

7/12/2017 Questions and Answers

Q. I hear that the plan is to inform Mr Simpson and the media of the decision on the same day - is that unusual? I was told decisions can often take up to three weeks.

A. The Board occasionally conducts hearings with a majority of the members of the Board. When a majority is present, and the decision is unanimous, the result is provided to the inmate at the time of the hearing. Because of the media interest in this case and to facilitate returning to business as usual, the Board opted to conduct this hearing with a majority of the members. When hearings are conducted by panels of less than a majority of the Board, the results of the hearing generally take approximately three weeks to reach the inmate.

Q. Are you able to say how many media organizations have registered to cover the hearing?

A. There are approximately 30 distinct organizations attending at each location, most with multiple personnel in attendance.

Q. I know that only pool cameras are allowed in the hearing room - where can we set up our own camera to do pre and post live shots? Can we do live shots during the deliberation period? You left out a word in your info below – am I correct that you will answer questions after the hearing? Where will that take place?

A. There is space in the front and back of the building where media can do pre and post live shots. Since the space is limited, we ask that all media representatives be mindful of the use of the most desirable areas and be respectful in sharing with other media.

Yes, a representative of the Board will be answering questions after the hearing. We have a conference room set up next to the hearing area. Access to this conference room will be generally limited to one or in some instances two members of each distinct media organization.

Q. I am going to be in town on the 19th. I'd love to come by and get a lay of the land and say hello if that's possible. Is there a good time to get that done?

A. Many of the media representatives have indicated they are arriving the day before the hearing to get an idea of our location (in Carson City). We will begin issuing passes for the media on the 19th, so yes you are welcome to stop by. You may not be able to meet with anyone specifically because of the amount of set-up work taking place for the hearing the next day.

Q. Of the 4 commissioners - does it have to be a majority (3:1) or all 4 have to decide he can be paroled?

A. All decisions to grant or deny parole require a majority of the Board (4). If the panel is not unanimous, the two commissioners in our Las Vegas office will be patched in to participate in the hearing. Please see the previous FAQ on this question in the 7-11-2017 question and answer document on our web page.

- Q. If the 4 commissioners can't come to an agreement, how will the other 3 be conferenced into the hearing; ie skype, phone call? Will one be added at a time?**
- A. We will patch in the other two commissioners who are available via telephone or video conference. The method will be determined if the need arises.
- Q. Is it possible to get a copy of the risk assessment that the commissioners have?**
- A. The actual risk assessment for this hearing will be made available after the hearing when the final order is produced.
- Q. Could it really take a week or is it more likely for a decision to happen on Thursday?**
- A. No. A final decision will be made that day.
- Q. How long is the hearing? How long is a typical deliberation?**
- A. Please read the hearing fact sheet and other question and answer documents on our web page.
- Q. Will OJ speak?**
- A. Inmates are permitted to speak at their hearings.
- Q. Do you know who will be there in the room for OJ?**
- A. We do not release information relative to persons in attendance in a parole hearing. Although once the hearing begins, it may or may not become evident who is in attendance.
- Q. I am told that the Northern parole board in Carson City is known among inmates as being more conservative than its Southern Nevada counterpart. Is there any truth to that?**
- A. The cases conducted by each office are voted on by members in the opposite office in order to reach a majority vote. All the commissioners use the same risk assessment and guideline, and follow the same general hearing practices when conducting hearings. There is no evidence that the Board is aware of that indicates that one location has panel members who are more conservative or liberal than the other location. As such, this rumor is false.