

PAROLE HEARINGS

VISITOR INSTRUCTIONS

- The Commission will conduct each hearing by interviewing the inmate. Each Commissioner will have an opportunity to ask questions and/or provide comments. The Executive Director or other staff of the Commission may provide information during the hearing or ask questions as are deemed necessary.
- If the inmate is represented by an attorney, the Commission will allow the attorney a designated time frame in which to provide information to the Commission. As time is limited, the Commission will advise of the length of time allowed.
- Parole, commutation, or pardon hearings are not judicial proceedings and cross-examination by attorneys is not allowed.
- The Commission attempts to give priority to hearings with security issues; or the presence of victims, attorneys, and/or visitors. If you must leave by a certain time, please inform an officer. The officer will inform the Commission. While there is no guarantee that hearings will be conducted with this priority, every attempt will be made to do so.
- Due to time constraints, the Commission will only allow two (2) witnesses of family or friends of the inmate to testify. Those who provide testimony will be allotted one (1) minute per person.
- Victims will be allowed to testify. Victim testimony is normally taken following comments of an attorney and family or friends of the inmate.
- All persons who testify will direct their comments to the Commission. Please keep your comments to the appropriateness of parole from your perspective when testifying. The Commission may question anyone who provides testimony and may ask questions of anyone who appears at the hearing.
- Department of Correction personnel are invited to attend any hearing, following established Department and Commission policy.
- Following the conclusion of the hearing and testimony of witnesses, everyone but the Commission and Commission staff will leave the hearing room for the Commission's deliberation on the case.
- Once the deliberation is completed, all witnesses (victims, attorneys, visitors, the inmate, and security staff) are asked back into the hearing room. The decision of the Commission will be given at that time. The Commission does not allow debate of their decision nor additional comments from anyone unless the Commission specifically requests them.