

BOARD OF PAROLE HEARINGS
Executive Board Meeting
April 20 to 22, 2020

April 20, 2020

Meeting called to order at 09:08 a.m.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. BENSON, TERRENCE
P21068

Speakers expressed support for his release on parole.

Motion: Vacate the panel's February 5, 2021 decision and schedule a new hearing in order to comply with the recording requirement in Penal Code section 3041.5, subdivision (a)(4).

Commissioner LONG moved to approve the consent calendar and to vacate the February 5, 2021 decision. Commissioner BARTON seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Report from Chief Counsel, Jessica Blonien

BLONIEN stated that the Board has filed regulations with the Office of Administrative Law to implement the California Supreme Court's decision in the case of *In re Gadlin*.

Report from Chief Deputy, Program Operations, Sandra Maciel

MACIEL congratulated TARA DOETSCH on her promotion to Staff Services Manager II. She summarized other staffing changes.

EN BANC REFERRALS

Referral by 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.

B. ALLEN, DWAYNE

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C07703

No speakers.

C. COLLIER, DOUGLAS
C42473

The inmate's family and friends supported his release on parole. LILLI PARATORE, inmate's attorney, recommended ordering a rehearing.

The victim's family opposed the inmate's release. A representative of the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office submitted on the hearing record.

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.

D. AITKEN, JOHN
F31470

The inmate's family, friends and attorney, MICHAEL BECKMAN, supported his parole grant.

E. BAYARDO, JOSEPH
AN4011

No speakers.

F. GAZAWAY, JERALD
K85439

The inmate's family and attorney, MARTIN CARR, supported his parole grant.

A representative of the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office opposed the parole grant.

G. MACEO, JUAN
P67819

The inmate's family supported his parole grant.

H. MENDOZA, FRANK

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The inmate's family and attorney, KATERA RUTLEDGE, supported his parole grant

I. NEWBERRY, WILLIAM
V06607

The inmate's family, friends and attorney, SUSAN JORDAN, supported his parole grant.

J. NICKELS, ANTHONY
H52012

The inmate's family, friends, and attorney, KATIE GILBERT supported his parole grant.

A representative of the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office opposed the parole grant.

K. PAYNE, BRITTANY
W69327

The inmate's friends supported her parole grant.

The victim opposed the parole grant.

L. PERILLO, JENNIFER
X26419

The inmate's friends supported her parole grant.

A representative of the Orange County District Attorney's Office opposed the parole grant.

M. SANCHEZ, RICHARD
T14068

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N. SINGH, NIVEN
AE0858

The inmate's family supported his parole grant.

O. WALKER, BRUCE
AL4310

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

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

P. WALKER, RAYMOND
K74686

The inmate's attorney, KATIE GILBERT, supported his parole grant.

OPEN COMMENT

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance, stated that asking inmates why their siblings did not commit crimes is unhelpful in parole hearings.

Anonymous Speaker [7505] described his experiences after being released on parole.

Meeting recessed at 01:14 p.m.

April 21, 2020

Meeting called to order at 09:00 a.m.

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

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PRESENTATIONS

Significant Events Update, presented by Jennifer Shaffer, Executive Officer, Board of Parole Hearings

SHAFFER gave a presentation.

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Meeting recessed at 10:45 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 10:55 a.m.

Informational Update from the Office of Victim and Survivor Rights and Services (OVSRS), presented by Mike Young, Victim Services Manager - OVSRS, and Katie James, Chief – OVSRS

YOUNG and JAMES gave a presentation.

Meeting recessed at 11:52 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 01:00 p.m.

Overview of the Integrated Substance Use Disorder Treatment (ISUDT) Program, presented by Theary Eng , ISUDT Project Director, Kevin Hoffman, Deputy Director, Program Operations – Division of Rehabilitative Programs and Dr. Donna Kalauokalani, MD, MPH, Deputy Medical Executive, Complex Patient Populations

ENG, HOFFMAN and KALAUOKALANI gave a presentation.

Meeting recessed at 02:08 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 02:30 p.m.

Anti-Recidivism Coalition (ARC) Programs During Covid-19 Pandemic, presented by Sam Lewis, Executive Officer, ARC Mark Taylor (life coach ARC), Jacob Brevard (Associate Director of Inside Programs ARC), David Amaya (life coach CGA team, ARC), J'Mel Carter (Avatar Class, ARC), Joseph Osorio (YOP Program, ARC), Oscar Bonilla and Robert Porter

LEWIS, TAYLOR, BREVARD, AMAYA, CARTER, OSORIO, BONILLA and PORTER gave a presentation.

Meeting recessed at 03:18 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 03:30 p.m.

Update on Credit Earning Changes at CDCR, presented by Heidi Dixon, Chief of Case Records Services – CDCR

DIXON gave a presentation.

Programming and Services for Incarcerated Individuals with Domestic Violence History, presented by Grace Romero, CEO, Time of Change

ROMERO gave a presentation.

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VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance, stated that the primary purpose of the organization's letter-writing program is inmate rehabilitation.

Meeting recessed at 04:46 p.m.

April 22, 2020

Meeting called to order at 09:02 a.m.

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

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The Concept of Insight and the Role of Insight in the Parole Decision Making Process, presented by Dr. Clifford Kusaj, Chief Psychologist - Board of Parole Hearings

KUSAJ gave a presentation.

Presentation on the Publication, "Remorse in Parole Hearings: An Elusive Concept with Concrete Consequences," presented by author Nicole Bronniman
BRONNIMAN gave a presentation.

Meeting recessed at 10:57 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 11:05 a.m.

Compassion Fatigue and Recovery, presented by Bethany Jones, Television Producer

JONES gave a presentation.

Meeting recessed at 11:49 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 01:00 p.m.

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Panel Attorney Program Update, presented by Heidi Rummel, President and Founder, Anna Feingold, Interim Executive Director, Parole Justice Works and Allen Burnett, consultant, parole justice works
RUMMEL, FEINGOLD and BURNETT gave a presentation.

Meeting recessed at 01:45 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 02:00 p.m

Overview of the CDCR Wellness Application, presented by Janette Williams, Statewide Peer Support Program Coordinator for Employee Health & Wellness – CDCR
WILLIAMS gave a presentation.

Meeting recessed at 02:21 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 02:30 p.m.

Observations and Insights from a Behavioral Health Reintegration Program (BHRP), presented by Dr. Elizabeth Kita – BHRP
KITA gave a presentation.

Information Regarding Resources Available from Crime Victims Assistance Network (I-CAN), presented by Kaitlyn Wood, Community Engagement Manager, Ericka Mendoza, Parole Hearing Support Coordinator, Natalie Vargas, Community Outreach Advocate, and Christine Ward, Executive Director – I-CAN
WOOD, MENDOZA, VARGAS and WARD gave a presentation.

OPEN COMMENTS

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance, stated that many inmates have been victims of crime and abuse.

CYNTHIA BREWER, Riverside County District Attorney's Office, described the effects of witnessing a mass shooting.

Meeting adjourned at 04:02 p.m.