

**BOARD OF PAROLE HEARINGS**  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
**April 20 to 22, 2026**

**April 20, 2026**

**Meeting called to order at 9:01 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, Kozel, Minor, Muniz, Ndudim, O’Meara, Ruff, Sargent-Burns, Schneider, and Taira were present in person at 1515 K Street, Sacramento, CA.

Commissioners Garland, Infante, Long, Purcell, Sharrieff, Thornton, and Weiss were online via TEAMS, with their cameras turned on.

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

2. Approval of the Draft Minutes of the March 17-18, 2026 Board of Parole Hearings Executive Board Meeting.
3. Approval of the Parole Consideration Hearings and Backlog Report for April 2026.
4. Public Comment on Consent Calendar. There were no public comments.

Commissioner MUNIZ moved to approve the consent calendar. Commissioner CHAPPELL seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Cassady	Aye
Chappell	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
Schneider	Aye
Sharrieff	Aye

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Taira	Aye
Thornton	Aye
Weiss	Aye

**REPORTS**

**Report from Scott Wyckoff, Executive Officer**

Executive Officer SCOTT WYCKOFF provided a brief overview of the 2025 Report of Significant Events and summarized the Board's workload. WYCKOFF stated the report will be available soon.

**Report from Dan Moeller, Acting Chief Deputy, Field Operations**

Acting Chief Deputy DAN MOELLER stated that Deputy Commissioner THOMAS SPARKS is retiring and thanked him for his years of service.

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

Chief MARIAM EL-MENSHAWI led a moment of silence in honor of National Crime Victims' Rights Week stated that OVSRS is hosting a half-day conference. The OVSRS reservation portal is undergoing a system upgrade, but victims are encouraged to leave messages or reach out by chat or email. OVSRS is also continuing to facilitate Victim Offender Dialogue. EL-MENSHAWI provided an update on various OVSRS outreach events.

**OPEN COMMENTS**

No Board member requested an item for future meetings.

**Public Comment**

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance (LSA), expressed concern that some comprehensive risk assessments do not accurately reflect the context of incarcerated persons' responses during their interview with clinicians. NELSON-SLOANE recommended that the interviews should be recorded.

RODNEY BUCKLEY, JR., a formerly incarcerated person, described his experiences with the parole hearing process and accomplishments after release.

CONNIE LASKY, San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office, recommended that the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation develop programs that address the needs of sex offenders. Alternatively, these individuals should be considered for the Sexually Violent Predator process.

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**EN BANC REFERRALS**

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

**10. HLEBO, STEVE (BJ7340)**

No public comment permitted.

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

**11. ALEXANDER, LONNIE (H52997)**

ALEXANDER and ALEXANDER's family supported the pardon application.

**12. BULLOCK, DE'MEL**

BULLOCK supported the pardon application.

Commissioner Sheffield joined the meeting in person.

**13. DY, SOPHORN (H06576, K38697)**

DY's family and friends supported the pardon application.

A representative of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office opposed the pardon application.

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

**14. BROWN, HOMER (C50311)**

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

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**15. CRISS, NATHANIEL (T42186)**

CRISS's family and friends supported the commutation application.

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

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.

**16. FLORES, STANLEY (V92587)**

A representative of the San Diego 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.

**17. DUNCAN, BERRY (C83887)**

No speakers.

**18. NIXON, JOHN (F02851)**

No speakers.

**19. SMART, MICHAEL (E69795)**

A representative of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office opposed the parole grant.

**20. TURNER, MICHAEL (F86453)**

No speakers.

**Open session recessed at 10:37 a.m.**

**Open session reconvened at 10:50 a.m.**

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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.

**21. COWAN, JESSICAH (WF5384)**

COWAN's family and friends supported the parole grant.

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

**22. FABIAN, JULIO (F15521)**

FABIAN's friend supported the parole grant.

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

**23. HERNANDEZ, JORGE (F45420)**

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

**24. JOHNSON, GLENN (T90967)**

JOHNSON's friends supported the parole grant.

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

**25. JONES, SHANNON (E78624)**

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

**26. MIRANDA, RONALD (AL5299)**

The victim's family recommended ordering a rescission hearing.

**27. NUNN, JOSEPH (BB8080)**

NUNN's family supported the parole grant. A statement from attorney, MAYA EMIG, was read.

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**28. OLLISON, DARYL (E83379)**

OLLISON's family and attorney, CHARLES CARBONE, supported the parole grant.

The victim's family recommended ordering a rescission hearing.

**29. SORELL, KELLY (WF1134)**

SORELL's friends supported the parole grant.

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

**30. THAMES, JEROME (D90070)**

THAMES's family supported the parole grant.

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

**31. WARREN, KENNY (F23964)**

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

**Open session recessed at 12:49 p.m.**

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**April 21, 2026**

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

Board commissioners participated in person. Interested parties and members of the public participated in person, virtually, or by telephone.

**Roll Call:** Commissioners Barton, Garland, Infante, Long, Muniz, Purcell, Ruff, Sharrieff, Sheffield, Taira, Thornton, and Weiss were present in person at 1515 K Street, Sacramento, CA.

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

**EN BANC REFERRALS**

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

**33. RAEL-APARICIO, VERONICA (X22591)**

RAEL-APARICIO supported the pardon application.

**34. SOARES, SCOTT (K62849)**

SOARES's family and friends supported the pardon application.

A representative of the Riverside County District Attorney's Office did not take a position on the application.

Referral by the Governor pursuant to Penal Code section 4802 to review a commutation

**35. DAVENPORT, JERRY (C71246)**

DAVENPORT's family supported the commutation application.

**36. DURBIN, JAMES (V80734)**

A representative of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office opposed the application.

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.

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**37. ROWLAND, BROOKE (F32326)**

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

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.

**38. CEJA, ISRAEL (P99514)**

A representative of the Yolo County District Attorney's Office recommended ordering a rehearing.

**39. RAYBON, CARL (G60884)**

No speakers.

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

**40. DAVIS, BRUCE (J02069)**

DAVIS's friends supported the parole grant.

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

**41. DOMINGUEZ, FRANK (J05510)**

A letter was read on behalf of the Napa County District Attorney's Office, recommending 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.

**42. BEHNKE, SCOTT (F38068)**

BEHNKE's family supported the parole grant.

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

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**43. EGHTESEADI, ABBAS (T87986)**

EGHTESEADI's family, friend, and attorney, JOSEPH MAGAZENNI, supported the parole grant.

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

**44. ENG, DAVID (E43056)**

ENG's friends supported the parole grant.

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

**45. FLOWERS, ALVIN (T91323)**

FLOWERS's attorney, NICHOLAS AGBO, supported the parole grant.

**46. GOMEZ, JOSE (AD7513)**

GOMEZ's family supported the parole grant.

**47. KOVAC, JOHN (F07429)**

KOVAC's friend supported the parole grant.

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

**48. LEGASPI, JOSE, JR. (AM0988)**

LEGASPI's family and friends supported the parole grant.

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

**Open session recessed at 10:40 a.m.**

**Open session reconvened at 10:52 a.m.**

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**49. LUGO, ROBERT (V84736)**

LUGO's family, friends, and attorney, ALFRED WISEMAN, supported the parole grant.

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

**50. MITCHELL, TYRONE (F17598)**

MITCHELL's family and friends supported the parole grant.

**51. SANBORN, FRANK (V33625)**

SANBORN's friends supported the parole grant.

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

**52. THOMAS, ARTHUR (V42899)**

THOMAS's family supported the parole grant.

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

**53. VELEZ, CHRISTIAN (P85884)**

VELEZ'S family and friends supported the parole grant.

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

**54. VILLA, JUAN (F49354)**

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

**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 regarding the declining parole grant rate and the disparities between the grant rates of individual commissioners.

LILLIANA PARATORE, UnCommon Law, expressed concern regarding the Board's administrative review process and the deputy commissioners' interpretation of what constitutes a change in circumstances, in making decisions.

**Open session recessed at 12:14 p.m.**

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**Meeting called to order at 9:02 a.m.**

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

Commissioners Barton, Cassady, Chapell, Dobbs, Minor, Ruff, Sargent-Burns, and Sheffield were online via TEAMS, with their cameras turned on.

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

Manuel Alexis Medina Avina, Attorney, Consul for Protection and Legal Affairs, Mexican Consulate, San Bernardino County, presented: **Placement Upon Release**

Jennifer Nakagawa, Victim Advocate, San Joaquin County District Attorney Victim Witness Unit, presented: **Strengthening Victim-Centered Parole Practices**

Amar Mehta, MD, California Correctional Health Care Services, Deputy Director, Statewide Mental Health Program, presented: **California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) Mental Health Program**

Commissioner THORNTON left the meeting during the presentation.

**Open session recessed at 11:06 a.m.**

**Open session reconvened at 11:20 a.m.**

Andrés Rodriguez, Regional Program Manager and Facilitator, Guiding Rage Into Power (GRIP) Training Institute, presented: **Transformation vs. Presentation: Understanding Gang Disengagement on General Population Yards**

**Open session recessed at 12:02 p.m.**

**Open session reconvened at 1:00 p.m.**

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AKILA KADIMBI, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences, David Geffen School of Medicine, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA); Brain and Creativity Institute, University of Southern California; Fellow, UCLA -Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science, Dana Center, presented: **Empathy, Neuroscience, and Society**

**OPEN COMMENTS**

No Board member requested agenda items for future meetings.

Public Comment

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance (LSA), described LSA's incarcerated person letter writing program and its process for handling letters written to victims. NELSON-SLOANE also welcomed the presentations from ANDRES RODRIGUEZ and AKILA KADIMBI.

CONNIE LASKY, San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office, stated that ANDRES RODRIGUEZ's presentation provided one perspective on gang status in prison and encouraged consideration of additional perspectives from correctional staff.

**Open session adjourned at 1:55 p.m.**



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

May, 2026

