

**BOARD OF PAROLE HEARINGS
Executive Board Meeting
November 24 to 25, 2025**

AMENDED DECEMBER 15, 2025

November 24, 2025

Meeting called to order at 11:00 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 Cassady, Chappell, Garland, Infante, Kozel, Minor, Ndudim, O’Meara, Purcell, Sargent-Burns, Schneider, and Taira were present in person at 1515 K Street, Sacramento, CA.

Commissioners Barton, Long, Muniz, Ruff, Sharrieff, 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 October 20 to 23, 2025 Board of Parole Hearings Executive Board Meeting.
3. Approval of the Parole Consideration Hearings and Backlog Report for November 2025.
4. Public Comment on the Consent Calendar. There were no public comments.

Commissioner CASSADY moved to approve the consent calendar. Commissioner CHAPPELL seconded the motion, which carried with Commissioners MINOR and SARGENT-BURNS abstaining.

Barton	Aye
Cassady	Aye
Chappell	Aye
Garland	Aye
Infante	Aye
Kozel	Aye
Long	Aye
Minor	Abstain
Muniz	Aye
Ndudim	Aye
O’Meara	Aye
Purcell	Aye

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Ruff	Aye
Sargent-Burns	Abstain
Schneider	Aye
Sharrieff	Aye
Taira	Aye
Thornton	Aye

REPORTS

Report from Scott Wyckoff, Executive Officer

Executive Officer, SCOTT WYCKOFF, stated that he attended the Post Conviction Project at R.J. Donovan Correctional Facility. WYCKOFF welcomed Commissioner SARGENT-BURNS, who was appointed by the Governor in August 2025. WYCKOFF stated Commissioner NWAJEL is serving as a deputy commissioner with the Board. WYCKOFF announced Chief Deputy of Field Operations, RHONDA SKIPPER's retirement and thanked her for her service to the Board.

Report from Jessica Blonien, Chief Counsel

Chief Counsel, JESSICA BLONIEN, stated that, on November 4, 2025, she, Executive Officer WYCKOFF, and Commissioner SARGENT-BURNS participated in the Anti-Recidivism Coalition's Long Term Offender Group. BLONIEN and Commissioner SARGENT-BURNS also attended an event organized by Life Support Alliance.

BLONIEN stated that the Board received over 500 comments on the proposed commutation and resentencing regulations. The Board's Legal Division is reviewing the comments and, if necessary, will submit amended regulations for further comment.

BLONIEN stated that CHANDLER AYERS has been hired as an Associate Government Program Analyst with the Legal Division.

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

Chief Psychologist, Dr. JASMINE TEHRANI, stated that she and FAD psychologist Dr. Amanda Wolf-McNerney toured the Orion residential facility in Van Nuys. FAD staff attended a training from Dr. Michele DiTomas on the impacts of aging and cognitive decline on parole hearings and risk assessment interviews. TEHRANI stated that FAD Psychologist, Dr. KIM GHOSOPH, has accepted a position with the Division of Adult Parole Operations (DAPO), and Dr. VICTORIA NEWSOM has been hired as a FAD psychologist.

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

Chief Deputy, RYAN YOUTSEY, stated that ASPEN MARSHALL has accepted a position as Parole Agent III with DAPO. YOUTSEY stated that IRSD staff participated in events organized by Alliance Rise, Impact Justice, and the Anti-Recidivism Coalition.

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

Chief MARIAM EL-MENSHAWI stated that OVSRS held its first Post-Conviction Roundtable. EL-MENSHAWI stated that OVSRS has identified and added 87 new victims and survivors to its database and supported 209 victims and survivors at parole hearings in 2025.

OPEN COMMENTS

No Board Member requested agenda items for future meetings.

Public Comment

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance (LSA), expressed concern that Comprehensive Risk Assessments do not accurately reflect the interviews between FAD psychologists and incarcerated persons. NELSON-SLOANE recommended that the Board record and transcribe the interviews.

JAIME GONZALEZ shared that incarcerated persons at different prisons are helping to raise money for OVSRS.

KEITH WATTLEY, UnCommon Law, recommended that panels should not apply a single standard to incarcerated persons' relapse prevention plans. WATTLEY also expressed concern that hearing panels are relying on Medicated Assisted Treatment records, which is deterring incarcerated persons from participating in substance abuse programs.

NATASHA BAKER, UnCommon Law, expressed concern that the Board is not correctly applying the elderly parole criteria because the grant rate for incarcerated persons qualifying for elderly parole consideration is low and elderly persons cannot meet the standard due to memory issues and mental decline.

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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.

12. HOLLAND, BRIANT (P17908)

HOLLAND's family and friends supported the parole grant.

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

13. SHIPPMANN, ROBERT (H96002)

SHIPPMANN's friends and attorney, CHERYL SOMMERS, recommended that the parole denial be vacated.

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.

14. ALLEN, BOBBY (C40689)

ALLEN's attorney, LYSA DARDEN, supported the parole grant.

15. CAMARGO, IVAN (AK4958)

CAMARGO's friend supported the parole grant.

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

16. FARRIS, DARRYL (T33812)

FARRIS's family, friends, and attorney, ANANDA HART, supported the parole grant.

17. FUENTES, ANTONIO (V92841)

FUENTES's family and friends supported the parole grant.

Open session recessed at 12:34 p.m.

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Open session reconvened at 12:48 p.m.

18. GENDREAU, JEFFREY (G14128)

GENDREAU's attorney, MARC GARDNER, supported the parole grant.

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

19. MENDEZ, ARTURO (AB6337)

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

20. MITCHELL, EDWARD (BG3172)

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

21. MONTOYA, LETICIA (WE5127)

MONTOYA's family and friends supported the parole grant.

22. SURUY, RICHARD (AN1948)

SURUY's family and friends supported the parole grant.

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

23. VASQUEZ, MANUEL (V24793)

VASQUEZ's family and attorney, LYSA DARDEN, supported the parole grant.

Open session recessed at 1:59 p.m.

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November 25, 2025

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.

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Roll Call: Commissioners Barton, Cassady, Dobbs, Infante, Long, Muniz, Ruff, Sargent-Burns, Sharrieff, Taira, Thornton, and Weiss were present in person at 1515 K Street, Sacramento, CA.

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

EN BANC REFERRALS

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

25. 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.

26. HUDSON, TREVIS (AU2179)

HUDSON's family supported the parole grant.

A representative of the Los Angeles 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.

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27. PHILLIPS, HENRY (V38050)

A representative of the Los Angeles 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

28. BENOIT, CHASE (BD1681)

BENOIT's friends and attorney, BRAD ZUCKERMAN, supported the parole grant.

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

29. CAMARENA, FRANCISCO (AT4335)

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

30. CEDILLO, DANNY JR. (F87456)

CEDILLO's family and friend supported the parole grant.

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

31. FLORES, GUSTAVO (C62331)

FLORES's family supported the parole grant.

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

32. HANES, PHILIP (AY7657)

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

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

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33. PASSARELLI, HENRY (H63296)

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

34. PRADO, ELIEZER (V67440)

PRADO's family and friend supported the parole grant.

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

35. RIVERA, RODOLFO (J17660)

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

36. VELA, MANUEL (BA9701)

VELA's family supported the parole grant.

OPEN COMMENTS

No Board member requested agenda items for future meetings.

Public Comment

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance, requested clarity regarding the use of confidential information at parole hearings and expressed concern that allegations of certain populations of incarcerated persons collaborating with radical Muslim groups are being used to deny them parole.

JAIME GONZALEZ recommended correctional officers wear body cameras at all times.

CYNTHIA BREWER, Riverside County District Attorney's Office, expressed concern that the two-minute time limit for public comment at the Board's executive meetings is not enforced evenly and requested that it be enforced regardless of the speaker's position.

Open session recessed at 11:04 a.m.

Open session reconvened at 1:17 p.m.

Commissioner SHARRIEFF stated that during the closed session, the Board made decisions on the cases noticed on the agenda and thanked everyone who participated.

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The meeting adjourned at 1:17 p.m.



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