

BOARD OF PAROLE HEARINGS
Executive Board Meeting
December 23, 2025

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Meeting called to order at 9:00 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, Kozel, Minor, Ndudim, Purcell, Ruff, Sargent-Burns, Schneider, and Sheffield were present in person at 1515 K Street, Sacramento, CA.

Commissioners Garland, Infante, Long, Muniz, O'Meara, Sharrieff, Taira, Thornton, and Weiss were online via TEAMS, with their cameras turned on.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Approval of the Draft Minutes from the November 24 to 25, 2025 Board of Parole Hearings Executive Board Meeting.
3. Approval of the Parole Consideration Hearings and Backlog Report for December 2025.
4. Public Comment on the consent calendar. There were no public comments.

Commissioner DOBBS moved to approve the consent calendar. Commissioner BARTON seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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
Sargent-Burns	Aye

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Schneider	Aye
Sharrieff	Aye
Sheffield	Aye
Taira	Aye
Thornton	Aye
Weiss	Aye

REPORTS

Report from Scott Wyckoff, Executive Officer

Executive Officer SCOTT WYCKOFF stated that he attended two events at the California Institution for Men. The first was a town hall where incarcerated persons heard from speakers about legislation affecting incarcerated persons serving life without the possibility of parole. The second event was with the Post Conviction Justice Project at the University of Southern California Gould School of Law, where a representative of the Mexican Consulate provided information on the services it offers to persons returning to Mexico after their release on parole.

WYCKOFF stated that Associate Chief Deputy Commissioner DAN MOELLER has been appointed as Acting Chief Deputy of Field Operations.

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

Chief Deputy RYAN YOUTSEY stated that IGNACIO CERVANTES has been appointed as a Parole Agent II and that Parole Agents MARIA GARCIA, MARTIN FIGUEROA, and VERONICA SERNA have retired. YOUTSEY stated that MARTIN FIGUEROA attended events at the San Quentin Rehabilitation Center and California Men's Facility and worked with the Anti-Recidivism Coalition to provide information regarding the pre-parole placement process.

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

Chief MARIAM EL-MENSHAWI gave an overview of the OVSRS's work and goals. EL-MENSHAWI described the Board's updated representative confirmation process and stated that OVSRS is updating its website to include an "escape this website" function so users can exit the site quickly.

OPEN COMMENTS

No Board Member requested an item for future meetings.

Public Comment

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VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance, expressed concern at the reduced parole grant rate in 2025 and stated that an incarcerated person's avoidance of restitution should not be a factor in denying parole. NELSON-SLOANE expressed concern for the significant difference in the grant rates of individual commissioners.

JAIME GONZALEZ stated that correctional officers should wear body cameras in the course of their duties.

ERIC KNAPP stated that difficulties arise from how the Division of Adult Parole Operations applies parole conditions to parolees convicted of sex offenses. KNAPP recommended greater inter-agency cooperation.

Roll Call: Commissioners Barton, Cassady, Chappell, Dobbs, Kozel, Minor, Ndudim, Purcell, Ruff, Sargent-Burns, Schneider, and Sheffield were present in person.

EN BANC REFERRALS

Referral under Penal Code section 3041 when there is a tie vote. Public comment is prohibited pursuant to Penal Code section 3041, subdivision (e).

10. HALEY, REGINALD (D65156)

No public comment permitted.

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

11. BROOKS, DONALD (H49734)

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.

12. COMUNDOIWILLA, LAMAVIS (J78113)

A representative of the San Bernardino 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.

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13. BOONE, LEONARD (V27980)

BOONE's family, friends, and attorneys, ELLIOTT HOSMAN and DANIELLE HARRIS, supported the parole grant.

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

14. CAMASURA, CRESENCIO (BD1645)

The victim's family recommended ordering a rescission hearing.

15. FLENAUGH, SEBRON (E92509)

The victim's family recommended ordering a rescission hearing.

16. HERNANDEZ, EDWARD (T08239)

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

17. JERNIGAN JEFFERY (T40512)

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

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

18. JOHNSON, SILAS (T63332)

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

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

Open session recessed at 10:41 a.m.

Open session reconvened at 10:53 a.m.

19. MARTINEZ, THOMAS (V63638)

The victim and representatives of the Alameda County District Attorney's Office recommended ordering a rescission hearing.

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20. MCCOY, AARON (D61772)

No speakers.

21. SMITH, JOVON'Z (G66774)

SMITH's friends supported the parole grant.

22. YOUNG, ROBERT (E79900)

YOUNG's family, friend, and attorney, KATEY GILBERT, supported the parole grant.

Open session recessed at 11:23 a.m.

Open session reconvened at 1:37 p.m.

Commissioner CASSADY 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 1:37 p.m.



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