

BOARD OF PAROLE HEARINGS
Executive Board Meeting
September 18 and 19, 2023

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Meeting called to order at 01:03 p.m.

In compliance with Government Code section 11123, Board commissioners were present in person at 1515 K Street. Interested parties and members of the public participated by videoconference, telephone or in person.

Roll Call: Commissioners Cassady, Chappell, Dobbs, Garland, Infante, Kozel, Long, Minor, Muñiz, Ndudim, Nwajei, O'Meara, Purcell, Schneider, Sharrieff, Taira, Thornton and Weiss present.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

REPORTS

Report from Executive Officer, Jennifer Shaffer

SHAFFER stated that, in September, Commissioners INFANTE, KOZEL, MUÑIZ, and NDUDIM attended the National Judicial College course in Administrative Law, Fair Hearings and were certified as administrative law judges.

SHAFFER stated that she conducted outreach on behalf of the Board, including San Quentin State Prison's Mental Health Awareness Week. In early September, she attended a National Institute of Corrections conference, and she attended a screening of a documentary film, entitled, "26.2 to Life."

SHAFFER congratulated Commissioner WEISS, whose appointment was confirmed by the Senate on August 24, 2023. She also congratulated Commissioners BARTON, CHAPPELL, O'MEARA, PURCELL, and SCHNEIDER, for their reappointment to the Board by the Governor on August 22, 2023. SHAFFER thanked Commissioner GARCIA, who has retired, for his service to the Board.

Report from Chief Counsel, Jessica Blonien

BLONIEN gave a litigation update on the cases of *Ashker v. Newsom* and *in re Escobedo*.

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Report from Staff Services Manager I, Silvia Aceves, Office of Victim and Survivor Rights and Services (OVSRS)

ACEVES gave an update on the role of OVSRS representatives at the institutions in the hearing process. She described the goals and operation of the OVSRS Apology Letter Bank.

OPEN COMMENTS

CONNIE LASKY, San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office, requested that the Apology Letter Bank notify district attorneys' offices when it receives an inmate's apology letter.

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance (LSA), stated that LSA has recently conducted events at various institutions. Further events and outreach is planned at other institutions. On September 29, 2023, LSA will participate in an event at the California Medical Facility. NELSON-SLOANE described two new programs that LSA will offer from the end of September.

Roll Call: Commissioners Cassady, Chappell, Dobbs, Infante, Long, Minor, Muñiz, Ndudim, O'Meara, Purcell, Schneider, and Weiss present.

EN BANC REFERRALS

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.

10. CARTER, HOLDEN (F29758)

CARTER's family and attorney, KATEY GILBERT, supported the parole grant.

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

11. JOHNSON, EDWIN (J69027)

JOHNSON's family supported the parole grant.

12. SMITH, CARLOS (D21685)

No speakers.

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13. SYPHAZ, DMITRI (K23955)

SYPHAZ's attorney, MARC GARDENER, and a friend supported the parole grant.

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.

14. ANDERSON, JASON (H25489)

ANDERSON's friends and family supported the parole grant.

The victim's family and a representative of the San Diego County District Attorney's Office recommended ordering a rescission hearing.

15. BROUSSARD, ANTHONY (C56988)

BROUSSARD's family, friend and attorney, ANJALI BHARGAVE, supported the parole grant.

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

16. COLLAZO, RENE (D13110)

COLLAZO's attorney, ALFRED WISEMAN, supported the parole grant.

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

17. HINES, LARRY (C31133)

HINES's family, attorney, LILLIANA PARATORE, and former attorney, ALEC WEISS, supported the parole grant.

18. JAMES, WILLIAM (V09410)

JAMES's family supported the parole grant.

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

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19. LATCHISON, KENYATTA (V59354)

LATCHISON's attorney, DAN MOSELY and a friend supported the parole grant.

20. LORONA, JACKIE (K89193)

LORONA's attorney, DAN MOSELY, and friends supported the parole grant.

The victim's family and a representative of the Fresno County District Attorney's Office recommended ordering a rescission hearing.

21. LUA, JESUS (V06604)

LUA's family and a friend supported the parole grant.

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

22. SALDANA, DAVID (F09168)

SALDANA's family and a friend supported the parole grant.

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

23. VAZQUEZ, ISIDRO (AS6224)

VASQUEZ's friends supported the parole grant.

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

24. WISINSKIS, KENNETH (K82373)

The victim's family's attorney, KATHLEEN CADY, recommended ordering a rescission hearing.

Open session recessed at 04:25 p.m.

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Open session reconvened at 9:00 a.m.

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Roll Call: Commissioners Barton, Cassady, Garland, Infante, Kozel, Nwajei, O'Meara, Schneider, Sharrieff, Taira, Thornton, and Weiss present.

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

EN BANC REFERRALS

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26. ALVAREZ, JULIO (P72099)

ALVAREZ' family supported the parole grant.

27. BENDER, CHARLES (H19025)

No speakers.

28. KAJIHIRO, RICHARD (V10482)

KAJIHIRO's attorney, LEVI UKU, family and a friend supported the parole grant.

29. LEWIS, TERRY (H11882)

No speakers.

Referral by the Governor under 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.

30. DEANBAUMANN, MELISSA (WF1291)

DEANBAUMANN's family and friends supported the parole grant.

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

31. FORSBERG, RICHARD (AN7781)

FORSBERG's friends and former attorney supported the parole grant.

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

32. JUAREZ, MANUEL (V64790)

JUAREZ' attorney, LEVI UKU, supported the parole grant.

The victim recommended ordering a rescission hearing.

33. KEIPER, TIMOTHY (AK9491)

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

34. MENDEZ, ERICK (AF2445)

MENDEZ' family and a friend supported the parole grant.

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

Meeting recessed at 10:47 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 10:52 a.m.

35. MUNOZ, JOSE (K80790)

The victim's family and a representative of the Riverside County District Attorney's Office recommended ordering a rescission hearing.

36. RAMIREZ, JUAN (AE9738)

No speakers.

37. SHEPHERD, KENNETH (T84612)

The victim's family recommended ordering a rescission hearing.

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38. TORRES, SALVADOR (AH4651)

No speakers.

39. VELASQUEZ, JULIO (AX5519)

VELASQUEZ' family, friends and attorney, UZOMA UGAN, supported the parole grant.

OPEN COMMENTS

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance (LSA), summarized the most common questions asked at LSA workshops.

Open session recessed at 11:30 a.m.

Open session reconvened at 01:37 p.m. and the meeting adjourned at 01:37 p.m.



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