Resolution No. 2017- Ol Adopted: Janson 25, 2017

## **A RESOLUTION**

Providing for the manner of establishing release dates in cases where parole is granted, but decision makers differ on the date of release.

**RESOLVED**, that in cases where parole is granted, but decision makers differ on the date of release, release dates shall be established as follows:

- 1. In cases where parole is granted by a panel, but the panel differs on the date of release, the release date shall be decided by a Board Member, who shall concur with one of the original panel members.
- 2. In cases where parole is granted by a majority of the Board, the release date shall be determined by the majority of the decision makers voting to parole.
- 3. This resolution revokes and supersedes any prior policy, procedure, or resolution on the matters addressed herein.

## **REASONS FOR ADOPTION**

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

WHEREAS, 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; 61 Pa.C.S § 6113(a)-(b);

WHEREAS, a disagreement on a decision to parole between two members of a panel shall be decided by a Board Member who shall concur with one of the original panel members, 61 Pa.C.S. § 6113(c)(1);

WHEREAS, from time to time, decision makers differ on release dates in cases where parole is granted; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to establish and memorialize the process for establishing release dates in cases where parole is granted, but the decision makers differ on the release date.

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

ATTESTED

BOARD SECRETARY