

**BOARD OF PAROLE HEARINGS**  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
**January 21, 2026**

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**Meeting called to order at 11:07 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, Chappell, Garland, Minor, Ndudim, O’Meara, Ruff, Sargent-Burns, Schneider, Sharrieff, Sheffield, and Weiss were present in person at 1515 K Street, Sacramento, CA.

Commissioners Cassady, Dobbs, Infante, Kozel, Long, Muniz, Purcell, Taira, and Thornton were online via TEAMS, with their cameras turned on.

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

2. Approval of the Draft Minutes of the December 23, 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 BARTON moved to approve the consent calendar. Commissioner GARLAND 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 in response to stakeholders' concerns that they are not informed when a hearing's start time is delayed, the Board is creating a program for Real-Time Updates for Scheduled Hearings (RUSH). This system will send stakeholders automated email updates of a hearing's estimated start time. The program is being tested now and feedback regarding the program has been positive. The Board will roll out RUSH over the next few weeks.

**Report from Jessica Blonien, Chief Counsel**

Chief Counsel JESSICA BLONIEN stated that on January 6, 2026, she, Executive Officer SCOTT WYCKOFF, and Chief Deputy of Investigations and Reentry Screening Division RYAN YOUTSEY gave a presentation on the parole placement process and the revocation process at the Division of Adult Parole Operations' administrator training.

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

Chief MARIAM EL-MENSHAWI's report will be provided at the next Executive Board Meeting.

**OPEN COMMENTS**

No Board Member requested an item for future meetings.

**Public Comment**

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance, expressed concern that some hearing panels interpret an incarcerated person's residence on a general population yard as evidence of their continuing association with gangs. NELSON-SLOANE stated that many incarcerated persons can program and disassociate from gangs and remain on a general population yard.

**Roll Call:** Commissioners Barton, Chappell, Garland, Minor, Ndudim, O'Meara, Ruff, Sargent-Burns, Schneider, Sharrieff, Sheffield, and Weiss were present in person.

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**EN BANC REFERRALS**

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

**10. MCCOY, AARON (D61772)**

MCCOY's friend and attorney, INNOSAINT CHINWEZE, supported the parole grant.

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.

**11. GALLEGOS, ASHLEY (K50114)**

GALLEGOS's family, friends, and attorney, ELIZABETH CALVIN, supported the parole grant. GALLEGOS's statement was read.

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

**12. GARCIA, DANIEL (AC7298)**

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

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

**13. GOFF, SEAN (F39555)**

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

**14. HAMPTON, WILLIE III (V26407)**

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

**15. HENSON, ROY (AV9863)**

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**16. LANDRY, BRIAN (AL4611)**

LANDRY's friend supported the parole grant.

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

**17. MORRIS, DARNELL (AS0429)**

MORRIS's family and friend supported the parole grant.

**18. SANCHEZ, JUAN (T08687)**

SANCHEZ's family supported the parole grant.

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

**19. STEWART, MICHAEL (C60552)**

STEWART's family and friend supported the parole grant.

**Open session recessed at 12:40 p.m.**

**Open session reconvened at 3:15 p.m.**

Commissioner SCHNEIDER 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 3:15 p.m.**



# Board of Parole Hearings Scheduled and Backlog Hearings Report Penal Code Section 3041(d) February, 2026

