

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

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Meeting called to order at 11:01 a.m.

Board commissioners participated in person or virtually. Interested parties and members of the public participated in person, virtually, or by telephone.

Roll Call: Commissioners Barton, Cassady, Chappell, Dobbs, Garland, Infante, Muniz, Nwajei, O’Meara, Ruff, Sharrieff, and Taira were present in person.

Commissioners Long, Minor, Ndudim, Purcell, Schneider, and Thornton were online via TEAMS.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Approval of the Draft Minutes from the February 20-22, 2024, Board of Parole Hearings’ Executive Board Meeting.
3. Approval of the Parole Consideration Hearings and Backlog Report for March 2024.
4. Public Comment on Consent Calendar. There were no comments.

Commissioner SHARRIEFF moved to approve the consent calendar. Commissioner DOBBS seconded the motion, which carried by a majority vote:

Barton	Aye
Cassady	Aye
Chappell	Aye
Dobbs	Aye
Garland	Aye
Infante	Aye
Long	Abstain
Minor	Aye
Muniz	Aye
Ndudim	Aye
Nwajei	Aye
O’Meara	Aye
Purcell	Aye
Ruff	Aye

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Schneider Aye
Sharrieff Aye
Taira Aye
Thornton Aye

REPORTS

Report from Executive Officer, Jennifer Shaffer

Executive Officer, JENNIFER SHAFFER, swore in Emily Sheffield as a Board commissioner. Ms. Shaffer announced the appointment of Dr. Jasmine Tehrani as the new Chief Psychologist of the Board's Forensic Assessment Division. Ms. Shaffer stated that the Board's 2023 Report of Significant Events and the Board's Parole Hearing Process Handbook have been posted on the Board's website.

Report from Chief Counsel, Jessica Blonien

Chief Counsel, JESSICA BLONIEN, thanked Legal Division staff for their work in compiling the Board's Parole Hearing Process Handbook. Ms. Blonien reported that she recently attended a seminar at McGeorge School of Law. Ms. Blonien also reported that she and Board staff attended an event at the Home Free transitional housing program. Ms. Blonien announced that Senior Staff Attorney George Bakerjian left the Board after accepting a position with another state agency. Ms. Blonien also announced the hiring of Kathryn Lerseth and Laila Rashid as staff attorneys.

Report from Chief Deputy, Investigations and Reentry Screening Division (IRSD), Ryan Youtsey

Chief Deputy, IRSD, RYAN YOUTSEY, announced that the name of the Board's Offender Investigations and Screening Division has changed to the Investigations and Reentry Screening Division.

Mr. Youtsey stated that IRSD staff participated in outreach events with the Division of Adult Parole Operations, with law students at the University of San Francisco, and with the Filipino American Law Enforcement Officers Association.

Report from Chief Psychologist, Dr. Jasmine Tehrani

JASMINE TEHRANI, Chief Psychologist, Forensic Assessment Division, reported she and senior psychologists recently visited the New Way of Life reentry program in South Los Angeles.

Report from Chief of Office of Victim and Survivor Rights and Services (OVSRS), Katie James

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Chief of OVSRS, KATIE JAMES, gave an update on the services provided by OVSRS. Ms. James also summarized a training that Parole Justice Works presented to OVSRS staff.

OPEN COMMENTS

MAUREEN GREEN, gave positive feedback on the Board's parole hearing process handbook.

MADDIE FLOOD, appeared as a friend of Jyler Raines to express concern at the length of time taken to conduct the Board's and the Governor's review of parole grants. Flood stated that the review process can have severe consequences for incarcerated persons and discussed an incarcerated person who died in custody before the decision review process was completed.

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance, stated that the closing statement of the district attorney's office representative (DDA) and the reading of victims' impact statements have different functions at parole hearings. NELSON-SLOANE expressed concern that some DDAs appearing as designated victim representatives use the victims' impact statement to rehash closing arguments from trial, instead of focusing on risk of current dangerousness.

CARMEN RAMOS, MARIA PELLICCIARI and BEGONYA DESALVO, from the California Federation of Interpreters Local 39000, spoke in support of Assembly Bill 2310 and expressed the importance of having court-certified interpreters at parole hearings.

MARLENE MERCADO, UnCommon Law, discussed AB 2310 and expressed that according to their review of 2023 hearing data, fewer than 30% of the translators used at hearings were court-certified.

SU KIM, UnCommon Law, expressed appreciation for the Board's Parole Hearing Process Handbook, but expressed questions about the data provided in the handbook concerning race and hearing outcomes. She looks forward to further discussions on the issue.

GEMMA QUETZAL, UnCommon Law, inquired about the accessibility of the Board's Parole Hearing Process Handbook to the incarcerated population through tablets. Quetzal also requested a presentation on the 2023 Report of Significant Events.

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CONNIE LASKY, San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office, encourages the Board to reconsider the section in the Parole Hearing Process Handbook, which suggests that prosecutors submit any relevant documentation 20 days prior to a hearing. Lasky reiterated that prosecutors can submit documents 10 days prior to a hearing.

KATHY CADY, requested that the Board's Report of Significant Events include data on the parole grant rate when representatives from the District Attorneys' Offices representatives did not attend the hearing.

EN BANC REFERRALS

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

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

12. BECKETT, ROBERT (E29660)

No speakers.

13. HILL, MARK (P42542)

HILL's friends and attorney, JOSEPH MAGAZENNI, supported the parole grant.

14. JOHNSON, CHARLES (V72050)

JOHNSON's attorney, MICHAEL DANG, supported the parole grant.

15. WASHINGTON, RODNEY (V35583)

No speakers.

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.

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16. ANDERSON, KAMREN (AI3542)

ANDERSON's attorney, UZOMA OGAN, supported the parole grant.

17. CABRERA, MICHAEL (D27790)

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

18. CEBALLOS, OSCAR (AF1969)

CEBALLOS's attorney, MICHAEL DANG, supported the parole grant.

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

19. CHAVARRIA, ANTHONY (H32181)

CHAVARRIA's friends and attorney, JOSEPH MAGAZENNI, supported the parole grant.

20. CORDES, MICHAEL (T85575)

A representative of El Dorado County District Attorney's Office recommended ordering a rescission hearing.

21. COSEY, STEFAN (AL4208)

COSEY's friend supported the parole grant.

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

22. ENRIQUEZ, WALTER (T42004)

ENRIQUEZ's friends supported the parole grant.

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

23. FUNES, RENE (V22256)

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FUNES's friends and attorney, UZOMA OGAN, supported the parole grant.

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

24. HOM, BUNLOM (K23646)

No speakers.

25. LUCAS, KERMIT (T25012)

No speakers.

26. MARTINEZ, LUIS (V93484)

MARTINEZ's family and attorney, UZOMA OGAN, supported the parole grant.

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

27. MUNNS, RICHARD (T73373)

MUNNS's family and friends supported the parole grant.

28. TEMPLE, SOLOMON (F86016)

TEMPLE's family, friends and attorney, ALEC WEISS, supported the parole grant.

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

29. TRIPP, HILTON (C50420)

Representatives from the Monterey and San Luis Obispo County District Attorneys' Offices recommended ordering a rescission hearing.

30. TYES, JOE (J94963)

TYES's family supported the parole grant.

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

31. WILLIAMS, RONALD (C45774)

WILLIAMS's attorney, JESSICA DUMAS, supported the parole grant.

Open session recessed at 02:54 p.m.

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Open session reconvened at 9:00 a.m.

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Roll Call: Commissioners Barton, Dobbs, Kozel, Long, Minor, Muniz, Ndudim, Nwajei, O'Meara, Purcell, Schneider, Sheffield, and Thornton were present in person.

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

EN BANC REFERRALS

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

33. FAISON, LARRY (C68462)

No public comment.

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

34. BRAZILE, GEORGE (D11638)

BRAZILE's family and friends supported the parole grant.

35. HARRIS, GARY (K75607)

HARRIS's family supported the parole grant.

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

36. IBARRA, JESUS (T00374)

No speakers.

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37. QUINN, LAMAR (V37825)

No speakers.

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

38. TRIPP, LONNIE (E11568)

TRIPP's friend supported the parole grant.

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.

39. ANDREWS, MARC (BF9881)

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

40. CALDERON, HERBERT (BC7021)

CALDERON's family supported the parole grant.

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

41. CHAVARRIA, JOAQUIN (T57433)

CHAVARRIA's family supported the parole grant.

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

42. EDWARDS, MICHAEL (H07400)

No speakers.

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43. FACIO, RAYMOND (P96825)

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

44. FLORES, JOSE (F03799)

FLORES's friends supported the parole grant.

45. GUEVARA, PATRICK (F48853)

GUEVARA's family supported the parole grant.

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

46. HUBBARD, ANTHONY (AF8317)

No speakers.

47. HUDSON, ERIC (G58377)

No speakers.

48. KLEMP, CODY (H66619)

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

49. MALDONADO, RAYMOND (T52346)

MALDONADO's family and friend supported the parole grant.

50. PELAYO, JOSE (AT5221)

PELAYO's attorney, SIDNEY MITCHELL, supported the parole grant.

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

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51. REMIJIO, GILBERT (T74252)

REMIJIO's family supported the parole grant.

52. RUIZ, OSCAR (T65888)

RUIZ's friends supported the parole grant.

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

53. STYLES, HOMER (D30791)

STYLES's family supported the parole grant.

54. URRUETIA, CEASAR (K41189)

No speakers.

OPEN COMMENTS

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance, stated that its members have given a very positive response to the Board's Parole Hearing Process Handbook. Incarcerated persons have also given the handbook a positive response. Nelson-Sloane recommended that it be made available to incarcerated people.

DIANE DAVIS commended the Board for its service to the community.

Open session recessed at 11:52 a.m.

Open session reconvened and adjourned at 04:00 p.m.



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