En Banc Decisions
BOARD OF PAROLE HEARINGS

Monday, November 23, 2026

ASHBY, STEPHEN (T18107, N66817, K03510, E82686)
Case Numbers: SC11980A, SC115724A, SC049391A, SC075185A, SC186880A
Sentencing Court: Marin
Governor-referred pursuant to Penal Code section 4802 to review a pardon application

Motion: Continue the matter to the next month's executive board meeting for consideration.

Motion by: Purcell
Second by: Long
Not Present: Barton, Dobbs, Garland, Kusaj, Minor, Ndudim, Sargent-Burns, Sheffield, Taira
Abstained: Bearden
Decision: **Motion approved by a majority of the commissioners present.**

TURNER, JAMES (J28284, E18960)
Case Numbers: CR91316, CR93417, CR104063, SCD104741
Sentencing Courts: San Diego
Governor-referred pursuant to Penal Code section 4802 to review a pardon application

Motion: On the application of James Turner for a pardon, the Board makes the recommendation required by Penal Code section 4813 for the Governor to grant a pardon.

Motion by: Ruff
Second by: Infante
Not Present: Barton, Dobbs, Garland, Kusaj, Minor, Ndudim, Sargent-Burns, Sheffield, Taira
Abstained: Bearden
Decision: **Motion approved by a majority of the commissioners present.**

CANO, JOSEPH (T81195)
Sentencing Court: Riverside
Governor-referred pursuant to Penal Code section 4802 to review a commutation application

Motion: On the application of Joseph Cano for a commutation of sentence, the Board makes the recommendation required by Penal Code section 4813 for the Governor to grant a commutation of sentence.

Motion by: Sharrieff
Second by: Weiss
Not Present: Barton, Dobbs, Garland, Kusaj, Minor, Ndudim, Sargent-Burns, Sheffield, Taira
Abstained: Bearden
Decision: Motion approved by a majority of the commissioners present.

BARRAGAN, GUADALUPE (WA8176)
Sentencing Court: Los Angeles
Governor-referred pursuant to Penal Code section 3041.1

Motion: Affirm the panel's July 31, 2026 decision to grant parole, as articulated in the panel's proposed decision.

Motion by: Infante
Second by: Long
Not Present: Barton, Chappell, Dobbs, Garland, Kusaj, Minor, Ndudim, Sargent-Burns, Sheffield, Taira
Abstained: Bearden
Decision: Motion approved by a majority of the commissioners present.

BATEMAN, DASHAWN (P38365)
Sentencing Court: Los Angeles
Governor-referred pursuant to Penal Code section 3041.1

Motion: Affirm the panel's July 2, 2026 decision to grant parole, as articulated in the panel's proposed decision.

Motion by: Chappell
Second by: Ruff
Not Present: Barton, Dobbs, Garland, Kusaj, Minor, Ndudim, Sargent-Burns, Sheffield, Taira
Abstained: Bearden
Decision: Motion approved by a majority of the commissioners present.

BERRY-VIERWINDEN, RYAN (AI2722)
Sentencing Court: Riverside
Governor-referred pursuant to Penal Code section 3041.1

Motion: Refer for a rescission hearing to consider whether the panel's June 25, 2026 grant of parole was improvident, based on the concerns cited in the Governor's referral letter dated October 23, 2026.

Motion by: Purcell
Second by: Chappell
Not Present: Barton, Dobbs, Garland, Kusaj, Minor, Ndudim, Sargent-Burns, Sheffield, Taira
Abstained: Bearden
Decision: Motion approved by a majority of the commissioners present.

CUNNINGHAM, EUGENE (BB8559)
Sentencing Court: Los Angeles
Governor-referred pursuant to Penal Code section 3041.1

Motion: Affirm the panel's July 28, 2026 decision to grant parole, as articulated in the panel's proposed decision.

Motion by: Ruff
Second by: Infante
Not Present: Barton, Dobbs, Garland, Kusaj, Minor, Ndudim, Sargent-Burns, Sheffield, Taira
Abstained: Bearden
Decision: Motion approved by a majority of the commissioners present.

ESCALERA, ELIAS (AR4882)
Sentencing Court: Los Angeles
Governor-referred pursuant to Penal Code section 3041.1

Motion: Affirm the panel's July 9, 2026 decision to grant parole, as articulated in the panel's proposed decision. In addition, the Board imposes the following special condition of parole: do not drive or operate a motor vehicle while on parole.

Motion by: Sharrieff
Second by: Long
Not Present: Barton, Dobbs, Garland, Kusaj, Minor, Ndudim, Sargent-Burns, Sheffield, Taira
Abstained: Bearden
Decision: Motion approved by a majority of the commissioners present.

GIRLEY, DOUGLAS (G68253)
Sentencing Court: San Joaquin
Governor-referred pursuant to Penal Code section 3041.1

Motion: Refer for a rescission hearing to consider whether the panel's July 9, 2026 grant of parole was improvident, based on the concerns cited in the Governor's referral letter dated October 23, 2026.

Motion by: Thornton
Second by: Purcell
Not Present: Barton, Dobbs, Garland, Kusaj, Minor, Ndudim, Sargent-Burns, Sheffield, Taira
Abstained: Bearden
Decision: Motion approved by a majority of the commissioners present.

REYES, CARLOS (AL9099)
Sentencing Court: Orange
Governor-referred pursuant to Penal Code section 3041.1

Motion: Affirm the panel's September 2, 2026 decision to grant parole, as articulated in the panel's proposed decision.

Motion by: Weiss
Second by: Infante
Not Present: Barton, Dobbs, Garland, Kusaj, Minor, Ndudim, Sargent-Burns, Sheffield, Stern, Taira
Abstained: Bearden
Decision: Motion approved by a majority of the commissioners present.

RHEE, RONALD (AX1392)
Sentencing Court: Los Angeles
Governor-referred pursuant to Penal Code section 3041.1

Motion: Affirm the panel's July 16, 2026 decision to grant parole, as articulated in the panel's proposed decision.

Motion by: Muñiz
Second by: Long
Not Present: Barton, Dobbs, Garland, Kusaj, Minor, Ndudim, Sargent-Burns, Sheffield, Taira
Abstained: Bearden
Decision: Motion approved by a majority of the commissioners present.

RODRIGUEZ, PETER (G58197)
Sentencing Court: Ventura
Governor-referred pursuant to Penal Code section 3041.1

Motion: Affirm the panel's August 7, 2026 decision to grant parole, as articulated in the panel's proposed decision.

Motion by: Infante
Second by: Sharrieff
Not Present: Barton, Dobbs, Garland, Kusaj, Minor, Ndudim, Sargent-Burns, Sheffield, Taira
Abstained: Bearden
Decision: Motion approved by a majority of the commissioners present.