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Parole Board Quarterly Report of Actions April 1 through June 30, 2020(Q4, FY2020)

This report is organized by sections as follows:

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Section 1. Summary of all parole decisions during the reporting period

Quarterly Totals

Parole actions are categorized by discretionary parole decisions, mandatory parole decisions (MPR), and parole violation decisions. Hearings that resulted in 'No Action' being taken and hearings resulting in the rescission of a parole as a result of ineligibility are also displayed in the following table.

The total number of hearings conducted this quarter decreased due to COVID-19. Per Governor Sisolak's Directive ordering all State agencies to close to the public effective close of business on Friday, March 20, 2020, through May 31, 2020, only in absentia parole was granted during this time period, if the inmate met certain requirements. (The Parole Board cannot deny parole without an in person hearing). As such, there were no parole denials during this Directive. As a result, "No Action" hearings increased this quarter. (As the Parole Board only had the ability to grant parole in absentia during this Directive, the grant rates reflected during this Directive increased significantly, well above normal. The grant rate will likely decrease significantly over the next quarter as inmates who did not qualify for in absentia parole during this quarter will likely be heard in the next quarter).

	Male	Female	Total
Discretionary Parole Hearings	707	151	858
Discretionary Paroles Granted	562	137	699
Discretionary Paroles Denied	145	14	159
Mandatory Parole (MPR) Hearings	322	39	361
Mandatory Paroles Granted	263	38	301
Mandatory Paroles Denied	59	1	60
Discretionary Parole Violations Hearings	61	9	70
Discretionary Paroles Continued (Reinstated)	13	2	15
Discretionary Paroles Revoked	48	7	55
MPR Release Violation Hearings	9	2	11
MPR Violators Continued (Reinstated)	0	1	1
MPR Violators Revoked	9	1	10
Total Decisions	1099	201	1300
Total Grant/Continued	838	178	1016
Total Denied/Revoked	261	23	284
Hearings with No Action	869	83	952
Rescissions (not eligible)	7	3	10
Pending PV Hearing	0	0	0
Total Hearings	1975	287	2262

Percentage of Action by Gender

Percent of Action by Gender	Male	Female	Total
Percent of Discretionary Parole Granted	79.5%	90.7%	81.5%
Percent of Mandatory Parole Granted	81.7%	97.4%	83.4%
Total Discretionary/MPR Grant Rate	80.2%	92.1%	82.0%

Section 2: Statistics of parole actions based on the parole guideline recommendation

The following charts represent discretionary and mandatory parole actions based on the discretionary parole guideline. The MPR actions appear as reference only. The guideline for consideration for release under NRS 213.1215 (Mandatory Parole) is whether there is a reasonable probability that the prisoner would be a danger to public safety. When an inmate being considered for release under Mandatory Parole is denied, the underlying reason is the determination that there is a reasonable probability that the prisoner would be a danger to public safety if released on parole.

Discretionary Parole Actions by Guideline Recommendation			
	Granted	Denied	% Granted
Parole at Initial	198	5	98%
Parole at 1st or 2 nd Hearing	382	44	90%
Consider Factors	118	95	55%
Deny Parole	1	15	6%
Total	699	159	82%
Mandatory Parole Actions by Guideline Recommendation			
	Granted	Denied	% Granted
Parole at Initial	44	0	100%
Parole at 1st or 2 nd Hearing	148	16	90%
Consider Factors	108	33	77%
Deny Parole	1	12	8%
Total	301	61	83%

* Source: NOTIS PARPAG report. May vary from numbers reported in Section 3 when a guideline recommendation is overridden by another assessment or when sentences are aggregated.

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Section 3: Summary of parole actions that deviated from the discretionary parole guideline

The following represents the number of inmates who were denied parole when the guideline recommended parole should be granted (denials when the guideline recommends parole be granted at 1st or 2nd hearing would become a deviation when parole is denied at the 2nd hearing):

# of Actions to Deny Parole that Deviated:	5
Total Number of Discretionary Denials:	159
Percent of Deviation:	3.1%

The following represents the number of inmates who were granted parole when the guideline recommended parole should be denied:

# of Actions to Grant Parole that Deviated:	1
Total Number of Discretionary Grants:	699
Percent of Deviation:	0.1%

* Source: NOTIS PARPAG report. May vary from numbers reported in Section 3 when a guideline recommendation is overridden by another assessment or when sentences are aggregated.

Section 4: Summary of parole actions by offense group

The following charts represent parole actions by offense group as defined by the Department of Corrections. Offenses appearing in the "Sex" category include offenses such as "Prostitution with HIV," "Pandering" and "Failure to Register as a Sex Offender." Offenses that involved violence during the commission of the offense, but with an actual conviction title that would not by itself appear to be violent will not appear in the "Violence" offense group (i.e., a Burglary conviction that included striking a resident would appear in the "Property" offense group). Offenses appearing in the "Other" offense group includes offenses that cannot be readily categorized into one of the other offense groups (i.e., Habitual Criminals, gaming related offenses and Victim over 65 Enhancement which could be a property or violent offense).

	Sex	Violence	Drug	Property	DUI	Other	Total
Discretionary Parole Hearings	52	175	214	297	22	198	858
Disc. Parole Hearings Granted	29	103	196	277	22	72	699
Percent Favorable	56%	59%	92%	93%	100%	73%	81%

Mandatory Hearings	13	147	37	106	25	33	361
Mandatory Hearings Granted	8	110	35	97	24	27	301
Percent Favorable	62%	75%	95%	92%	96%	82%	83%

Total Disc. & Mand. Hearings	65	322	251	403	47	131	1219
Total Parole Grants	37	213	231	374	46	99	1000
Percent Favorable	57%	66%	92%	93%	98%	76%	82%

PV Hearings	3	17	14	31	1	15	81
PV's Reinstated	2	4	2	6	0	2	16
Percent Favorable	67%	24%	14%	19%	0%	13%	20%

Total	98	339	265	434	48	146	1300
Total Favorable	39	217	233	380	46	101	1016
Percent Favorable	57%	64%	88%	88%	96%	69%	78%

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Section 5: Reasons for each parole action

The following provides a summary of the reasons for each decision to grant, deny, continue or revoke parole, including reasons for deviating from the parole guideline recommendation.

When acting to grant or deny parole, more than one reason may be selected. Reasons for each specific case are available upon request in the Carson City office of the Board of Parole Commissioners.

When the "Other" reason is selected, written comments are manually entered. Those comments are also available upon request at the Carson City office of the Parole Board. Reasons for Granting Discretionary Parole Release:

Reasons for Granting Discretionary Parole

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
510	The parole guideline recommends that parole be granted, and there are no serious reasons to deviate from the guideline recommendation.
124	The inmate has no prior or minimal criminal conviction history.
23	The inmate has a positive institutional record.
182	The inmate has participated in programs specific to addressing behavior that led to incarceration.
29	The inmate has adjusted in a positive manner to a work release program or other assignment as community trustee.
111	The inmate has successfully completed a prior period of parole or probation.
255	The inmate has stable release plans.
148	There is a detainer lodged by other jurisdiction.
40	The inmate must serve a consecutive sentence.
4	Case factors suggest parole may be appropriate at this time.
462	There is community and/or family support.
1888	Total

Reasons for Denying Discretionary Parole Release

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
82	Prior prison term did not deter future criminal activity.
14	Prior conviction for a sexual offense.
86	Prior conviction for a violent offense.
93	Repetitive criminal conduct.
69	Significant prior criminal history.
11	Disruptive institutional behavior, or poor disciplinary record.
9	The prisoner was assessed in accordance with NRS 213.1214 and was determined to be a high risk, or higher than moderate risk to re-offend.
15	Multiple prior parole/probation revocations.
52	Nature of criminal record is increasingly more serious.
28	Crime was targeted against a child or person at greater vulnerability because of age/disability.
89	Impact on victim(s) and/or community.
2	The extreme or abnormal aspects of the crime.
1	Inmate has indicated an unwillingness to comply with the terms of parole.
13	Risk factors indicate the inmate is a high risk to return to prison.
2	Removal from community supervision program.
9	Parole Guideline recommends parole denial and other factors do not indicate the Board should deviate from the guideline.
4	Inmate refused to participate in the hearing process.
6	Inmate does not want parole, and requested to expire sentence.
19	Inmate was convicted of a new felony while serving a prior period of community supervision.
604	TOTAL

Reasons for Granting Discretionary Parole Release when the Guideline Recommends Denial

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
1	The inmate has participated in programs specific to addressing the behavior that led to incarceration.
1	Community and/or family support.
1	Stable release plans.
3	TOTAL

Reasons for Denying Discretionary Parole Release when the Guideline Suggests Parole Should be Granted

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
2	Prior prison term did not deter future criminal activity.
3	Prior conviction for a violent offense.
3	Repetitive criminal conduct.
2	Significant prior criminal history.
1	Disruptive institutional behavior, or poor disciplinary record.
2	Nature of criminal record is increasingly more serious.
2	Impact on victim(s) and/or community.
1	Inmate has indicated an unwillingness to comply with the terms of parole.
1	Inmate requested to expire sentence.
17	TOTAL

Reasons for Granting Mandatory Parole Release

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
298	The inmate is eligible for release in accordance with NRS 213.1215 and the case factors do not suggest that the inmate would be a danger to public safety if released on parole.
3	The prisoner was under the age of 16 when he committed the crime which resulted in a sentence of life with parole, and the Board is required by statute to grant parole in accordance with NRS 213.1215(2).
301	TOTAL

Reasons for Denying Mandatory Parole Release (NRS 213.1215)

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
14	The parole guidelines indicate the prisoner is a high risk to re-offend.
3	The prisoner was evaluated in accordance with NRS 213.1214 and was determined to be a high risk, or higher than moderate risk to re-offend.
5	The prisoner has made statements indicating he/she will refuse to comply with the terms and conditions of parole.
30	The prisoner has a history of convictions for violent crimes.
6	The prisoner has engaged in violent behavior while incarcerated.
6	The prisoner has previously committed crimes while on community supervision.
1	The criminal conduct of the prisoner has increased in severity over time.
1	The prisoner has demonstrated an attitude or behavior which indicates that the prisoner favors a criminal lifestyle (i.e., gang activities, planning escapes or other criminal activity, etc)
6	Other:
72	TOTAL

Reasons for Taking No Action

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
7	Inmate was moved after hearing date was set. Will be rescheduled upon publication of new eligibility list.
11	Inmate not eligible due to new felony conviction. Inmate will be re-scheduled when eligible.
11	Inmate was not available at the time of the hearing.
8	No action taken due to lack of information needed to make a recommendation.
13	The inmate has a current or prior conviction for an offense listed in NRS 213.1214 and the required assessment was not provided to the Board by the hearing date. A parole hearing will be re-scheduled and conducted once the Board is in receipt of the evaluation.
12	Prior action to deny parole.
7	Prior action to grant parole.
2	Inmate refused to attend hearing.
4	Inmate not eligible due to change or correction in sentence structure or credits earned/lost per NDOC Records.
5	The inmate is in the custody of another jurisdiction and not enough information was provided to make an informed decision to grant or deny parole.
38	The inmate is pending new criminal charges. Will be rescheduled once the new charges have been adjudicated.
1	The attorney appointed to represent the inmate during parole revocation proceedings was not present at the scheduled time.
14	Inmate not eligible for parole for reasons other than new sentence or credit adjustment.
4	Inmate or inmate's counsel requested a continuance.
7	Hearing continued pending outcome of disciplinary charges.
3	Inmate needs to be considered by three commissioners, and three were not available at the hearing.
1	Inmate expired after being scheduled, but before the hearing took place.
72	Other:
6	No PSI, or specific information related to the offense was available to the Board at the time of the hearing.
43	The Board did not have access to the NDOC NOTIS database because of networking issues which resulted in a lack of access to information necessary to conduct the hearing or make an action recommendation.
5	The inmate indicates an interest in aggregating his/her consecutive sentence(s). No Action is taken to allow the inmate time to research and make a determination whether to opt-in.
719	Public Meeting Cancelled due to COVID-19 Emergency Declaration
993	TOTAL

Reasons for Revoking and Reinstating Parole are on file at the Carson City office of the Board of Parole Commissioners