

BOARD OF PAROLE HEARINGS
Executive Board Meeting
April 10 and 11, 2023

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Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioners and Board staff appeared by videoconference; public comments were provided by videoconference and telephone.

Roll Call: Commissioners Barton, Cassady, Chappell, Dobbs, Garcia, Kozel, Long, Minor, Muniz, Ndudim, Nwajei, O'Meara, Purcell, Ruff, Schneider, Sharrieff, Sullivan, Taira and Thornton were present.

Commissioner DOBBS stated that a majority of currently-appointed commissioners were present.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner GARCIA moved to approve the consent calendar. Commissioner BARTON seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Report from Executive Officer, Jennifer Shaffer

SHAFFER stated that National Crime Victims' Rights Week will take place from April 23 to 29, 2023. She stated that the Senate Rules Committee confirmed the appointments of Commissioners KOZEL, MUÑIZ, and NDUDIM.

Report from Chief Counsel, Jessica Blonien

BLONIEN provided an update on Assembly Bills 1523, 1177, 1416 and Senate Bills 810 and 412.

Report from Acting Chief Deputy, Program Operation, Tara Doetsch

DOETSCH gave an update on the Parole Justice Works program. She stated that the Board is seeking to appoint attorneys to Panels 3, 8 and 10. DOETSCH summarized the program requirements for panel attorneys.

Report from Offender Investigations and Screening Division, Chief Deputy Brian Kelley

KELLEY gave a staffing update.

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**Report from Office of Victim and Survivors' Rights and Services Chief Deputy,
Katie James**

JAMES provided an overview of National Crime Victims' Week and summarized the services that OVSRS provides.

PRESENTATIONS

2022 Significant Events Report, presented by Executive Officer, Jennifer Shaffer

SHAFFER gave a presentation on the 2022 Significant Events Report, which is available on the Board's website.

OPEN COMMENTS

CONNIE LASKY, San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office, stated that scheduling hearings near the anniversary of a life crime causes distress to victims and survivors. She requested that the Board avoid scheduling hearings around this time.

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance, welcomed the Significant Events Report.

Roll Call: Commissioners Barton, Chappell, Dobbs, Long, Muniz, Ndudim, Nwajei, O'Meara, Ruff, Sharrieff, Taira and Thornton were present.

Commissioner DOBBS stated that the majority of currently-appointed commissioners were present.

EN BANC REFERRALS

Referral by the Chief Counsel pursuant to Penal Code section 3041 when there is a tie vote. Public comment is prohibited pursuant to Penal Code section 3041, subdivision (e).

14. MERCADO, ARMANDO (C87143)

No public comment permitted.

15. MONTANEZ, JR., RICHARD (H40361)

No public comment permitted.

Referral by the Chief Counsel pursuant to Penal Code section 3041, subdivision (b) and California Code of Regulations, title 15, section 2042 to assure complete, accurate, consistent and uniform decisions and the furtherance of public safety.

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16. BENNETT, DAVID (E39886)

BENNETT's attorney, DANIEL HARRIS, and his friends supported his release.

A representative of the Santa Clara District Attorney's Office and the victim's family recommended ordering a rehearing.

17. GUERRERO, GARY (T25609)

GUERRERO's family and friends supported his release.

A representative of the Santa Clara District Attorney's Office recommended ordering a rehearing.

18. JOSEPH, LLOYD (P56783)

No speakers.

19. RILEY, AMBER (WA3123)

RILEY's family and friends supported her release.

A representative of the San Bernardino District Attorney's Office recommended ordering a rehearing.

Open Session recessed at 1:31 p.m. and reconvened at 1:43 p.m.

20. SHERMAN, MELVIN (P20763)

SHERMAN's family supported his release.

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 a majority of appointed commissioners.

21. DEANDA, VICTOR (G06685)

A representative of the Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office recommended ordering a rescission hearing.

22. MUNOZ, RYAN (BD4554)

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MUNOZ's family supported his release.

23. VELASQUEZ, ALAN (T08355)

VELASQUEZ's attorney, JOSEPH MAGAZZENI, and his family supported his release.

Open Session recessed at 2:18 p.m.

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Roll Call: Commissioners Cassady, Garcia, Kozel, Minor, Ndudim, Nwajei, O'Meara, Purcell, Schneider, Sullivan, Taira and Weiss were present.

Commissioner CASSADY stated that the majority of currently-appointed commissioners were present.

EN BANC REFERRALS

Referral by the Chief Counsel to consider ordering a rescission hearing pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 15, section 2450 et seq. Additionally, this case is a 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 a majority of appointed commissioners.

25. ZAMARO, SAMUEL (P31914)

ZAMARO's family supported his release.

A representative of the San Diego County District Attorney's Office recommended ordering a rescission hearing.

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 a majority of appointed commissioners.

26. BELTRANCHUC, TARE (G47484)

BELTRANCHUC, family and friends supported his release.

A representative of the San Francisco County District Attorney's Office, the victim's family and friends recommended ordering a rescission hearing.

27. COOPER, RAYMOND (T67344)

COOPER's friend supported his release.

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28. FRAHER, CECILIA (W98663)

FRAHER's friend supported his release.

A representative of the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office recommended ordering a rescission hearing.

29. LARSHIN, ANDREY (F03229)

A representative of the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office recommended ordering a rescission hearing.

30. MCMILLAN, WYATT (D54072)

MCMILLAN's attorney, ANANDA JOY HART, and his friends supported his release.

31. OEURN, SAUN (AY7268)

OEURN's family supported his release.

32. PAGE, JAMES (AS4549)

PAGE's family supported his release.

33. SIMENTAL, CARLOS (BF7024)

A representative of the Orange County District Attorney's Office, the victim and the victim's family and friends recommended ordering a rescission hearing.

34. VASQUEZ, EDGAR (AZ8922)

VASQUEZ' friend supported his release.

The victim's family and friend recommended ordering a rescission hearing.

OPEN COMMENTS

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance, discussed the importance of transitional housing for people who have served long terms, and who are released by the board.

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Open Session recessed at 11:49 a.m.

Open Session reconvened at 1:59 p.m. and adjourned at 1:59 p.m.



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