

**BOARD OF PAROLE HEARINGS  
Executive Board Meeting  
September 16 and 17, 2025**

**September 16, 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 Barton, Cassady, Chappell, Dobbs, Garland, Kozel, Minor, Ndudim, O’Meara, Schneider, Sheffield, and Weiss were present in person at 1515 K Street, Sacramento, CA.

Commissioners Infante, Long, Muniz, Purcell, Ruff, Sharrieff, Taira, and Thornton were online via TEAMS, with their cameras turned on.

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

2. Approval of the Draft Minutes from the August 19 and 20, 2025 Board of Parole Hearings Executive Board Meeting.
3. Approval of the Parole Consideration Hearings and Backlog Report for September 2025.
4. Public Comment on the Consent Calendar. There were no public comments.

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

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| Barton   | Aye |
| Cassady  | Aye |
| Chappell | Aye |
| Dobbs    | Aye |
| Garland  | Aye |
| Infante  | Aye |
| Kozel    | Aye |
| Long     | Aye |
| Minor    | Aye |
| Muniz    | Aye |
| Ndudim   | Aye |
| O’Meara  | Aye |
| Purcell  | Aye |
| Ruff     | Aye |

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| Schneider | Aye     |
| Sharrieff | Aye     |
| Sheffield | Aye     |
| Taira     | Abstain |
| Thornton  | Aye     |
| Weiss     | Aye     |

**REPORTS**

**Report from Scott Wyckoff, Executive Officer**

Executive Officer, SCOTT WYCKOFF, stated that the Board filed regulations number RN 25-01 regarding the Board’s proposed commutation and resentencing process with the Office of Administrative Law on August 26, 2025. The public comment period started on September 5, 2025, and will close at midnight, October 21, 2025. The Board will hold a public hearing on the regulations on October 30, 2025.

WYCKOFF stated that, on September 9, 2025, the Board’s executive team attended a mental health awareness event at the San Quentin Rehabilitation Center.

**Report from Jessica Blonien, Chief Counsel**

Chief Counsel, JESSICA BLONIEN, stated that on September 8, 2025, the Board filed a petition for review with the California Supreme Court in the Criminal Justice Legal Foundation (CJLF) case, case number S292887..

BLONIEN stated that Attorney I JONATHAN KIM has been promoted to Attorney III with the Board’s Legal Division.

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

Chief Psychologist Dr. JASMINE TEHRANI, stated that she met with staff from the Office of Victim and Survivor Rights and Services to provide an overview of the FAD and Comprehensive Risk Assessments (CRAs) and discuss best practices in preserving victim privacy in CRAs. Dr. TEHRANI reported she accompanied the executive team to San Quentin Rehabilitation Center for mental health awareness week.

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

Chief Deputy RYAN YOUTSEY stated that, on August 18, 2025, IRSD staff met with representatives of Creating Restorative Opportunities and Programs (CROP). On September 5, 2025, Parole Agent III Martin Figueroa and FAD psychologist Dr. Yan Chan

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attended an outreach event at the University of San Francisco to discuss parole supervision. On September 12, 2025, Parole Agent II Specialist Aspen Marshall attended a mental health reentry focused event at the San Quentin Rehabilitation Center.

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

This report was postponed to a future board meeting.

**OPEN COMMENTS**

No Board member requested an item for future meetings.

Public Comment

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance, expressed concern at the continued decline of the parole grant rate in 2025 and the variance in the grant rates of individual commissioners.

CONNIE LASKY, San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office, expressed concern that victims and survivors are sometimes required to turn off their cameras at hearings. LASKY recommended that CDCR conduct a class for incarcerated persons on restitution avoidance.

KEITH WATTLEY, UnCommon Law, expressed that incarcerated persons' involvement in restitution avoidance should not be a factor in determining their suitability for parole.

NATASHA BAKER, UnCommon Law, expressed concern regarding the delay in the processing of incarcerated persons' legal mail and scheduling attorney visits at the California State Prison, Los Angeles County.

**Roll Call:** Commissioners Barton, Cassady, Chappell, Dobbs, Garland, Kozel, Minor, Ndudim, O'Meara, Schneider, Sheffield, and Weiss were present in person.

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

**EN BANC REFERRALS**

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

**12. ARREGUIN, RALPH (D46745)**

ARREGUIN's family and friends supported the commutation application.

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

**13. BROWN, BALEEGH (G20399)**

BROWN's family and friends supported the commutation application.

**14. HANSON, GLENN (J15519)**

No speakers.

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

**15. MCGHEE, HAROLD (J61325)**

No speakers.

**16. SILVA, MARK (H55187)**

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

**17. TWEEDY, FERONE (K99544)**

No speakers.

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.

**18. BROOKS, JERMAINE (V84088)**

No speakers.

**19. ESTUADURO, HUGO (AB9456)**

No speakers.

**20. HILL, CHAZARUS (F68206)**

The victim's family recommended ordering a rescission hearing.

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**21. MARTIN, NATHANIEL (AL1018)**

No speakers.

**22. MENDIBLES, VICTOR (G48208)**

MENDIBLES's friend supported the parole grant.

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

**23. NANLAP, JOHNNY (BA5182)**

No speakers.

**24. PENALOZA, ERIBERTO (K68528)**

PENALOZA's family supported the parole grant.

**25. QUEEN, MATTHEW (AA4236)**

QUEEN's family and friends supported the parole grant.

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

**26. SINGH, SATNAM (AN4327)**

SINGH's family, friends, and attorney, REBECCA RABKIN, supported the parole grant.

**Open session recessed at 1:05 p.m.**

**September 17, 2025**

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

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**Roll Call:** Commissioners Garland, Infante, Kozel, Long, Minor, Muniz, O' Meara, Purcell, Ruff, Sharrieff, Taira, and Thornton were present in person at 1515 K Street, Sacramento, CA.

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

**EN BANC REFERRALS**

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

**28. MILO, JESSIE (P40495)**

MILO's friends and the San Francisco District Attorney supported the commutation application.

A representative of the Riverside County District Attorney's Office opposed the commutation application.

**29. PERRY, LAURENCE (H41599)**

PERRY's family and friends supported the commutation application.

**30. PITTS, APRIL (WE4637)**

PITTS's family and friends supported the commutation application.

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.

**31. RODRIGUEZ, MIGUEL (H23569)**

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

**32. VASQUEZ, MANUEL (V24793)**

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

A representative of the Riverside 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.

**33. BARBER, ROBERT (T09815)**

No speakers.

**34. KROLL, MATTHEW (F49821)**

No speakers.

**35. LITTLE, AARON (V74257)**

LITTLE's family supported the parole grant.

A representative of the Orange 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.

**36. ARGUETA, SERGIO (F34042)**

ARGUETA's family and attorney, MARK WASACZ, supported the parole grant.

**Open session recessed at 10:36 a.m.**

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

**37. AVALOS, MARCO (J46795)**

AVALOS's family and friends supported the parole grant.

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**38. CORTINA, RICHARD (AE0586)**

CORTINA's friend supported the parole grant.

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

**39. FREER, ANDRE (AK8168)**

FREER's friends supported the parole grant.

The victim's family recommended ordering a rescission hearing.

**40. KONG, RICKY (AF5775)**

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

**41. LOPEZ, RAMON (J05379)**

LOPEZ's attorney, GABRIELLE TRUJILLO, supported the parole grant.

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

**42. MEJIA, JUAN (AX2035)**

No speakers.

**43. UY, RODERICK (P28562)**

UY's friend 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.

**OPEN COMMENTS**

No Board member requested an item for future meetings.

Public Comment

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance, welcomed the Board's commutation and resentencing regulations. NELSON-SLOANE stated that incarcerated

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persons have difficulty accessing the Board's regulations and recommended that the Board conduct outreach events at institutions to address any questions about the regulations.

**Open session recessed at 11:48 a.m.**

**Open session reconvened at 1:51 p.m.**

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

**The meeting adjourned at 1:51 p.m.**



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

