CONSENT CALENDAR

BOARD OF PAROLE HEARINGS
Executive Board Meeting
February 18, 2020

Meeting Called to Order at: 1:03 p.m.

Roll Call: Commissioners Barton, Cassady, Castro, Dobbs, Grounds, Gutierrez, Long, Minor, Roberts, Ruff, Schneider, Sharrieff, Taira, and Thornton present. Commissioners Anderson, Chappell, and San Juan are absent.

Commissioner SHARIEFF stated that the majority of currently-appointed commissioners are present.

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

REPORTS

Report from Executive Officer, Jennifer Shaffer

SHAFFER reported the Board's expectations for the upcoming year, including the expected increase in parole consideration hearings and nonviolent parole process referrals, given the outcome of recent litigation. SHAFFER noted updates to the inmate panel attorney program, recently-enacted and upcoming regulations, and implementing a paperless process for the Board's clemency investigations.

SHAFFER announced the next stakeholders meeting will be March 23, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

SHAFFER reported on providing outreach to CDCR as part of its on-boarding process for new wardens.

Report from Chief Counsel, Jessica Blonien

BLONIEN reported on newly-enacted regulations, including the Board's youth offender regulations. Nonviolent Parole Process for Determinately-Sentenced Inmates were filed with the Office of Administrative Law on February 13, 2020.

Report from Chief Deputy of Program Operations, Sandra Maciel
MACIEL reported the Board's website continues to be updated in order to comply with California's new standards for website accessibility under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Weekly hearing results and the Board's Significant Events reports for 2017, 2018, and 2019 are now available on the Board's website.

MACIEL provided an update on the panel attorney program. The last of the initial round of interviews will be complete in February 2020. Attorneys selected for the program are currently being contacted and, when offers are finalized, their names will appear on the Board's website. The Board's Information Technology System and reimbursement structures have been updated and made available in accordance with the new inmate panel attorney program.

Report from Chief Deputy of Field Operations, Rhonda Skipper-Dotta
On behalf of Associate Chief Deputy Commissioner ALI ZARRINNAM, SKIPPER-DOTTA introduced new Deputy Commissioner Michael Gaston.

Associate Chief Deputy Commissioner MICHAEL GUNNING introduced new Deputy Commissioners: David Ndudim, Eleanor Adams, Brian Nelson, and Mary Dang.

Associate Chief Deputy Commissioner SHANNON HOAG announced new Deputy Commissioner Letizia Pingitore.

PRESENTATIONS

Significant Events for 2020, Jennifer Shaffer, Executive Officer
SHAFFER presented the Board's 2019 Significant Events Report.

OPEN COMMENTS

JILL KLINGE, Alameda County District Attorney's Office, reported issues with opening electronic central files on Apple computers. KLINGE requested additional information regarding recidivism statistics reported in the Significant Events for 2019. KLINGE expressed concern regarding structured-decision making implementation in hearings, comments by commissioners on the record, and time limitations on questions asked by the assistant district attorneys during hearings.

DONNA LEBOWITZ, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, noted concerns about the lack of discussion in subsequent hearings regarding the facts of an inmate's crime on the record.

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance, noted concerns regarding parole discharge notification time periods and questioned whether parole discharge paperwork could be mailed to parolees. NELSON-SLOANE requested the number of grants at rescission hearings and number of parolees discharges be included in future updates. NELSON-SLOANE invited the Board to a seminar discussing understanding parole on February 28, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Capital Christian Center in Sacramento. NELSON-SLOANE also noted additional seminars throughout the state.

LAVELL JACKSON, Come Back Ministries, updated the Board on his release through Proposition 57. JACKSON updated the Board with his outreach through prison ministry.

RENEE WRIGHT-JACKSON, Come Back Ministries, reported to the Board on navigating the parole process through Proposition 57. WRIGHT-JACKSON updated the Board on the Come Back Ministry's outreach in state prisons.

GLORY JACKSON reported to the Board on his son's progress.

Meeting recessed at 2:14 p.m.

BOARD OF PAROLE HEARINGS
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February 19, 2020

Meeting Called to Order at: 10:01 a.m.
Roll Call: Commissioners Barton, Cassady, Castro, Dobbs, Grounds, Gutierrez, Long, Minor, Roberts, Ruff, Schneider, Sharrieff, Taira, and Thornton present.

Commissioner SHARRIEFF stated that the majority of currently-appointed commissioners are present.

EN BANC REFERRALS

Referral pursuant to Penal Code section 1170, subdivision (e), to determine eligibility for recommendation to sentencing court for recall of sentence.

A. **BOTHA, GARY**
D88086

No speakers.

Referral by the Chief Counsel pursuant to Penal Code section 3041(b) and California Code of Regulations, title 15, section 2042, to assure complete, accurate, consistent, and uniform decisions and the furtherance of public safety. Members of the public may address the Board for a period not to exceed five (5) minutes.

B. **ALVIDREZ, MICHAEL**
J52464

No speakers.

C. **VARGAS, MARCO**
C25500

BARBARA TURNER, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, recommended vacating the Board's decision to grant parole.

Referral to consider a rescission hearing pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 15, section 2450 et seq. Members of the public may address the Board for a period not to exceed five (5) minutes.

D. **WILSON, DEREK**
D55748

CONNIE LASKY, San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office, recommended referral for a rescission hearing.

Referral by the Governor pursuant to Penal Code section 3041.1 and California Code of Regulations, title 15, section 2044(b) to request review of a parole decision by the full board.

E. **JACKSON, FREDERICK**
D15358

JOSEPH MAGAZENNE, inmate's attorney, supported affirmation of the Board's grant of parole.

BARBARA TURNER, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, recommended referral for a rescission hearing.

F. **MOORHEAD, GARY**
D00925

No speakers.

G. **THORNE, DAVID**
E43096

BRUCE HOLT, inmate's friend, supported affirmation of the Board's grant of parole.

AARON WEST, Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office, recommended referral for a rescission hearing. On behalf of the victim, TYLER GRAHAM, WEST expressed GRAHAM's support for affirmation of the Board's grant of parole, subject to substance abuse conditions of parole.

SABINA CROCETTE, inmate's attorney, supported affirmation of the Board's grant of parole.

H. **VARGAS, MARIA**
W84786

No speakers.

I. **VIALPANDO, ANTHONY**
D71157

BILL RICHARDS, inmate's brother, supported affirmation of the Board's grant of parole.

DIANE LETARTE, inmate's attorney, supported affirmation of the Board's grant of parole.

ERICKA MENDOZA, victim's representative, expressed the victim's recommendation for a rescission hearing.

OPEN COMMENTS

KEITH WATTLEY, UnCommon Law, expressed concerns regarding Board consideration of time periods of rehabilitation as noted in parole decisions.

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance, requested updates on the matters discussed by the Board during closed session discussions. Specifically, NELSON-SLOANE would like to receive updates on matters discussed concerning the structured decision making framework.

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

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Scheduled and Backlog Hearings Report
Penal Code Section 3041(d)
March, 2020

