

BOARD OF PAROLE HEARINGS
Executive Board Meeting
December 17, 2024

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Meeting called to order at 11:02 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, Long, Minor, Muniz, Ndudim, Nwajei, O'Meara, Purcell, Schneider, Sharrieff, Sheffield, and Taira were present in person.

Commissioners Cassady, Ruff, and Thornton were online via TEAMS, with their cameras turned on.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Approval of the Draft Minutes from the November 25-26, 2024 Board of Parole Hearings Executive Board Meeting
3. Approval of the Parole Consideration Hearings and Backlog Report for December 2024.
4. Approval of Motions for Hearings with Procedural Errors.

RAMIREZ, MONIQUE (W64267)

Motion: Vacate the panel's September 4, 2024, decision and schedule a new hearing in order to comply with the recording requirement set forth Penal Code section 3042, subdivision (b).

RAMIREZ's attorney, KEITH WATTLEY, expressed concern regarding the quality of the hearing transcript.

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

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

Barton	Aye
Cassady	Aye
Chappell	Aye

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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
Sharrieff	Aye
Sheffield	Aye
Taira	Aye
Thornton	Aye

REPORTS

Report from Jennifer Shaffer, Executive Officer

Executive Officer, JENNIFER SHAFFER, stated that she will be retiring at the end of December 2024. She thanked the Board's commissioners, staff, and stakeholders for their contribution to the parole hearing process. SHAFFER introduced the next Executive Officer, SCOTT WYCKOFF.

Report from Jessica Blonien, Chief Counsel

Chief Counsel, JESSICA BLONIEN, stated that, in *In re Nguyen*, the Second District Court of Appeal denied Nguyen's habeas petition and determined Nguyen failed to establish that CDCR's credit earning scheme violated his right to equal protection.

BLONIEN stated that Staff Attorneys LAILA RASHID and SUZANNA MURADAYAN have been promoted to Senior Staff Attorneys.

BLONIEN thanked SHAFFER for her service to the Board.

Governor JERRY BROWN thanked SHAFFER for her public service.

BLONIEN read a letter from Governor GAVIN NEWSOM expressing appreciation for SHAFFER's public service.

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HEIDI RUMMEL, attorney, ROBIN GILMORE, Life Support Alliance, ERIC KNAPP, former incarcerated person, DAVID SLOANE, Life Support Alliance, GUNNER JOHNSON, UC Davis, CARLOS JONES, Life Support Alliance, VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance, CONNIE LASKY, San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office, ALLEN BURNETT, Prism Way and Parole Justice Works, and ELIZA HERSH, Governor's Office, thanked SHAFFER for her public service.

OPEN COMMENTS

No Board member requested an item for future meetings.

Public Comment

CYNTHIA BREWER, Riverside County District Attorney's Office, stated that it is insufficient for incarcerated persons who were convicted of sex offenses to use the book, "The Road to Freedom" on its own. It is intended to be used in conjunction with treatment provided by a licensed therapist.

CONNIE LASKY, San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office, congratulated KATHY NORMAN on her retirement and stated she is being succeeded by Robert Knox.

ERIC KNAPP commended the Board on its parole hearing process and expressed that determinate sentences should be repealed. All incarcerated persons should be subject to the Board's parole hearing process.

KEITH WATTLEY, UnCommon Law, congratulated Executive Officer JENNIFER SHAFFER on her retirement. WATTLEY expressed concern that some commissioners require incarcerated persons to admit guilt for their commitment offenses.

EN BANC REFERRALS

Referral by the Governor under Penal Code section 4802 to review a pardon application.

10. PENRY, RICHARD (10-23-00682)

PENRY's friend supported the pardon application.

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 a majority of appointed commissioners.

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11. LEWIS, JOHN (T65118)

LEWIS's family, friends, and attorney, SUSAN JORDAN, recommended ordering a rehearing.

The victim's family and a representative of the San Diego County District Attorney's Office supported the parole denial.

12. STEVENS, LOUIS (J98437)

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

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.

13. BOWDEN, LADON (AC9719)

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

14. COLE, DARREL (P97529)

No speakers.

15. HILL, JOE (K44211)

HILL's attorney, LEVI UKU, supported the parole grant.

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

Open session recessed at 12:56 p.m.

Open session reconvened at 1:07 p.m.

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16. JOHNSON, ADRIAN (P68103)

JOHNSON's attorney, SERENA WITHERSPOON, supported the parole grant.

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

17. RAMSEY, RONALD (H39461)

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

18. VANDERVALL, KARL (D82274)

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

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.

19. JOHNSON, JOE (V46926)

JOHNSON's family supported the parole grant.

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

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.

20. BISHOP, NICKIE (C94764)

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

21. COLLIN, JAMES (AW4447)

No speakers.

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22. COOPER, DONALD (T79901)

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

23. HAYWARD, DALE (T90848)

No speakers.

24. HERNANDEZ, FRANCISCO (H58147)

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

25. HERNANDEZ, MARK (AA4869)

HERNANDEZ's family supported the parole grant.

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

26. JENSON, MARTIN (F21091)

No speakers.

27. LEE, DUEWA (WE7573)

LEE's family and friends supported the parole grant.

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

28. MOSLEY, MICHAEL (F00246)

MOSLEY's family supported the parole grant.

29. NEGRETE, SALVADOR (P49458)

NEGRETE's family supported the parole grant.

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

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Open session recessed at 2:31 p.m.

Open session reconvened at 4:04 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.



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