

Equitable Access to Parole

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Parole Board Composition

At all times:

- 4/9 members must have at least five years of experience in fields of psychiatry, psychology, social work, or the treatment of substance use disorder including one licensed mental health professional, and
- 1/9 members of the board shall be a formerly incarcerated individual.

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Hearings and Decisions

- All hearings shall be public and occur no later than 90 days before parole eligibility.
- Parole decisions shall be issued no later than 30 days before parole eligibility for initial hearings and within 60 days for review hearings.
- After an initial hearing, the Parole Board shall reconsider parole at least once every three years.
- All Hearings shall be recorded
- All parole attorneys shall be permitted to be represented by counsel.
- A parole permit shall be granted unless the board determines by clear and convincing evidence that the applicant will not live and remain at liberty without violating the law.

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Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security