BOARD OF PAROLE HEARINGS
Executive Board Meeting
March 16, 2021

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Meeting called to order at 10:07 a.m.

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

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 video conference and telephone.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner CASSADY moved to approve the consent calendar.
Commissioner SULLIVAN seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Report from Chief Counsel, Jessica Blonien

BLONIEN summarized the Nonviolent Offender Parole Review Process Emergency Regulations and stated that they will be filed with the Office of Administrative Law next week. BLONIEN summarized the *Hoze* and *Cavannaugh* court decisions.

Report from Chief Deputy, Program Operations, Sandra Maciel

MACIEL described changes to the Board's Parole Consideration Hearing Decision Form (BPH 1001 Form), which now provides inmates with additional information about post-hearing decision processes, including the board's processes for reviewing cases en banc.

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. ASKEY, JOSEPH
D15029

No speakers.

B. BROWN, FELIX
D46288

The inmate's family supported the parole grant.

C. COBOS, ARTHUR
V63050

The inmate's friends and family supported the parole grant.

The victim's family opposed the parole grant.

D. RIOS, CARLOS
E52249

The inmate's friend supported the parole grant.

E. SIMS, NATHAN
J32468

The victim, the victim's family. and a representative of the Long Beach Police Department opposed the parole grant.

F. WHITE, LARRY
K92292

The inmate's friends, family and the inmate's attorney supported the parole grant.

The victim, the victim's family, and a representative of the Alameda County District Attorney's Office opposed the parole grant.

G. WILLIAMS, RICHARD
J50510

The inmate's family supported the parole grant.

Referral pursuant to Penal Code section 3041 when there is a tie vote.

H. HIGGINBOTHAM, JAMES
H06660

No speakers permitted.

OPEN COMMENT

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance, welcomed the changes to the BPH 1001 form. She questioned whether inmates who are facing deportation should be required to have parole plans in California. She expressed concern about the practice of pre-hearing discussions between the panel and the inmate's attorney.

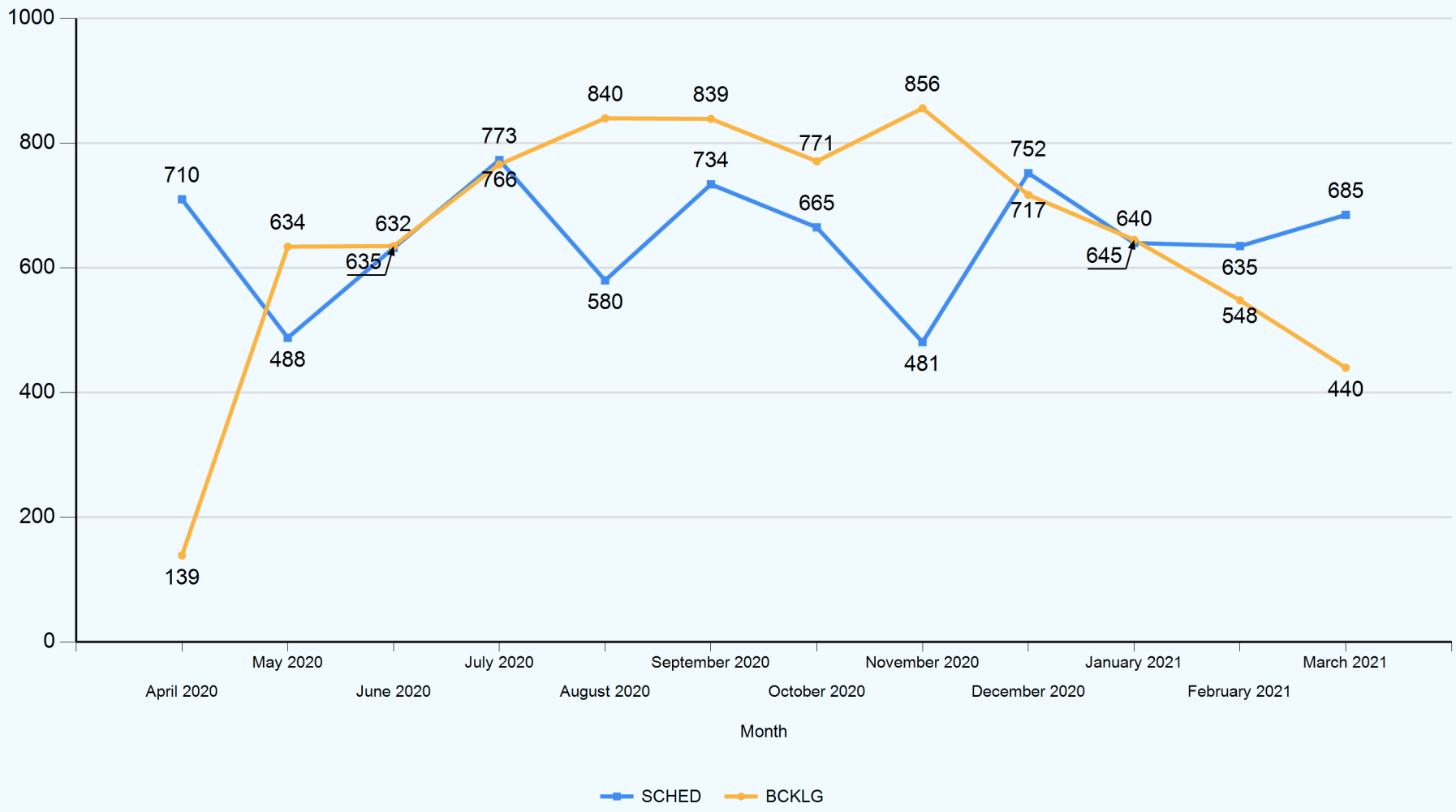
KEITH WATTLEY, UnCommon Law, commended the meeting moderator.

CHARLES SPENCE described his experiences after being granted parole.

CONNIE LASKY, San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office, requested better and timelier communication when hearing start times change.

Meeting recessed at 12:01 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 02:33 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 02:34 p.m.

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Scheduled and Backlog Hearings Report
Penal Code Section 3041(d)
April, 2021