

BOARD OF PAROLE HEARINGS
Executive Board Meeting
May 20 and 21, 2024

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Meeting called to order at 11:00 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, Chappell, Dobbs, Garland, Infante, Kozel, Minor, O'Meara, Schneider, Sharrieff, Sheffield, Taira, and Weiss were present in person.

Commissioners Cassady, Long, Muniz, Ndudim, Nwajei, Purcell, Ruff, and Thornton were online via TEAMS with their video cameras turned on.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Approval of the Draft Minutes from the April 15-17, 2024 Board of Parole Hearings' Executive Board Meeting.
3. Approval of the Parole Suitability Hearings and Backlog Report for June 2024.
4. Public Comment on Consent Calendar. There were no comments.

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

Barton	Aye
Cassady	Aye
Chappell	Aye
Dobbs	Aye
Garland	Aye
Infante	Aye
Kozel	Aye
Long	Aye
Minor	Aye
Muniz	Aye
Ndudim	Aye
Nwajei	Aye
O'Meara	Aye
Purcell	Aye
Ruff	Aye
Schneider	Aye

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Sharrieff	Aye
Sheffield	Aye
Taira	Aye
Thornton	Abstain
Weiss	Aye

REPORTS

Report from Jessica Blonien, Executive Officer (Acting)

Executive Officer (Acting), JESSICA BLONIEN, stated on Executive Officer Shaffer's behalf that earlier this month they did outreach with the New York Board of Parole. Also, the commissioners and some executive staff participated in the annual Association of Paroling Authorities International (APAI) 2024 Conference. The agenda is available on APAI's website.

Report from Jessica Blonien, Chief Counsel

Chief Counsel, JESSICA BLONIEN, gave a legal staffing update.

BLONIEN also gave a litigation update on *Armstrong*, the class action litigation regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act. The trial court entered an order regarding specific enforcement of provisions related to blind, low-vision, deaf, and hard-of-hearing people who are coming in for a parole hearing. The Board is sending plans to plaintiffs and will be conducting new trainings for panel attorneys.

Report from Chief Deputy, Field Operations

Chief Deputy, Field Operations, RHONDA SKIPPER-DOTTA, gave a staffing update.

SKIPPER-DOTTA gave an overview the Offenders with Mental Health Disorders Task Force. It is a statutory process wherein the California Department of Corrections, the Department of State Hospitals (DSH), and the Board work together to identify and screen specific incarcerated persons to determine if they meet specific criteria. Penal Code section 2962 mandates that determinately-sentenced incarcerated persons with violence-related crimes that were committed as a result of a mental health disorder be screened. If an individual meets the statutory criteria, the Board places a special condition of parole for mental health treatment at DSH. Deputy Commissioners then conduct various types of hearings and, if appropriate, order that the person to go to a step-down program in the community. The Board partnered with DSH to create a new community step-down program called Forensic Assertive Community Treatment (FACT), which provides a variety of assistance to SVP individuals.

Later in time, a second task force group was added for Sexually Violent Predators.

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The Board also participated in outreach, touring men's and women's FACT facilities in Northern California and have plans to tour facilities in San Diego.

Report from Dr. Jasmine Tehrani, Chief Psychologist, Forensic Assessment Division

Chief Psychologist, DR. JASMINE TEHRANI, reported that a majority of FAD psychologists and senior psychologists attended the Department of State Hospital Forensic Services Division's virtual conference, which discussed sexually violent predators and other topics.

TEHRANI also gave a staffing update.

OPEN COMMENTS

Agenda items. None.

Public Comment.

JOSEPH MAGAZENNI, Attorney, stated the Road to Freedom Group at the Correctional Training Facility was created and is completely facilitated by the population and has received formal recognition from the institution administration. This group has done a great deal to remove the stigma of being a sex offender. MAGAZENNI made the group's curriculum available to the Board and invited Board members who would like more information to reach out to the facilitators or to him.

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance (LSA), stated on Saturday LSA will be holding the second part of the Connecting the Dots Workshop at San Quentin. The workshop offers insight into the causative factors of criminal thinking and behavior. Two workshops will be held in June to cover the Amends Project to assist in writing apology letters and provide information on the parole hearing process. San Quentin arranged for sign language translation and the program's workbook will be available in Spanish as well.

CONNIE LASKY, San Bernardino County Deputy District Attorney, stated it was a pleasure to attend the APAI conference earlier this month. LASKY was impressed with the sex offender treatment program provided to the incarcerated persons in Washington State prisons, as well as the wrap-around and deferment services provided to victims in Nevada and she looks forward to seeing the implementation of some of these programs in California.

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ERIC KNAPP, Parolee, stated since his release on December 12, 2023, he has achieved many accomplishments despite not participating in transitional housing. KNAPP stated he is now being told he must go to transitional housing, which will disrupt everything.

EN BANC REFERRALS

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Commissioner CHAPPELL stated that a 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.

11. ATKINS, LANNY (B87072)

No speakers.

12. CELIS, VICTOR (T75811)

CELIS's family and friends supported the parole grant.

13. DUARTE, LEONEL (J64979)

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

14. PETERSON, JOHN (H05974)

PETERSON's friend support the parole grant.

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

15. WILCOX, HENRY (J28360)

WILCOX's friends supported the parole grant.

A representative of the San Diego County District Attorney's Office recommended a rehearing.

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16. ARREDONDO, JESSE (AT1003)

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

17. JARA, ALONSO (J16645)

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

Open session recessed at 12:47 p.m.

Open session reconvened at 1:02 p.m.

18. SPARKS, MICHAEL (P65893)

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

19. TAASE, OLAESE (P64847)

TAASE's friends, family and attorney, MARC GARDNER, supported the parole grant.

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20. BALDASARO, ROBERT (T40946)

BALDASARO's friend and a representative of his attorney, KRISTINA FOX, supported the parole grant.

21. BALIOZIAN, HRATCH (P30142)

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BALIOZIAN's friends and family supported the parole grant.

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

22. BROWN, ALAN (F38989)

BROWN's friends supported the parole grant.

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

23. CLARKE, ANDREW (F59288)

CLARKE's family supported the parole grant.

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

24. DEES, RANDI (WE8525)

DEES's friend and family supported the parole grant.

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

25. LAMBERT, JAWANTA (V42105)

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

26. LARTIGUE, RICKEY (BB9511)

LARTIGUE's friends and attorney, DEEDREA EDGAR, supported the parole grant.

27. LAZARUS, STEPHANIE (WE4479)

LAZARUS's family and friends supported the parole grant.

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

Open session recessed at 3:22 p.m.

Open session reconvened at 3:37 p.m.

28. LINDSEY, KELLY (T45799)

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

29. MARTINEZ-MORALES, AURELIO (AD9078)

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

30. NGUYEN, HOANG (T12530)

NGUYEN's friend and family supported the parole grant.

31. PADILLA, MARIO (P48648)

A representative for the victim's family recommended ordering a rescission hearing.

32. REYES, JOSUE (AM5453)

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

33. ROBINSON, KEVIN (P44873)

ROBINSON's friend and family, and attorney, LILLI PARATORE, supported the parole grant.

34. VALDEZ, LUIS (BG3470)

VALDEZ's friends and family supported the parole grant.

35. WILLEY, RONALD (H68910)

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WILLEY's friends and family supported the parole grant.

The victims' family, and a representative of the Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office recommended ordering a rescission hearing.

OPEN COMMENTS

Public Comment

CYNTHIA BREWER, Orange County Senior Deputy District Attorney, stated deputy district attorneys have asked the Board not to schedule parole hearings or en banc consideration of cases on the anniversaries of crimes due to the pain it causes victims.

Open session recessed at 5:12 p.m.

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Roll Call: Commissioners Cassady, Dobbs, Garland, Long, Minor, Muñiz, Ndudim, Nwajei, Purcell, Ruff, Sheffield, and Weiss were present in person.

Commissioner LONG stated that a majority of currently-appointed commissioners were present in person.

EN BANC REFERRALS

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.

37. DANIELS, RODERICK (D39545)

No speakers.

38. GIVENS, ROBERT (H29884)

No speakers.

39. GRAVES, DESMOND (P33961)

GRAVES's family and attorney, CALVIN MASSEY, supported the parole grant.

40. JONES, SHANNON (E78624)

JONES's friend supported the parole grant.

41. MCNEESE, ROY (K77305)

No speakers.

42. MILLSAP, FERNANDO (T64682)

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MILLSAP's family supported the parole grant.

43. ROBLES, JUAN (P02002)

No speakers.

44. STEWART, KWAMIN (T05239)

STEWART's family supported the parole grant.

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45. GOODMAN, PATRICK (T65913)

GOODMAN's friends and family supported the parole grant.

The victim's next of kin, and a representative of the San Francisco County District Attorney's Office recommended ordering a rescission hearing.

46. JOHNSON, HENDERSON (V02639)

JOHNSON's friends and family, and attorney, ALFRED WISEMAN, supported the parole grant.

47. ZAMARRIPA, DAVID (AV6477)

No speakers.

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48. AUGUST, MICHAEL (C19372)

AUGUST's family and friends supported the parole grant.

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49. BREWER, ALEXANDER (AM7772)

BREWER's friends supported the parole grant.

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

50. COOPER, DARRELL (V06473)

No speakers.

51. DAVIS, CURTIS (AW6937)

No speakers.

52. HOWARD, MICHAEL (AU5397)

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

53. JOHNSON, THOMAS (J64683)

No speakers.

54. LOERA, RAFAEL (T74793)

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

55. MACK, MAURICE (D05769)

MACK's family supported the parole grant.

56. MENDOZA, ARTURO (AU1110)

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

57. ORNELAS, FRANCISCO (AD9435)

ORNELAS's friends and family supported the parole grant.

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

Open session recessed at 11:03 a.m.

Open session reconvened at 11:21 a.m.

58. PARNELL, RICKEY (G37311)

No speakers.

59. RODRIGUEZ, JOSE (BC0544)

RODRIGUEZ's family supported the parole grant.

60. SANCHEZ, RODOLFO (AP3001)

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

61. STUART, PERRY (AT7000)

STUART's family supported the parole grant.

62. TAYLOR, JOSHUA (AZ8361)

No speakers.

63. WASHINGTON, RODNEY (V35583)

WASHINGTON's friends supported the parole grant.

OPEN COMMENTS

Agenda items. None.

Public Comment.

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance (LSA), referenced a case where a victim's family and district attorney requested a 50-mile distance placement for the person who was paroling. NELSON-SLOANE suggested that even though he would be placed in transitional housing, such last-minute changes are not always the most appropriate

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placements, and she urged the Board to honor the parole plans and support networks that the paroling person has made.

Open session recessed at 11:54 a.m.

Open session reconvened at 2:44 p.m.

Commissioner LONG stated that during the closed session, the Board made decisions on the cases noticed on the agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.



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