

**BOARD OF PAROLE HEARINGS**  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
**February 14 to 15, 2022**

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**Meeting called to order at 9:01 a.m.**

In compliance with AB 361, which became effective under Executive Order N-1-22, and to minimize the spread and mitigate the effects of COVID-19, the meeting was conducted by video conference and telephone.

**Roll Call:** Commissioners Barton, Dobbs, Garcia, Garland, Long, Minor, O'Meara, Purcell, Ruff, San Juan, Schneider, Sharrieff, Sullivan, Taira, and Thornton present. Commissioners Cassady, Chappell, Nwajei, and Zarrinnam not present.

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Approval of Motion for Hearings with Procedural Errors.**

**4. GRANDBERRY, ERNEST (C67833)**

No speakers.

Commissioner SHARRIEFF moved to approve the consent calendar. Commissioner MINOR seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**REPORTS**

**Report from Chief Counsel, Jessica Blonien**

BLONIEN stated that the Board's Information Technology System has been updated to apply educational merit credits to an inmate's Youth Parole Eligible Date.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Videoconference Regulations to Renew Emergency Regulations**

SHAFFER summarized the background to the regulations.

BLONIEN summarized the provisions of the regulations.

**Public Comment**

CONNIE LASKY, San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office, expressed concern about the impact of the regulations on the rights of victims and their families and requested that the regulations be amended to address those concerns.

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JOHN CROSS, San Diego County District Attorney's Office, requested that the regulations be amended to safeguard the rights of victims and their families.

JILL KLINGE, Alameda County District Attorney's Office, expressed concern about the notification procedures for victims, victims' families and their representatives.

CHRISTINE WARD, Executive Director, I-CAN, objected to the provisions that have the effect of redefining the status of victims. She objected to the notice requirements contained in the regulations.

MAUREEN GREEN, Monterey County District Attorney's Office, expressed concern about the impact of the regulations on the rights of victims and their families.

ERIC CARLSON expressed concern about the impact of the regulations on the ability of victims to have a support person with them at a parole hearing.

Commissioner BARTON moved to approve the 90-day extension of the emergency videoconference regulations. Commissioner GARCIA seconded the motion. Commissioners Barton, Dobbs, Garcia, Garland, Long, Minor, O'Meara, Purcell, Ruff, San Juan, Sharrieff, Sullivan, Taira and Thornton voted to approve the regulations. Commissioner Schneider voted to disapprove the regulations. The motion carried.

**Roll Call:** Commissioners Barton, Dobbs, Garcia, Garland, Long, Minor, O'Meara, Purcell, Ruff, San Juan, Schneider, Sharrieff, Sullivan, Taira, and Thornton present.

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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).

**8. SEPULVEDA, AURELIO (J76828)**

No public comment permitted.

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

**9. KIRKENDOLL, STEVE (B87257)**

KIRKENDALL and his family supported his application.

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

**10. CLARK, KENNETH (V72618)**

CLARK's attorney, JONATHAN AMINOFF, his family and friends supported a recommendation for commutation of his sentence.

A representative of the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office opposed the commutation of CLARK's sentence

**11. GREEN, DARNEL (P22430)**

GREEN's family and friends supported a recommendation for commutation of his sentence.

A representative of the Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office opposed a commutation of sentence

**12. MAHORNEY, RICHARD (F84309)**

MAHORNEY's family and friends supported a recommendation for commutation of his sentence.

A representative of the Placer County District Attorney's Office opposed a commutation of sentence

**Meeting recessed at 10:56 a.m.**

**Meeting reconvened at 11:56 a.m.**

**13. RATLIFF, JAMES (C38501)**

RATLIFF's family and friends supported a recommendation for commutation of his sentence.

**14. STRICKLAND, ROBERT (H34273)**

STRICKLAND's friend supported a recommendation for commutation of his sentence.

A representative of the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office opposed a commutation of sentence

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Referral by the Chief Counsel pursuant to Penal Code section 3041, subdivision (b) and California Code of Regulations, title 15, section 2042 to assure complete, accurate, consistent and uniform decision and the furtherance of public safety.

**15. ALEXANDER, LEONARD (B72288)**

ALEXANDER's attorney, REBECCA RABKIN, supported his release.

A representative of the Monterey County District Attorney's Office opposed a commutation of sentence

Referral by the Governor pursuant to Penal Code section 2041.1 and California Code of Regulations, title 15, section 2044, subdivision (b), to request review of a parole decision by a majority of appointed commissioners.

**16. GONZALEZ, JOSE (P51841)**

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

**17. JOHNSON, ROCHELLE (W49629)**

JOHNSON's attorney, LILLI PARATORE, her family and friends supported her release.

**18. MERAZ, JUDE (H78592)**

MERAZ's attorney, UZOMA OGAN, his family and friends supported his release.

A representative of the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office recommended ordering a rescission hearing. The victim's family took no position regarding MERAZ's release.

**19. RELLS, JUANCHO (K78592)**

RELLS'S attorney, KATHY RICHARDS, supported his release.

**OPEN COMMENTS**

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance, stated that the organization is working to create programs that address the needs of female inmates.

**Meeting recessed at 12:54 p.m.**

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**Meeting reconvened at 10:00 a.m.**

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

**EN BANC REFERRALS**

Referral by the Governor, pursuant to 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.

**23. CHAMBERLIN, PARKER (T43078)**

CHAMBERLAIN's attorney, CHARLES CARBONE, appellate attorney JEFF KROSS, his family and friends supported his release.

A representative of the Kern County District Attorney's Office recommended ordering a rescission hearing. The victim's family opposed CHAMBERLIN's release.

**24. CHAVEZ, HECTOR (H42551)**

CHAVEZ's family supported his release.

The victim's family opposed CHAVEZ's release.

**25. COOPER, CRAIG (J06484)**

No speakers.

**26. FLANUM, DANIEL (F32690)**

No speakers.

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**27. GREENE, MILTON (D85652)**

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

**28. MERCADO, FELIX (AM8888)**

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

**29. MONROE, KACEE (V42864)**

MONROE's attorney, JOHNWILLY OSUJI, supported his release.

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

**30. PEREZ, RAMON (T69223)**

PEREZ's attorney, CHARLES CARBONE, and his family supported his release.

**31. STOVALL, RONALD (D12993)**

STOVALL's attorney, MONY CHIM, and his family supported his release.

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

**32. SWANN, LANCE (AS5380)**

SWANN's attorney, MAYA EMIG, and his friends supported his release.

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

**33. VAN NORMAN, THOMAS (B53539)**

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

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VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance, expressed concern that inmates with mental or cognitive disabilities are often denied parole for more than three years.

**Meeting recessed at 12:11 p.m.**

**Meeting reconvened at 2:37 p.m. and adjourned at 2:38 p.m.**



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