

**BOARD OF PAROLE HEARINGS**  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
**October 20 to 23, 2025**

**October 20, 2025**

**Meeting called to order at 11:01 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, Garland, Kozel, Long, Muniz, Ndudim, Schneider, Sharrieff, and Sheffield were present in person at 1515 K Street, Sacramento, CA.

Commissioners Infante, Purcell, Ruff, Taira, Thornton, and Weiss were online via TEAMS, with their 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 September 16 to 17, 2025 Board of Parole Hearings Executive Board Meeting.
3. Approval of the Parole Consideration Hearings and Backlog Report for October 2025.
4. Public Comment on the Consent Calendar. There were no public comments.

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

Barton	Aye
Cassady	Aye
Chappell	Aye
Dobbs	Aye
Garland	Aye
Infante	Aye
Kozel	Aye
Long	Aye
Muniz	Aye
Ndudim	Aye
Purcell	Aye
Ruff	Aye
Schneider	Aye
Sharrieff	Aye
Sheffield	Aye

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Taira	Aye
Thornton	Aye
Weiss	Aye

**REPORTS**

**Report from Jessica Blonien, Chief Counsel**

Chief Counsel, JESSICA BLONIEN, stated that, on September 18, 2025, she and Assistant Chief Counsel MINA CHOI gave a presentation at the California Agricultural Leadership Foundation. On September 25, 2025, BLONIEN gave a presentation at the California Statewide Inmate Family Council.

BLONIEN stated that the public comment period for the Board's proposed regulations regarding commutation and recall of sentence recommendation assessment process ends on October 21, 2025. The Board will hold a public hearing on the regulations on October 30, 2025.

BLONIEN stated that the Governor has signed Senate Bill 470, Senate Bill 551, and Assembly Bill 1094 into law.

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

Chief Psychologist, Dr. JASMINE TEHRANI, stated that Dr. ANJALEE GREENWOOD has been hired as a FAD psychologist.

**Report from Ryan Youtsey, Chief Deputy, Investigations and Reentry Screening Division (IRSD)**

On behalf of Chief Deputy RYAN YOUTSEY, Parole Administrator ESTELINA LOPEZ announced Parole Agent II Brian Stroh's retirement. LOPEZ stated that Parole Agent III Martin Figueroa and Parole Agent II Aspen Marshall attended Life Support Alliance RISE events at California State Prison, Sacramento and Correctional Facility to share information regarding the parole process. Agent Figueroa visited the San Quentin Rehabilitation Center on multiple occasions in collaboration with the TRUST organization to share information on various aspects of the parole process with the incarcerated population.

**Report from Miriam El-Menshawi, Chief of the Office of Victim and Survivor Rights and Services (OVSRS)**

Chief MIRIAM EL-MENSHAWI, stated that she presented on victims' rights at the California Agricultural Leadership Foundation. EL-MENSHAWI reported that OVSRS

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staff participated in the Parents of Murdered Children's National Day of Remembrance event and presented to the Ventura County District Attorney's Office.

EL-MENSHAWI thanked Dr. JASMINE TEHRANI for giving a presentation to OVSRS. EL-MENSHAWI stated that the OVSRS Round Table event will take place on October 30, 2025.

**OPEN COMMENTS**

No Board Member requested agenda items for future meetings.

Public Comment

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance (LSA), stated that, on October 17, 2025, incarcerated persons graduated from the Community Healing Through Amends programs conducted by LSA at three institutions.

JAIME GONZALEZ described his experiences on parole and recommended that all correctional officers should wear body cameras.

PEDRO AYON described his experiences on parole.

**Roll Call:** Commissioners Barton, Cassady, Chappell, Dobbs, Garland, Kozel, Long, Muniz, Ndudim, Schneider, Sharrieff, and Sheffield were present in person.

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**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

**11. GREEN, RAYMOND (E68189)**

No speakers.

**12. KHRAYAN, ARUTYUN (G55620)**

No speakers.

**13. PADILLA, JAIME (V28972)**

PADILLA's family supported the parole grant.

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**14. VALENZUELA, DAVID (D95234)**

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

**15. AGUILAR, ALFRED (E87351)**

AGUILAR's friends supported the parole grant.

The victim's family recommended ordering a rescission hearing.

**16. BRANDON, MARLON JR. (V99832)**

No speakers.

**17. BRIGHT, JAMES (H90540)**

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

**18. GASTELUM, JESUS (G35526)**

GASTELUM's family and friends supported the parole grant.

The victim's family recommended ordering a rescission hearing.

**19. GOMEZ, ERIC (K40886)**

No speakers.

**20. JACKSON, CRAIG (T32164)**

JACKSON's family and friends supported the parole grant.

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

**21. MANCIAS, LUIS (AM9980)**

MANCIAS's family and friends supported the parole grant.

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

**22. SANDOVAL, JOSE (G11100)**

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

**Open session recessed at 1:06 p.m.**

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**Roll Call:** Commissioners Barton, Infante, Long, Muniz, Ndudim, O’Meara, Purcell, Ruff, Sharrieff, Taira, Thornton, and Weiss were present in person at 1515 K Street, Sacramento, CA.

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

**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.

**24. CALDWELL, REGINALD (H11637)**

The victim’s family supported the parole grant.

**25. HERNANDEZ, ERNIE (H81201)**

HERNANDEZ’s family, friends, and attorney, LYSA DARDEN, supported the parole grant.

**26. JACKSON, DUPREE (AV1534)**

No speakers.

**27. OLIVER, ANTHONY (P55442)**

OLIVER’s family and friends supported the parole grant.

**28. RICO, FILIBERT (J07477)**

RICO’s attorney, KATEY GILBERT, recommended ordering a rehearing.

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

**29. VALDIVIA, CARLOS (K44048)**

No speakers.

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

**30. VINES, JOSHAWA (P43513)**

VINES's friend supported the parole grant.

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

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.

**31. NAVAS, JOSE (D81427)**

NAVAS's friends supported the parole grant.

A representative of the Sacramento 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.

**32. HERNANDEZ, EDUARDO (J04258)**

No speakers.

**33. IBARRA, ALEX JR. (F18295)**

IBARRA's family and friends supported the parole grant.

**34. JACKSON, JEREMY (AG6940)**

No speakers.

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**35. MARTINEZ, PEDRO JR. (AE0043)**

MARTINEZ's family and friends supported the parole grant.

**36. MOORE, ADAM (AY1688)**

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

**37. MORENO, PAUL (T93981)**

MORENO's family, friends, and attorney, ANNIE RIOS, supported the parole grant.

**38. STUART, JESSE JR. (D39873)**

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

**39. VELAZQUEZ, JESUS (G47658)**

No speakers.

**OPEN COMMENTS**

No Board member requested agenda items for future meetings.

Public Comment

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance, recommended that panels avoid using "program speak" when speaking with incarcerated persons at hearings. NELSON-SLOANE stated that it is important to fully explain terms to incarcerated persons.

JAIME GONZALEZ stated that incarcerated persons' restitution avoidance is the result of their poverty. GONZALEZ recommended that incarcerated persons receive better pay for their institutional employment.

**Open session recessed at 10:48 a.m.**

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**October 22, 2025**

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**PRESENTATIONS**

Dr. Jasmine Tehrani, Chief Psychologist, Forensic Assessment Division, Board of Parole Hearings, presented: **Review of the 2024 Comprehensive Risk Assessments**

**Open session recessed at 10:25 a.m.**

**Open session reconvened at 10:38 a.m.**

Mariam El-Menshawi, Chief, Office of Victim and Survivor Rights & Services (OVSR), California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), presented: **OVSR on Restorative Justice**

**Open session recessed at 11:46 a.m.**

**Open session reconvened at 1:04 p.m.**

Janene DelMundo, Deputy Director, Strategic Initiatives and Innovation, California Correctional Health Care Services (CCHCS), presented: **CalAIM's Justice-Involved Reentry Initiative Implementation**

Kyle Clark, Communications Manager, Incarcerated Population and Community Solutions, presented: **I-Connect + Tablets Overview**

**Open session recessed at 1:40 p.m.**

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**Open session reconvened at 2:00 p.m.**

Anna DeLuna Ferguson, Chief of Staff, Edovo, presented: **Evaluating Digital Learning Accomplishments for Use in Parole Decisions**

**OPEN COMMENTS**

No Board member requested agenda items for future meetings.

Public Comment

CONNIE LASKY, San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office, stated that victims are often unaware of the District Attorney's Office's continuing involvement in their case. It would be helpful if OVSRS provided the victims with that information. It would also help District Attorney's Offices to be informed of the content that incarcerated persons are accessing on their tablets.

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance (LSA), requested that presentation handouts be available before executive board meetings. NELSON-SLOANE stated that LSA has victim impact programs at three institutions.

JAIME GONZALEZ stated that incarcerated persons with mental health issues are often stigmatized when they participate in rehabilitative programs.

**Open session recessed at 2:37 p.m.**

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The start of the meeting was delayed due to technical issues.

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**PRESENTATIONS**

Robert Fields, Correctional Administrator, Jessica Fernandez, Chief, Martin D. Griffin, Deputy Superintendent, Correction Education, and Daisy Mendoza, Correctional Captain, Division of Rehabilitative Programs (DRP), CDCR, presented: **Division of Rehabilitative Programs**

Dr. Mitch Earleywine, Ph.D., Director, Habits and Lifestyles Laboratory, Professor of Psychology at the University at Albany, State University of New York, presented: **Cannabis: Myths and Realities Relevant to Recidivism**

**Open session recessed at 10:57 a.m.**

**Open session reconvened at 11:20 a.m.**

Dr. Michele DiTomas, Assistant Deputy Medical Executive, CCHCS, presented: **The Impact of Aging on Parole Board Hearings**

**OPEN COMMENTS**

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VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance, welcomed the presentation on “The Impact of Aging on Parole Board Hearings.” NELSON-SLOANE suggested that Forensic Assessment Division clinicians should be able to recommend cognitive tests, if cognitive issues become apparent during the course of an interview with an incarcerated person.

JAIME GONZALEZ requested information on how to inform the Board of issues affecting incarcerated persons. GONZALEZ recommended that efforts be made to house incarcerated persons in single cells.

CONNIE LASKY, San Bernardino County District Attorney’s Office, welcomed the presentations given at this executive board meeting.

Commissioner Chappell thanked everyone who participated.

**The meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m.**



**Board of Parole Hearings  
Scheduled and Backlog Hearings Report  
Penal Code Section 3041(d)  
November, 2025**

