

BOARD OF PAROLE HEARINGS
Executive Board Meeting
March 18 to 19, 2025

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Meeting called to order at 10:02 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 Dobbs, Cassady, Chappell, Long, Minor, Ndudim, Nwajei, O'Meara, Purcell, Ruff, Sharrieff, and Taira were present in person at 1515 K Street, Sacramento California.

Commissioners Barton, Infante, Kozel, Muniz, Schneider, Thornton, and Weiss were online via TEAMS, with their cameras turned on.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Approval of the Draft Minutes from the February 19-20, 2025 Board of Parole Hearings' Executive Board Meeting.
3. Approval of the Parole Consideration Hearings and Backlog Report for March 2025.
4. Approval of Motions for Hearings with Procedural Errors

A. FLINT, JUSTIN (F36862)

Motion: Vacate the panel's January 31, 2025 decision and schedule a new hearing in order to comply with the notice requirement in Penal Code section 3042, subdivision (a)(1) for the law enforcement agency that employed the peace officer-victim at the time of the murder.

FLINT's friends supported the parole grant.

Representatives of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, Los Angeles Police Department, and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department recommended ordering a rehearing.

B. PATE, JEFFREY (V75624)

Motion: Vacate the panel's March 6, 2025 decision and schedule a new hearing in order to comply with the recording requirement in Penal Code section 3042, subdivision (b).

No speakers.

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

Commissioner NWAJEI moved to approve the consent calendar. Commissioner CASSADY seconded the motion, which carried, with Commissioner INFANTE abstaining.

Barton	Aye
Cassady	Aye
Chappell	Aye
Dobbs	Aye
Infante	Abstain
Kozel	Aye
Long	Aye
Minor	Aye
Muniz	Aye
Ndudim	Aye
Nwajei	Aye
O'Meara	Aye
Purcell	Aye
Ruff	Aye
Schneider	Aye
Sharrieff	Aye
Taira	Aye
Thornton	Aye
Weiss	Aye

REPORTS

Report from Scott Wyckoff, Executive Officer

Executive Officer, SCOTT WYCKOFF, congratulated Commissioners GARLAND, NDUDIM, DOBBS, and SHEFFIELD on their confirmation by the State Senate. WYCKOFF stated that he participated in the Day of Healing event at the Correctional Training Facility.

Report from Jessica Blonien, Chief Counsel

Chief Counsel, JESSICA BLONIEN, gave an update on proposed legislation that would impact the Board, including Assembly Bills 1094 and 47 and Senate Bills 286, 356, 470, and 672. BLONIEN stated the Board will continue to monitor these bills as the legislative season progresses.

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

Chief Deputy, RYAN YOUTSEY, reported that Parole Agent II Specialist Aspen Marshall attended a meeting at the California Medical Facility. Parole Agent III Martin Figueroa presented to incarcerated persons regarding reentry and community programs. Parole Agent III Martin Figueroa, Assistant Chief Counsel Mina Choi, and Senior Staff Attorney Roxanna Gomez attended the Reentry Resources Fair at the California Health Care Facility.

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

Chief Psychologist, Dr. JASMINE TEHRANI, reported on FAD's annual training event. The annual training event included presentations on recent research on domestic violence risk assessments, sexual dynamic risk considerations, family violence, intimate partner violence, navigating developmental complexity, and assessing developmental maturity.

Report from Mariam El-Menshawi, Chief, Office of Victims and Survivors Rights and Services (OVSRS)

Chief, MARIAM EL-MENSHAWI, stated that the 2025 National Crime Victims' Rights Week will take place on April 6th through April 12th. OVSRS will host an event on April 8th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and encourages anyone interested in participating to contact the OVSRS hotline. This year's theme is "Kinship." EL-MENSHAWI asked for a moment of silence to recognize all victims and survivors across California.

OPEN COMMENTS

No Board member requested an item for future meetings.

Public Comment

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance (LSA), expressed concern regarding the lack of understanding shown by some legislative offices' staff regarding the parole hearing process and the impact of proposed legislation.

ALEX DELGADO, who was recently granted parole, thanked Commissioner Sharrieff, Commissioner Dobbs, and Deputy Commissioner Loza for their work and stated he intends to succeed while in the community.

GEMMA QUETZAL, Uncommon Law, asked when the 2024 Report of Significant Events will be released and encouraged the Board to give a presentation on its findings at the next Executive Board Meeting.

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ANTONIO CALLES, LSA, expressed concern regarding proposed legislation that would extend parole periods and stated this would be counterproductive.

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EN BANC REFERRALS

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

13. CANNON, JONATHAN (T81612)

CANNON's friend supported the commutation application.

A representative of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office requested the application be continued to the next Executive Board Meeting. In the alternative, the representative opposed CANNON's application for a commutation of sentence.

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.

14. OARD, WYRON (F57245)

OARD's family and friends supported the parole grant.

The victim's family took no position on the parole grant. A representative of the Orange County District Attorney's Office recommended ordering a rehearing.

Referral to consider for a rescission hearing under California Code of Regulations, title 15, section 2450 et seq., 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.

15. HALL, JASON (AW3635)

HALL's attorney, MARC GARDNER, and a friend supported the parole grant.

16. LOPEZ, VICTOR (F81755)

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

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17. FLOYD, JACOB (P56597)

FLOYD's family and friends supported the parole grant.

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

18. HENLEY, FLOYD (H96303)

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

Open session recessed at 12:02 p.m.

Open session reconvened at 12:34 p.m.

19. MIRZAI, SHAPOUR (BF6955)

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

20. PHELPS, MARK (D83007)

PHELPS's family and friends supported the parole grant.

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

21. ROSS, CHARLES (F13563)

ROSS's friend supported the parole grant.

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

22. SAFIEDDINE, REDA (AV1804)

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SAFIEDDINE's friends supported the parole grant.

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

23. VIZCARRA, GEORGE (T67069)

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

24. WHITE, GREGORY (T50938)

WHITE's family and friends supported the parole grant.

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

Open session recessed at 1:38 p.m.

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Roll Call: Commissioners Barton, Cassady, Garland, Infante, Kozel, Muniz, Nwajei, Purcell, Schneider, Sheffield, Thornton, and Weiss were present in person at 1515 K Street, Sacramento.

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

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26. BRUNO-MARTINEZ, JOSEPH (G45784)

BRUNO-MARTINEZ's family supported BRUNO-MARTINEZ's application for a commutation of sentence.

A representative of the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office opposed BRUNO-MARTINEZ's application for a commutation of sentence.

27. FITTS, DAVID (K14129)

A representative of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office opposed FITTS's application for a commutation of sentence.

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.

28. CLARKE, ANDREW (F59288)

Representatives of the Riverside and San Diego County District Attorneys' Offices recommended ordering a rehearing.

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29. FLOURNOY, JUSTIN (K24068)

No speakers.

30. ROMERO, ISAAC (V22806)

ROMERO's family supported the parole grant.

31. WILLIS, FREDRICK (K67955)

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

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32. ESPINOZA, BENNY (V90095)

ESPINOZA's family and representatives of the Santa Clara County Public Defender's Office supported the parole grant.

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

33. LOPEZ, PAUL (G00079)

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

34. RESENDIZ, GERARDO (F96693)

RESENDIZ's attorney, RECECCA RABKIN, and a friend supported the parole grant.

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35. FIALHO, SCOTT (AL1830)

FIALHO's friends supported the parole grant.

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

36. GONZALEZ, ERNESTO (H95067)

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

37. KHANKHANIAN, SINA (AL8228)

KHANKHANIAN's family and a friend supported the parole grant.

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

Open session recessed at 10:44 a.m.

Open session reconvened at 10:54 a.m.

Commissioner CHAPPELL joined the meeting online via TEAMS, with his camera turned on, for public comments for the case of MICHAEL PANELLA (T02350). Commissioner PURCELL was not present for public comments for the PANELLA case.

38. PANELLA, MICHAEL (T02350)

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

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

Open session recessed at 11:06 a.m.

Open session reconvened at 11:08 a.m.

Commissioner PURCELL rejoined the meeting in person, and Commissioner CHAPPELL left the meeting.

39. ROCK, DENNIS (V72383)

ROCK's family supported the parole grant.

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40. STRICKLAND, EUGENE (P56847)

No speakers.

41. THAO, XOU (AX0705)

No speakers.

OPEN COMMENTS

No Board member requested an item for future meetings.

Public Comment

DANZELL NONSUCH, Anti-Recidivism Coalition, described his experiences after being granted parole.

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance, expressed concerns regarding the decline in the parole grant rate and panels' reliance on an incarcerated person's participation in restitution avoidance as a factor for denying parole.

Open session recessed at 11:24 p.m.

Open session reconvened at 1:45 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.



Board of Parole Hearings Scheduled and Backlog Hearings Report Penal Code Section 3041(d)

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