

**BOARD OF PAROLE HEARINGS**  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
**January 19 & 20, 2021**

**January 19, 2020**

**Meeting called to order at 1:05 p.m.**

**Roll Call:** Commissioners Anderson, Barton, Cassady, Chappell, De La Torre, Dobbs, Grounds, Gutierrez, Long, Minor, Ruff, San Juan, Schneider, Sharrieff, Sullivan, Taira, and Thornton are present

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

In compliance with Executive Order N-28-20, and to minimize the spread and mitigate the effects of COVID-19, the meeting was conducted by videoconference and telephone.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Commissioner THORNTON stated that the minutes of the December 2020 meeting record that she was absent, when she was present.

Commissioner CASSADY moved to approve the consent calendar as amended (minutes of the December 2020 meeting amended to reflect that Commissioner THORNTON was present). Commissioner CHAPPELL seconded the motion, which carried unanimously, with Commissioners ANDERSON and RUFF abstaining.

**REPORTS**

**Report from Executive Officer, Jennifer Shaffer**

SHAFFER summarized the provisions of Senate Bill 118 and Assembly Bill 3234.

**Report from Chief Counsel, Jessica Blonien**

BLONIEN stated that, as a result of the *Gadlin* decision, CDCR will be promulgating regulations to no longer exclude all sex offenders from nonviolent parole review.

**DISCUSSION ITEM**

**Comprehensive Risk Assessment Regulations, presented by Executive Officer, Jennifer Shaffer and Chief Counsel, Jessica Blonien**

SHAFFER and BLONIEN stated that the Board will not be able to complete comprehensive risk assessments for all hearings required to be scheduled by December 2021. There has been a significant increase in the number of hearings required to be scheduled, primarily due to a dramatic increase in postponed hearings since the beginning of the COVID pandemic. The Board is proposing emergency regulations that temporarily authorize the Board to conduct parole hearings without a comprehensive risk assessment in specified circumstances. The regulations would permit the Board to conduct parole hearings scheduled between April 2021 and June

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2022 without a comprehensive risk assessment for inmates who had two or more serious rules violation reports between January 2018 and December 2020 and who are classified as a level IV security inmate on January 1, 2021. The Board will also begin scheduling 17 panels each week and adding one additional hearing to each hearing calendar on Fridays, beginning in May 2021. Expanding the weekly hearing calendar and enacting the emergency regulations through June of 2022 will allow BPH to schedule required hearings through June of 2022.

**Public Comment on Proposed Regulations**

LEAH DAUD and KEITH WATTLEY, UnCommon Law, SEAN LACSON, MARIA SOLIS, HOLLY HORN-WHITE, IRMA COOPER, MARIA TORRES, GAY GRUNFELD, attorney, BRIANNA LEON, JANE DOROTIK, NUBE BROWN, MARY [last name indistinguishable], GRAHAM FINNOCHIO, Success Stories Program, ERICA QUINN, KELLY WALTERS, Legal Services for Prisoners with Children, ANTOINETTE RATCLIFFE, CINDI PEREZ, MARIA GUADMAZ, STEVEN GREEN, INEZ BARRIOS, LINDA TROULLIER, NHI TRUONG, DAISY MARTINEZ and two ANNONYMOUS SPEAKERS opposed the proposed regulations.

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE and TRINA MEDINA stated the proposed regulations are a reasonable.

Commissioner BARTON moved to approve the proposed regulations. Commissioner ANDERSON seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**OPEN COMMENTS**

CONNIE LASKY, San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office, stated that the clarity of confidential memoranda could be improved. Currently, they only record the date of entry of the information. Recording the date of the incident would be helpful.

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance, stated that many inmates have difficulty in accessing virtual correspondence courses. She requested that panels do not enforce rigidly the 20-page limit regarding documents that inmates submit at the hearing.

MARIA [last name unidentified] requested that panels not dismiss inmates' assertions of innocence.

**Meeting recessed at 03:19 p.m.**

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**EN BANC REFERRALS**

Referral by the Governor pursuant to Penal Code section 3041.1 and California Code of Regulations, title 15, section 2044, subdivision (b), to request review of a parole decision by the full board.

**A. ALVAREZ, ROBERT**  
**T41681**

CYNTHIA CONTRERAS supported the parole grant.

JENNIFER DAY, San Joaquin County District Attorney's Office, recommended ordering a rescission hearing

**B. AVILA, JORGE**  
**K38601**

KATHY KLINGHOFFER, MELISSA DELRIO, KATY GILBERT, attorney, MARCUS AVILA and AURORA GUZMAN supported the parole grant.

**C. BARCLAY, DAVID**  
**V25071**

No speakers.

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**D. BARTON, JOHN**  
**E78459**

ANNONYMOUS SPEAKERS (72), (87), (65) and (30) opposed the parole grant.

**E. INGRAM, JASON**  
**T02525**

No speakers.

**F. LAMBERT, DREW**  
**P27014**

RICH PFEIFFER, attorney, supported the parole grant.

MIKE FLOREY, Orange County District Attorney's Office, recommended ordering a rescission hearing.

**G. MILAN, FRANCISCO**  
**K92533**

CONNIE LASKY, San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office, recommended ordering a rescission hearing.

**H. SERRANO, ERNESTO**  
**H43694**

LASET ALASKA, LISETTE VELASQUEZ, ROBERTO COMPERON, JOYCE LEMONS, CHARLES CARBONE, attorney, and MICHAEL LEMONS supported the parole grant.

CONNIE LASKY, San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office, recommended ordering a rescission hearing.

**I. WOODS, STEVEN**  
**P50223**

TODD EVERS, Fresno County District Attorney's Office, recommended ordering a rescission hearing.

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**OPEN COMMENT**

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance, suggested that more information on the Board's website would help inmates' families understand the hearing process better.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.**



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