

FY2019 Parole Decisions

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of the Sentencing Reform Task Force

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Types of parole hearings/reviews

- The Parole Board holds 25,000-30,000 hearings/reviews annually, including...
 - Application hearings, file reviews, full board reviews, special needs reviews, release rescission hearings, probable cause hearings, early discharge reviews, parole revocation hearings and SVP hearing designations

FOCUS TODAY: 8,594 Discretionary Hearings (FY19)
Regular
Full Board
File Reviews

8594 Discretionary Hearings

- **43% Release (3,650)**

3% within 3 months to MRD
9% within 6 months to MRD
22% within 14 months to MRD
66% more than 14 months to MRD

- **57% Defer (4,944)**

28% deferred to MRD

8% within 3 months to MRD
12% within 6 months to MRD
20% within 14 months to MRD
60% more than 14 months to MRD

6434 Regular Hearings

(includes 1502 file reviews)

- **35% Release (2243)**

4% within 3 months to MRD

12% within 6 months to MRD

28% within 14 months to MRD

57% more than 14 months to MRD

- **57% Defer (4191)**

29% deferred to MRD

9% within 3 months to MRD

13% within 6 months to MRD

20% within 14 months to MRD

58% more than 14 months to MRD

2160 Full Board Hearings

- **65% Release (1407)**

<1% within 3 months to MRD
4% within 6 months to MRD
13% within 14 months to MRD
82% more than 14 months to MRD

- **35% Defer (753)**

20% deferred to MRD

<1% within 3 months to MRD
5% within 6 months to MRD
21% within 14 months to MRD
73% more than 14 months to MRD

1501 File Reviews

(18% of Regular hearings)

37% Release (2243)

63% Defer (4191)

1756 SO Reviews

2% Release (41)

63% Defer (1107)

35% referred to Full Board (608)

58% Release (352)

42% Defer (256)

Overall SO Reviews: Regular and Full Board Total

22% Release (393)

78% Defer (1363)

(SO=Individuals who committed a sex offense)

SAMPLE Reasons for defer decisions

in descending order of frequency

(Only required in cases when the PB decision departed from the PBRGI recommendation)

- Severity of crime/institutional behavior
- Untreated criminogenic needs (impulse control deficits, antisocial attitudes/behavior, anger issues, substance abuse issues)
- Lack of accountability/minimizes offense
- Parole plan
- Need time to stabilize in community placement
- Inadequate time served
- Needs additional program participation