-48429

Inmate deceased.

E. MELENDEZ, ANGELO AC-2197

ANGELA MELENDEZ, inmate's wife, and VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE supported a recommendation for recall of sentence.

Referral by a panel member pursuant to Penal Code section 3041 (a) (5) and California Code of Regulations, title 15 section 2044 (a) to request review of a parole decision by the full board.

F. CORVERA, BERNADETTE WE-9660

DONNA LEBOWITZ, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, recommended a re-hearing.

Referral pursuant to Penal Code section 3041 to either grant or deny parole when there is a tie vote.

G. VASQUEZ, PHILLIP P-02770

No comments permitted.

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OPEN COMMENTS

MICHELLE MARTIN, I-Can Foundation, introduced a new employee.

ELLEN YATES, Life Support Alliance, requested that interviews with inmates for preparing comprehensive risk assessment be recorded.

Commissioner MINOR arrived at 10:36 a.m.

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance, stated that inmate attorney surveys raise concerns. Some inmates believe that they were pressured by their attorney to stipulate to unsuitability. There are concerns that some attorneys failed to bring documents to the hearing. There have been occasions when the attorney failed to attend the hearing.

Meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.



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

