

A RESOLUTION

Providing for the manner of voting on paroling decisions in cases involving a person convicted of Board Designated Majority Vote Cases:

RESOLVED, that in cases involving Board Designated Majority Vote Cases:

1. In cases involving Board Designated Majority Vote Cases, a panel may deny parole by agreement.
2. In cases involving Board Designated Majority Vote Cases, parole may be granted by a majority of the Board.
3. In cases involving Board Designated Majority Vote Cases, where a panel disagrees, the decision to grant or deny parole shall be made by a majority of the Board. A hearing examiner vote in such cases shall be treated as a recommendation to the Board.

REASONS FOR ADOPTION

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Parole Board is an independent administrative board of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that is responsible for the administration of the parole laws of this Commonwealth, 61 Pa.C.S. § 6111;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Prisons and Parole Code, 61 Pa.C.S. § 6132, the Board has power to parole persons sentenced to imprisonment in a state correctional institution;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Prisons and Parole Code, 61 Pa.C.S. § 6113, the Board is authorized to make decisions on parole by a majority of the entire membership of the Board, or by a panel consisting of one board member and one hearing examiner or two board members;

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that persons convicted of certain crimes warrant review by the entire membership of the Board, prior to parole release;

WHEREAS, the Board has from time to time designated certain offenses as Board Designated Majority Vote Cases, which require a majority vote of the entire membership of the Board to grant parole;

WHEREAS, the Board desires to establish and memorialize the voting process in cases involving persons convicted of Board Designated Majority Vote Cases.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board resolves that the Board Secretary shall record decisions in accordance with the manner of voting set forth above.

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