BOARD OF PAROLE HEARINGS
Executive Board Meeting
October 20-23, 2026

October 20, 2026

Meeting called to order at 11:01 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 Barton, Bearden, Chappell, Diaz, Garland, Minor, Muniz, Ndudim, Purcell, Ruff, Sargent-Burns, and Weiss were present in person at 1515 K Street, Sacramento, CA.

Commissioners Infante, Kusaj, Long, Sharrieff, Sheffield, Taira, and Thornton were online via TEAMS, with their cameras turned on.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Approval of the Draft Minutes from the September 22-23, 2026 Board of Parole Hearings Executive Board Meeting.

3. Approval of the Parole Consideration Hearings and Backlog Report for October 2026.

4. Public Comment on the Consent Calendar. There were no public comments.

Commissioner WEISS moved to approve the consent calendar. Commissioner GARLAND seconded the motion, which carried, with Commissioners BEARDEN and DIAZ abstaining.

Barton	Aye
Bearden	Abstain
Chappell	Aye
Diaz	Abstain
Garland	Aye
Infante	Aye
Kusaj	Aye
Long	Aye
Minor	Aye
Muniz	Aye
Ndudim	Aye
Purcell	Aye
Ruff	Aye
Sargent-Burns	Aye
Sharrieff	Aye

Sheffield	Aye
Taira	Aye
Thornton	Aye
Weiss	Aye

REPORTS

Report from Scott Wyckoff, Executive Officer

Executive Officer SCOTT WYCKOFF congratulated Commissioners Barton, Purcell, Chappell, Sheffield, and Infante on their reappointment.

WYCKOFF reported that he and Commissioners Barton and Kusaj attended the Guiding Rage into Power honors event. WYCKOFF also reported that he and Commissioners Diaz and Bearden toured California State Prison, Solano, the Delancey Street dormitories, dined at the Delancey Street restaurant, and attended Life Support Alliance's Healing Through Amends program graduation.

Report from Jessica Blonien, Chief Counsel

Chief Counsel BLONIEN's outreach update was canceled.

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

Chief MARIAM EL-MENSHAWI stated that since the OVSRS call center was relaunched in August, staff have increased victim liaison and have assisted with more than 3,100 sessions. Victims may use the call center or reservation portal for assistance with hearing attendance or other support needs.

EL-MENSHAWI stated that she attended several Domestic Violence Awareness Month outreach events and provided victim advocate training on victims' rights throughout the various phases of the justice system.

OPEN COMMENTS

No Board member requested an item for future meetings.

Public Comment

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance (LSA), thanked those who attended the LSA graduation at the California State Prison, Solano and invited commissioners to attend the upcoming RISE program graduation at San Quentin Rehabilitation Center and the Connecting the Dots program graduation at Pleasant Valley State Prison.

NELSON-SLOANE also stated that LSA has launched a new class at Solano State Prison, which will be implemented over the next eight weeks. She also offered to provide materials related to LSA programs and curriculum upon request.

CONNIE LASKY, San Bernardino County Deputy District Attorney, stated that the California Sex Offender Management Board released a report in September recommending that sex offender treatment begin immediately following incarceration. LASKY expressed concerns that CDCR is not following the recommendations outlined in the report. LASKY also raised concerns regarding CDCR's catalog, which allows incarcerated persons to order postcards featuring provocatively posed women, including some who look very young, and state that the practice should be discontinued.

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EN BANC REFERRALS

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

10. LARMOUR, PATRICK (F19597)

No comments permitted for tie votes.

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.

11. HAWKINS, JEREMY (P06736)

HAWKINS's family recommended ordering a new hearing.

A representative of the Riverside County District Attorney's Office recommended affirming the parole denial.

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.

12. CLAYTON, DEANDRE (T46320)

CLAYTON's family supported the parole grant.

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

13. DOWNS, DESMONE (AK6133)

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

14. KRUZIK, JOSHUA (AN5635)

KRUZIK's family and friend supported the parole grant.

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

15. PRICE, CARL (AB2762)

PRICE's family, friend, and attorney, ANANDA HART, supported the parole grant.

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

16. SCOTT, JEROME (F41852)

SCOTT's family and friends supported the parole grant.

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

17. VALLE, HECTOR (AT4685)

No comments.

Open session recessed at 12:21 p.m.

October 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: Barton, Bearden, Diaz, Infante, Kusaj, Long, Muniz, Ruff, Sharrieff, Sheffield, Taira, Thornton, and Weiss were present in person at 1515 K Street, Sacramento, CA.

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

EN BANC REFERRALS

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.

19. BECERRA, EDWARD (BE9259)

BECERRA's family supported the parole grant.

20. HOLLAND, BRIANT (P17908)

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

21. LEPLAT, LOUIS (AH6056)

The victim's family recommended ordering a rescission hearing.

22. LINVILLE, PAIGE (WE7976)

LINVILLE's friends supported the parole grant.

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

23. OCHOA, PACIANO (H03961)

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

24. OROZCO, SAUL (BD1427)

OROZCO's family and friend supported the parole grant.

The victim's family, friends, and a representative of the San Diego County District Attorney's Office recommended ordering a rescission hearing.

25. RUSK, DANIEL (J68423)

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

26. WILLOVER, NORMAN (P36723)

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

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

OPEN COMMENTS

No Board member requested an item for future meetings.

Public Comment

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance (LSA), expressed concern about the decreased grant rates of many of the Board's commissioners. NELSON-SLOANE stated that recently multiple commissioners have given zero grants and others have very low grant rates, including 15 ten-year denials issued this year. NELSON-SLOANE expressed that she wants to understand why the parole grants have decreased so much.

Open session recessed at 10:35 a.m.

October 23, 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 Bearden, Chappell, Diaz, Minor, Ndudim, Purcell, Ruff, Sargent-Burns, Sheffield, Taira, and Weiss were present in person at 1515 K Street, Sacramento, CA.

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PRESENTATIONS

Jacob Salomon and Nikkole Melgoza, Community Reentry Services Unit, Division of Rehabilitative Programs, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, presented: **Long Term Offender Reentry Recovery Programs (LTORRs)**

Open session recessed at 9:22 a.m.

Open session reconvened at 9:33 a.m.

Dr. Jasmine Tehrani, Chief Psychologist, Forensic Assessment Division, Board of Parole Hearings presented: **Celebrating 20 Years of the Forensic Assessment Division: Our History, Evolution, and 2025 Risk Assessment Data**

OPEN COMMENTS

No Board member requested an item for future meetings.

Public Comment

VANESSA NELSON-SLOANE, Life Support Alliance (LSA), stated that she had asked to see the original meeting notes from 2006 where six psychologists met to discuss creating a forensic assessment division (FAD), she received the flip chart notes and after speaking with the psychologists they had come to no conclusion regarding the creation of FAD. NELSON -SLOANE stated the fact that FAD exists is due to Dr. Tehrani and Dr. Walker and that the creation of FAD is a remarkable thing. NELSON-SLOANE stated that she would like recordings of the CRA interviews so the incarcerated population can have the ability to challenge the facts of a CRA and she expressed her concern with how people

convicted of offenses that require sex offender registration are going to fare moving forward.

Commissioner CHAPPELL thanked everyone who participated.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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Penal Code Section 3041(d)
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