

**BOARD OF PAROLE HEARINGS
Executive Board Meeting
September 17, 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, Cassady, Chappell, Dobbs, Kozel, Minor, Ndudim, Nwajei, O'Meara, Purcell, Schneider, and Sheffield were present in person.

Commissioners Garland, Infante, Long, Muñiz, Sharrieff, Taira, Thornton, and Weiss were online via TEAMS, with their cameras turned on.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Approval of the Draft Minutes from the August 20-21, 2024 Board of Parole Hearings Executive Board Meeting.
3. Approval of the Parole Consideration Hearings and Backlog Report for September 2024.
4. Public Comment on the Consent Calendar. There were no comments.

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

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

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Schneider Aye
Sharrieff Aye
Sheffield Aye
Taira Aye
Thornton Aye
Weiss Aye

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 2023-2024 legislative session ended on August 21, 2024. If the Governor signs Assembly Bill 2310 into law, the Board will be required to translate its forms and notices into the five languages that are most widely spoken by persons eligible for parole consideration.

BLONIEN stated that, on September 6, 2024, SHAFFER testified before the Committee on the Revision of the Penal Code regarding the impact of the *CJLF* decision on the Board's workload.

Report from Jessica Blonien, Chief Counsel

Chief Counsel, JESSICA BLONIEN stated that, in *People v. Williams*, the California Supreme Court held that persons sentenced under the one-strike sex offender law are excluded from youth offender eligibility.

BLONIEN stated that, the Fifth District Court of Appeal held in *In re Brown*, that an offender who committed a third-strike offense while incarcerated is excluded from the statutory elderly parole provisions.

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

Chief Deputy, RYAN YOUTSEY, stated that Pre-Parole Unit Supervisor MARTIN FIGUEROA attended the statewide Impact Justice training.

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

Chief Psychologist, Dr. JASMINE TEHRANI, stated that she recently gave a presentation at the California Institution for Women on how best to prepare for FAD interviews and suitability hearings. She stated that Dr. RYAN JORDAN and Dr. ADAM YERKE have been appointed as FAD psychologists.

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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, and referral by the Governor under Penal Code section 3041.1 and California Code of Regulations, title 15, section 2044, subdivision (b).

9. CHAVEZ, ANTONIO (J45710)

No speakers.

10. CRUZ, EDWIN (G26781)

CRUZ's attorney, SUSAN SANDS, and certified law student, ISABELLA VILLALTA, supported the parole grant.

11. HAYES, SHAWN (K81139)

HAYES's friend supported the parole grant.

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

12. HOOVER, CROSSAN (C95830)

HOOVER's family and attorney, LILLIANA PARATORE, supported the parole grant.

The victim's family recommended ordering a rehearing.

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. ABAD, RUBEN (AR9863)

ABAD's attorney, ANANDA HART, supported the parole grant.

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

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14. CASEY, JAMAL (AI5057)

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

15. COVARRUBIAS, JUAN (AP2985)

COVARRUBIAS's family and 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.

16. EZELL, RICHARD (AV1966)

EZELL's family supported the parole grant.

17. FUENTES, BERNARDO (AI2609)

No speakers.

18. KING, LARRY (P72334)

No speakers.

19. LEJERO, RANDALL (V28493)

No speakers.

20. LEONARDO, DAVID (AS9564)

LEONARDO's family and friends supported the parole grant.

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

21. MARQUEZ, JOSE (K74073)

No speakers.

Open session recessed at 10:49 p.m.

Open session reconvened at 11:02 p.m.

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22. PARRA, HIPOLITO (AX2773)

No speakers.

23. PETRESS, DUREE (WE4648)

PETRESS's friends and attorney, MEGAN BACA, 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.

24. SANTISTEVAN, TOM (K02229)

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

25. WESSELS, JEREMY (AD9614)

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

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

26. WILSON, ROSIE (WF8545)

No speakers.

27. YANG, XIONG (T47209)

YANG's family and friends supported the parole grant.

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

28. ZENC, JOHN (B89092)

ZENC's friends supported the parole grant.

A representative of the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office recommended ordering a rescission hearing and read an opposition letter from the victim's family.

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Referral by a hearing panel member under Penal Code section 3041(a)(5) and California Code of Regulations, title 15, section 2044(a) to request review of a parole decision by the full board.

29. ALLRED, JOHN (K69011)

No speakers.

OPEN COMMENTS

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

Public Comment

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance, expressed concern regarding the denial of parole based on an incarcerated person's involvement in victim restitution avoidance. She questioned the legality of denying parole on this ground.

LINDA DUNN, Riverside County Deputy District Attorney, recommended that panels request an investigation into allegations of restitution fraud before granting parole.

Open session recessed at 12:22 p.m.

Open session reconvened at 4:04 p.m.

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

Open session adjourned at 4:05 p.m.



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