



AGENDA

BOARD OF PAROLE HEARINGS Executive Board Meeting

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2026

BPH Agenda Webpage: <https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/bph/meeting-agenda/>

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

This board meeting will be held in person, by video, and by telephone.

How to Join by Video: To join by video, use a computer or cellphone and go to this link: <https://tinyurl.com/BPHBoardMeetingAugust2026>. You may be required to download the Microsoft Teams application. **PLEASE LOG INTO THE MEETING AT LEAST FIVE (5) MINUTES EARLY.**

Documents on the Board's website at <https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/bph/meeting-agenda/>: titled "Public Comment Videoconference Tips for Success and Troubleshooting" and "How to Join a MS Teams Executive Board Meeting" may help if you are having problems joining the meeting. You can also call (916) 445-4072 and leave a message if you need additional help.

How to Join by Phone: To join by phone, call (916) 701-9994 and enter this conference ID code when asked: 369 299 073#.

How to Attend In Person: To attend the meeting in person, go to 1515 K Street, Suite 550, Sacramento, California 95814. Anyone entering the meeting may be searched. No weapons are allowed.

How to Make a Public Comment at Meeting:

**To make a comment, you must be added to the speaker list
online or by phone.**

You can be added to the speaker list any time between now and the end of the meeting where the case is scheduled to be heard. To be added to the speaker list you can use your name, a pseudonym, or the last four digits of your telephone number. Please make sure that the name or phone number you provide for the speaker list matches the name

or phone number you use to log in to the meeting so your microphone can be enabled. At the meeting, the moderator will call on you by your name or the last four digits of your phone number when it is your turn to speak.

To be added to the speaker list online: please visit the Board's website at <https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/bph/speaker-card/> and submit the requested form.

To be added to the speaker list by phone: please call (916) 267-0857 and leave a message with the following information:

- Name to be called or the last four (4) digits of your telephone number;
- The last four (4) digits of your telephone number if connecting by telephone;
- Agenda item number or name of the case you wish to comment on; and
- Whether you are speaking in support or in opposition to the individual named on the agenda (if applicable).

Each speaker is limited to two minutes. If you submit a written statement, you do not need to repeat this statement at the meeting. The commissioners review written statements before considering and voting on agenda items.

How to Submit a Written Statement: If you want to submit a written statement, please email your statement to BPHEXE.BRDMEETING@cdcr.ca.gov. Please identify the case or agenda item you are writing about in your statement. All written statements received by the below times and dates will be considered by the commissioners voting on the case.

- **Statements on Tuesday's Consent Calendar:** Written statements for the consent calendar must be received by 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2026.
- **Statements on Tuesday's Cases:** Written statements for cases on Tuesday's agenda must be received by 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2026.

Content Advisory: Explicit crime details may be discussed during this meeting. This could trigger strong reactions or be difficult to hear. Further, the content is not appropriate for children. The Board considers written statements equally as oral comments from this meeting. Written statements can be submitted to BPHEXE.BRDMEETING@cdcr.ca.gov. See the "How to Submit a Written Statement" section below for deadlines to submit written statements.

Legal Standard for Parole Decisions: The Board is required to base its decisions upon whether the incarcerated person poses a current, unreasonable risk of danger to the public. In making this decision, the Board considers the incarcerated person's rehabilitative programming, behavior during their incarceration, criminal history, and other evidence-based risk factors relevant to determining whether the person can live in society without committing more antisocial acts. The Board may not base its decision solely on

the commitment offense. (See *In re Vicks* (2013) 56 Cal.4th 274; *In re Lawrence* (2008) 44 Cal.4th 1181.)

Board Contact Information:

- **Disability Accommodations:** For disability accommodations, please contact the Board's disability coordinators at (279) 300-5755. Their email is BPH.ADAUnit@cdcr.ca.gov. Please contact them at least five working days before the board meeting.
- **General Questions and Technical Support:** For more information about the meeting, please contact the Board at (916) 445-4072 or write to PO Box 4036, Sacramento, CA 95812-4036.
- **Speaker List:** To make a comment at the meeting, please visit the Board's website at <https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/bph/speaker-card/> and submit the requested form, or you may call (916) 267-0857 to submit your information.

OPEN SESSION

All times and the order of business are approximate and subject to change. The Board may take breaks during the meeting.

START TIME: 11:00 a.m.

Physical Location: 1515 K Street, Suite 550, Sacramento, California 95814

Video: <https://tinyurl.com/BPHBoardMeetingAugust2026>

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

1. Roll Call

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Approval of the draft minutes from the July 21-23, 2026 Board of Parole Hearings' Executive Board Meeting
3. Approval of the Parole Consideration Hearings and Backlog Report for August 2026
4. Public Comment on Consent Calendar – Comments are limited to two (2) minutes.

REPORTS

5. Report from the Executive Officer
 - Staffing Update
 - Outreach Update

6. Report from the Chief Psychologist, Forensic Assessment Division
 - Outreach update
7. Report from the Chief of Office of Victim and Survivor Rights and Services
 - General update

OPEN COMMENTS

8. Board Commissioners – Agenda Items for Future Meetings.
9. Public Comment – Comments are limited to two (2) minutes. Comments will not be allowed for items already subject to public comment and decided by the Board. Comments may address general Board matters and the noticed closed session. The Board will not consider comments about future parole hearings. Those comments should be emailed to the Board at BPH.CorrespondenceUnit@cdcr.ca.gov or mailed to the Board of Parole Hearings, P.O. Box 4036, Sacramento, CA 95812, so they can be considered by the panel assigned to the case.

PANEL FOR AUGUST 18, 2026 CASES

The following commissioners are scheduled to participate in public comment, deliberations, and voting on items 10 through 15.

- Commissioner Barton
- Commissioner Kusaj
- Commissioner Minor
- Commissioner Ndudim
- Commissioner Purcell
- Commissioner Ruff
- Commissioner Sargent-Burns
- Commissioner Schneider
- Commissioner Sheffield
- Commissioner Stern
- Commissioner Thornton
- Commissioner Weiss

EN BANC REFERRALS

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. Members of the public may speak for two (2) minutes.

10. CHAVEZ, HUMBERTO (C39160)

Sentencing Court: Los Angeles

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. Members of the public may speak for two (2) minutes.

11. HIDALGO, JOSE (H43269)

Sentencing Court: Orange

The Board to consider new information regarding alleged institutional misconduct that occurred on July 8, 2026.

12. SIMONTON, JAMES (T45023)

Sentencing Court: San Diego

The Board to consider whether an error of law exists under Penal Code section 3042, subdivision (b), to comply with the recording and transcription requirements for parole hearings.

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. Members of the public may speak for two (2) minutes.

13. BURRIS, TYRRELL (BD7555)

Sentencing Court: Los Angeles

14. HANNA, DENNIS (AE8938)

Sentencing Court: Riverside

15. OWENS, CLAUDE (F06356)

Sentencing Court: Sacramento

OPEN SESSION RECESSED



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TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2026

CLOSED SESSION

START TIME: Upon recess of open session

Discussion

En Banc Referrals

Under Government Code section 11126, subdivision (c)(4), the Board may hold a closed session when considering a term, parole, or release of any person or other disposition of an individual case, or if public disclosure of the subject considered is expressly prohibited by statute.

The Board will post the decisions to the Board's website within 24 hours of the meeting. The decisions are also posted in the lobby at 1515 K Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.



AGENDA

BOARD OF PAROLE HEARINGS Executive Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2026

CLOSED SESSION

START TIME: 9:00 a.m.

Discussion

Overview of Pending Litigation and Writs of Habeas Corpus

Under Government Code section 11126(e)(1), the Board may hold a closed session to receive advice from its legal counsel regarding pending litigation when discussion in open session would prejudice the position of the agency in the litigation.

Issue

1. *In re Mark L. Williams (Super. Ct. Sacramento County, No. 25HC00418)*, presented by Jessica Blonien, Chief Counsel, Board of Parole Hearings, Dr. Jasmine Tehrani, Chief Psychologist, Board of Parole Hearings, and Dr. Shoba Sreenivasan, Ph.D, California Department of State Hospitals



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ADJOURNMENT

Open session to adjourn the August 18 - 19, 2026 Board of Parole Hearings' Executive Board Meeting.