

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

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**Meeting called to order at 9:00 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, Garland, Infante, Long, Minor, Muniz, O’Meara, Sharrieff, Taira, Thornton and Weiss were present in person.

Commissioners Chappell, Dobbs, Kozel, Ndudim, Nwajei, Ruff, Schneider and Sheffield were online via TEAMS with their cameras turned on.

Commissioner O’ MEARA stated that a majority of currently-appointed commissioners were present.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

2. Approval of the Draft Minutes from the July 15-16, 2024, Board of Parole Hearings’ Executive Board Meeting.
3. Approval of the Parole Consideration Hearings and Backlog Report for August 2024.
4. Approval of Motions for Hearings with Procedural Errors.

**RAINEY, CLYDE (P50923)**

**Motion:** Vacate the panel’s July 10, 2024 decision and schedule a new hearing in order to comply with the recording requirement set forth Penal Code section 3042, subdivision (b).

No speakers.

5. Public Comment on the Consent Calendar. There were no comments.

Commissioner SHARRIEFF moved to approve the consent calendar. Commissioner GARLAND seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Barton	Aye
Chappell	Aye
Dobbs	Aye
Garland	Aye
Infante	Aye
Kozel	Aye
Long	Aye

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Minor	Aye
Muniz	Aye
Ndudim	Aye
Nwajei	Aye
O'Meara	Aye
Ruff	Aye
Schneider	Aye
Sharrieff	Aye
Sheffield	Aye
Taira	Aye
Thornton	Aye
Weiss	Aye

Commissioner CASSADY joined the meeting in person.

**REPORTS**

**Report from Jennifer Shaffer, Executive Officer**

Chief Counsel, JESSICA BLONIEN, delivered the report on behalf of Executive Officer, JENNIFER SHAFFER. BLONIEN stated that the Board recognizes the significant mental and emotional impact of the *CJLF v. CDCR* case on incarcerated persons and their families. BLONIEN clarified Executive Officer SHAFFER's report from the July 2024 meeting and explained that the case is not impacting a large percentage of parole grants. BLONIEN reported that the Board filed the opening brief and is moving forward with the litigation.

BLONIEN congratulated Commissioners DOBBS, GARLAND, LONG, MINOR, NDUDIM, SHARRIEFF, and TAIRA on their reappointment to the Board by the Governor.

**Report from Jessica Blonien, Chief Counsel**

Chief Counsel, JESSICA BLONIEN, stated that she and Parole Agent Martin Figueroa recently attended a resource fair at the California Health Care Facility, where she provided information and fact sheets, including information on the *CJLF* decision.

**Report from Dr. Jasmine Tehrani, Chief Psychologist, Forensic Assessment Division (FAD)**

Chief Psychologist, DR. JASMINE TEHRANI, stated that she recently gave a presentation to the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office, Alternate Public Defender's Office, and the Independent Defense Counsel's Office. She provided information on the evolution of risk assessments, on risk categories, and how to prepare for the FAD interview.

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**Report from the Office of Victim and Survivor Rights and Services (OVSRS)**

Assistant Chief, MIKE YOUNG, provided a summary of OVSRS's statistics on victim registration and participation in the hearing process for the time period of January through June 2024. YOUNG also provided an update on OVSRS's outreach campaign to Department of Motor Vehicles offices throughout the state for victims to hear about services offered by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

**OPEN COMMENTS**

No Board member requested an agenda item for a future board meeting.

Public Comment

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance, stated many incarcerated persons are unable to afford books or gain access to materials to supplement the lack of programming that exists for Penal Code section 290 registrants. Life Support Alliance is creating a new rehabilitative reading project to address the issue for little to no cost to the incarcerated person.

MORGAN ZAMORA, Prison Advocacy Coordinator, Ella Baker Center for Human Rights, welcomed the information and fact sheet provided by the Board on the *CJLF* litigation and asks that CDCR ensure the information about the case is properly shared with incarcerated persons.

**EN BANC REFERRALS**

**Roll Call:** Commissioners Barton, Cassady, Garland, Infante, Long, Minor, Muniz, O'Meara, Sharrieff, Taira, Thornton, and Weiss were present in person.

Commissioner O'MEARA stated that a majority of currently-appointed commissioners were present.

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).

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**12. SIMMONS, EDWARD (K85143)**

SIMMONS requested confirmation that the Board had received a document from the California Health Care Facility. Chief Counsel BLONIEN confirmed receipt of the document.

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.

**13. CHIA, MICHAEL (F03496)**

CHIA's family, friends, attorney, HEIDI RUMMEL, and certified law student, AVERY BROGLE, supported the parole grant. A letter was read from the victim's mother, who did not oppose the parole grant.

The victim's friends recommended ordering a rescission hearing.

**14. FRANK, KYLE (AH1177)**

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

**15. GREEN, JEROME (V73855)**

GREEN's family supported the parole grant.

**16. KIDWELL, SEQUOYAH (T67322)**

KIDWELL's attorney, HEIDI RUMMEL, and certified law student, REBECCA HURYK, supported the parole grant.

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

**17. MEJIA, CARLOS (P70705)**

MEJIA's attorney, JERRY LOWE, supported the parole grant.

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

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**18. OLIVER, PAUL (V84319)**

OLIVER's attorney, CALVIN MASSEY, supported the parole grant.

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

**19. RAMIREZ, ROSA (WF6998)**

No speakers.

**20. ROSE, MICHAEL (BW4693)**

ROSE's family supported the parole grant.

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

**21. SERRANO, ERIKA (X30316)**

SERRANO's family supported the parole grant.

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

**22. SMITH, ROBERT (D55330)**

No speakers.

**23. VILLA, LUIS (BE1408)**

VILLA's family supported the parole grant.

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

**24. WHITE, RUSSELL (H44662)**

No speakers.

**25. WILLIS, TRAVON (F90477)**

WILLIS's friends and attorney, JERRY LOWE, supported the parole grant.

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**26. WOLLETT, PATRICK (AD6046)**

WOLLETT's family, friend, and attorney, JERRY LOWE, supported the parole grant.

**Open session recessed at 11:12 a.m.**

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**Open session reconvened at 9:00 a.m.**

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

**Roll Call:** Commissioners Barton, Chappell, Dobbs, Kozel, Ndudim, Nwajei, Purcell, Ruff, Schneider, Sharrieff, Sheffield, and Weiss were present in person.

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

**EN BANC REFERRALS**

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.

**28. ROSELL, MICHAEL (D56974)**

ROSELL's family supported the parole grant.

**29. THAING, YA (F26942)**

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. ACOSTA, JOSE (P90441)**

ACOSTA's friend supported the parole grant.

**31. BARRIOS, MANUEL (BE7194)**

BARRIOS's family and friend supported the parole grant.

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

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**32. BURCHAM, JOSHUA (AH6840)**

BURCHAM's family supported the parole grant.

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

**33. DANIEL, DOMINIC (AX7304)**

No speakers.

**34. GONZALEZ, MODESTO (AG2376)**

GONZALEZ's family supported the parole grant.

**35. HODGINS, ANDREW (P82664)**

HODGINS's friend supported the parole grant.

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

**36. JOLLY, WESLEY (AF0387)**

JOLLY's family supported the parole grant.

**37. MCNEIL, MICHAEL (P59685)**

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

**38. MORALES, ARI (AN6018)**

No speakers.

**39. ROSSIGNOL, RODERICK (V81390)**

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

**40. SANCHEZ, MANUEL (K15621)**

SANCHEZ's family supported the parole grant.

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**41. SOLANO, ERASMO (T90308)**

No speakers.

**42. VALLADARES, JOSE (V76245)**

VALLADARES's family supported the parole grant.

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

**OPEN COMMENTS**

Public Comment.

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance, welcomed the Board's greater openness and transparency that has developed since 2010.

**Open session recessed at 10:35 a.m.**

**Open session reconvened at 12:35 p.m.**

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

**Open session adjourned at 12:35 p.m.**



## Board of Parole Hearings Scheduled and Backlog Hearings Report Penal Code Section 3041(d) September, 2024

