

CENTRAL OFFICE

1677 Old Hot Springs Rd., Ste. A
Carson City, NV 89706
<http://parole.nv.gov>
(775) 687-5049
Fax (775) 687-6736

CONNIE S. BISBEE, *Chairman*
TONY CORDA, *Member*
ADAM ENDEL, *Member*
SUSAN JACKSON, *Member*

DARLA FOLEY, *Executive Secretary*

STATE OF NEVADA BRIAN SANDOVAL Governor



LAS VEGAS OFFICE

4000 S. Eastern Ave., Ste. 130
Las Vegas, NV 89119
<http://parole.nv.gov>
(702) 486-4370
FAX (702) 486-4376

CONNIE S. BISBEE, *Chairman*
ED GRAY, JR., *Member*
MICHAEL KEELER, *Member*
MAURICE SILVA, *Member*

NEVADA BOARD OF PAROLE COMMISSIONERS

February 20, 2014

To: Richard Combs, Director, Legislative Counsel Bureau

From: Connie S. Bisbee, Chairman

RE: Parole Board Quarterly Report of Actions October 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

Please find attached the Quarterly Report of Parole Board Actions for the period October 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. (Q2, FY 2014.) This report is prepared in accordance with NRS 213.10887: "Board to compile, maintain, organize and tabulate information concerning decisions regarding parole."

This report is organized by sections as follows:

- Section 1: Summary of all parole decisions during the reporting period. Parole actions are categorized by discretionary parole decisions, mandatory parole decisions (MPR), and parole violation decisions.
- Section 2: Summary of parole actions based on the parole guideline recommendation.
- Section 3: Summary of parole actions that deviate from the guideline recommendation.
- Section 4: Summary of parole actions by offense group.
- Section 5: Summary of the reasons for parole actions, including reasons for deviating from the parole guideline recommendation. Reasons for actions on individual cases are on file at the Carson City Office of the Parole Board and are available upon request.

Table of Contents

Section 1. Summary of all parole decisions during the reporting period.....	3
Quarterly Totals	3
Percentage of Action by Gender	3
Section 2: Statistics of parole actions based on the parole guideline recommendation.....	4
Section 3: Summary of parole actions that deviated from the discretionary parole guideline	5
Section 4: Summary of parole actions by offense group	6
Section 5: Reasons for each parole action	7
Reasons for Granting Discretionary Parole Release:.....	7
Reasons for Denying Discretionary Parole Release	8
Reasons for Recommending Discretionary Parole Release when the Guideline Recommends Denial.....	9
Reasons for Denying Discretionary Parole Release when the Guideline Suggests Parole Should be Granted.....	10
Reasons for Granting Mandatory Parole Release	11
Reasons for Denying Mandatory Parole Release (NRS 213.1215)	12
Reasons for Taking No Action	13

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.

	Male	Female	Total
Discretionary Parole Hearings	1045	160	1205
Discretionary Paroles Granted	519	123	642
Discretionary Paroles Denied	526	37	563
Mandatory Parole (MPR) Hearings	471	48	519
Mandatory Paroles Granted	263	40	303
Mandatory Paroles Denied	208	8	216
Discretionary Parole Violations Hearings	142	18	160
Discretionary Paroles Continued (Reinstated)	28	6	34
Discretionary Paroles Revoked	114	12	126
MPR Release Violation Hearings	29	3	32
MPR Violators Continued (Reinstated)	0	0	0
MPR Violators Revoked	29	3	32
Total Decisions	1687	229	1916
Total Grant/Continued	810	169	979
Total Denied/Revoked	877	60	937
Hearings with No Action	202	10	212
Rescissions (not eligible)	9	0	9
Total Hearings	1,898	239	2,137

Percentage of Action by Gender

Percent of Action by Gender	Male	Female	Total
Percent of Discretionary Parole Granted	49.7%	76.9%	53.3%
Percent of Mandatory Parole Granted	55.8%	83.3%	58.4%
Total Discretionary/MPR Grant Rate	51.6%	78.4%	54.8%

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	148	35	81%
Parole at 1st or 2 nd Hearing	311	174	64%
Consider Factors	183	237	44%
Deny Parole	0	117	0%
Total	642	563	53.5%
Mandatory Parole Actions by Guideline Recommendation			
	Granted	Denied	% Granted
Parole at Initial	38	13	75%
Parole at 1st or 2 nd Hearing	165	44	79%
Consider Factors	100	87	53%
Deny Parole	0	72	0%
Total	303	216	57.4%

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:	35
Total Number of Discretionary Denials:	563
Percent of Deviation:	6.2%

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:	642
Percent of Deviation:	0.2%

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 can not 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	128	337	210	362	43	125	1205
Discretionary Parole Hearings Granted	29	133	175	216	21	68	642
Percent Favorable	23%	39%	83%	60%	49%	54%	53%

MPR Hearings	33	197	70	141	39	39	519
MPR Hearings Granted	15	90	51	97	29	21	303
Percent Favorable	45%	46%	73%	69%	74%	54%	58%

Total Parole Hearings	161	534	280	503	82	164	1724
Total Parole Grants	44	223	226	313	50	89	945
Percent Favorable	27%	42%	81%	62%	61%	54%	55%

PV Hearings	10	46	40	73	1	22	192
PV's Reinstated	0	11	9	10	0	4	34
Percent Favorable	0%	24%	23%	14%	0%	18%	18%

Total	171	580	320	576	83	186	1916
Total Favorable	44	234	235	323	50	93	979
Percent Favorable	26%	40%	73%	56%	60%	50%	51%

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:

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
435	The parole guideline recommends that parole be granted, and there are no serious reasons to deviate from the guideline recommendation.
157	The inmate has no prior or minimal criminal conviction history.
84	The inmate has a positive institutional record.
204	The inmate has participated in programs specific to addressing behavior that led to incarceration.
15	The inmate has adjusted in a positive manner to a work release program or other assignment as community trustee.
39	The inmate has successfully completed a prior period of parole or probation.
131	The inmate has stable release plans.
87	There is a detainer lodged by other jurisdiction.
97	The inmate must serve a consecutive sentence.
52	Case factors suggest parole may be appropriate at this time.
216	There is community and/or family support.
3	Other
1,520	Total

Reasons for Denying Discretionary Parole Release

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
225	Prior prison term did not deter future criminal activity.
26	Prior conviction for a sexual offense.
225	Prior conviction for a violent offense.
262	Repetitive criminal conduct.
192	Significant prior criminal history.
54	Disruptive institutional behavior, or poor disciplinary record.
8	The prisoner was evaluated in accordance with NRS 213.1214 (psych panel) and was determined to be a high risk to re-offend.
36	Multiple prior parole/probation revocations.
91	Nature of criminal record is increasingly more serious.
107	Crime was targeted against a child or person at greater vulnerability because of age/disability.
269	Impact on victim(s) and/or community.
4	The extreme or abnormal aspects of the crime.
122	Risk factors indicate the inmate is a high risk to commit a new felony.
12	Removal from community supervision program.
88	Parole Guideline recommends parole denial and other factors do not indicate the Board should deviate from the guideline.
1	The inmate has a conviction for a sex offense, and there is insufficient risk information to indicate that there is a reasonable probability that the prisoner will live and remain at liberty without violating the laws.
1	The Board does not have enough adequate information to allow it to make a decision to grant parole.
11	Other
5	Inmate refused to participate in the hearing process.
18	Inmate does not want parole, and requested to expire sentence.
33	Inmate was convicted of a new felony while serving a prior period of community supervision.
1,790	Total

Reasons for Recommending Discretionary Parole Release when the Guideline Recommends Denial

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
1	Pending CS sentence or detainer

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

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
20	Prior conviction for a sexual offense.
2	Prior conviction for a violent offense.
13	Repetitive criminal conduct.
25	Significant prior criminal history.
19	Multiple prior parole/probation revocations.
5	Nature of criminal record is increasingly more serious.
1	Crime was targeted against a child or person at greater vulnerability because of age/disability.
3	Impact on victim(s) and/or community.
10	Removal from community supervision program.
1	The inmate has a conviction for a sex offense, and there is insufficient risk information to indicate that there is a reasonable probability that the prisoner will live and remain at liberty without violating the laws.
3	Removal from community supervision program.
1	The Board does not have enough adequate information to allow it to make a decision to grant parole.
1	Other
104	Total

Reasons for Granting Mandatory Parole Release

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
303	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.

Reasons for Denying Mandatory Parole Release (NRS 213.1215)

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reason</i>
92	The parole guidelines indicated the prisoner is a high risk to reoffend.
2	The prisoner was evaluated in accordance with NRS 213.1214 (psych panel) and was determined to be a high risk to re-offend.
7	The prisoner has made statements indicating he/she will refuse to comply with the terms and conditions of parole.
73	The prisoner has a history of convictions for violent crimes.
4	The prisoner has engaged in violent behavior while incarcerated.
6	The prisoner has been convicted of multiple felony offenses of driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance.
10	The prisoner has previously committed crimes while on community supervision.
7	The criminal conduct of the prisoner has increased in severity over time.
56	Other
257	Total

Reasons for Taking No Action

Frequency	Reason
25	Inmate was moved after hearing date was set. Will be rescheduled upon publication of new eligibility list.
6	Inmate not eligible due to new felony conviction. Inmate will be re-scheduled when eligible.
22	Inmate was not available at the time of the hearing.
18	No action taken due to lack of information needed to make a recommendation.
19	The inmate has been convicted of an offense listed in NRS 213.1214(8), or has a current/past conviction for an offense listed in NRS 213.1214(11)(c). The Parole Board has requested that an evaluation be conducted in accordance with NRS 213.1214. A parole hearing will be re-scheduled and conducted once the Board is in receipt of the evaluation.
1	Prior action to deny parole.
5	Prior action to grant parole.
9	Inmate not eligible due to change or correction in sentence structure or credits earned/lost per NDOC records.
16	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.
41	The inmate is pending new criminal charges. Will be rescheduled once the new charges have been adjudicated.
6	The attorney appointed to represent the inmate during parole revocation proceedings was not present at the scheduled time.
1	The inmate needs an interpreter and one was not available for the hearing.
18	Inmate not given proper notice of the hearing.
1	Inmate not eligible for parole for reasons other than new sentence or credit adjustment
3	Inmate expired prior to eligibility.
9	Inmate or inmate's counsel requested a continuance
2	Inmate needs to be considered by three commissioners, and three were not available at the hearing.
10	Hearing continued until a psychological panel is conducted in accordance with NRS 213.1214.
3	Inmate expired after being scheduled, but before the hearing took place.
36	Other
15	No PSI, or specific information related to the offense was available to the Board at the time of the hearing.
266	Total

Board of Parole Commissioners

Quarterly Report October 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013 (Q2 – FY14)

Page 14

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

cc: Mark Teska, Dept. of Public Safety
Julie Strandberg, Department of Administration