

PAROLE GUIDELINES OVERVIEW

Parole Guidelines are tools to assist parole panel members in making discretionary parole release decisions. Guidelines provide a framework for more consistent voting across parole panels.

The Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles guidelines combine a research-based risk assessment of the offender with a measurement of the severity of the offense. The risk assessment measures the likelihood of an offender to have a successful parole. It uses both an offender's historical (static) information and current (dynamic) situation.

The assessed level of risk combines with the offense severity ranking to create a Parole Guidelines Score. The score ranges from one to seven -- one indicates the poorest probability, and seven the greatest, for success on parole.

While the score provides a measurement for parole panel consideration, the guidelines do not produce a precise recommendation to either deny or grant parole.

Security Response Technologies, Inc., the consulting firm contracted to assist the Board in developing guidelines in 2001, stated that "to have a so called 'presumptive' grant rate for each case would neither be practical nor desirable for a system that is designed to provide guidance and not certainty to each reviewed case."

In addition to the Parole Guidelines, a parole panel will consider additional information in making parole decisions. Board members and parole commissioners also consider such information as plea bargains, victim statements, protests from trial officials (judges, district attorneys, sheriffs and police chiefs), and letters of support.

While the Board seeks to maximize the state's ability to restore human potential to society through the granting of parole, its first priority always is public safety.

ANGLETON BOARD OFFICE

Conrith Davis *

LEVEL	CON	APP	APP RATE
1	7	4	57.14%
2	866	344	39.72%
3	1,301	736	56.57%
4	2,028	798	39.35%
5	1,102	329	29.85%
6	875	385	44.00%
7	233	153	65.67%
TOTAL	6,412	2,749	42.87%

Tauss, Cynthia *

LEVEL	CON	APP	APP RATE
1	0	0	0.00%
2	344	95	27.62%
3	377	125	33.16%
4	1,046	338	32.31%
5	790	348	44.05%
6	511	254	49.71%
7	121	48	39.67%
TOTAL	3,189	1,208	37.88%

Lynn Ruzicka

LEVEL	CON	APP	APP RATE
1	2	1	50.00%
2	785	280	35.67%
3	596	240	40.27%
4	2,349	741	31.55%
5	2,062	881	42.73%
6	1,559	830	53.24%
7	466	353	75.75%
TOTAL	7,819	3,326	42.54%

Fred Rangel

LEVEL	CON	APP	APP RATE
1	0	0	0.00%
2	831	254	30.57%
3	582	214	36.77%
4	2,396	570	23.79%
5	2,105	774	36.77%
6	1,552	785	50.58%
7	462	337	72.94%
TOTAL	7,928	2,934	37.01%

* Cynthia Tauss was appointed to the Board by Governor Rick Perry on February 25, 2013, succeeding Conrith Davis.

PALESTINE BOARD OFFICE

Michelle Skyrme

LEVEL	CON	APP	APP RATE
1	9	3	33.33%
2	1,430	503	35.17%
3	1,834	972	53.00%
4	3,472	1,184	34.10%
5	2,260	713	31.55%
6	1,467	613	41.79%
7	489	226	46.22%
TOTAL	10,961	4,214	38.45%

Paul Kiel

LEVEL	CON	APP	APP RATE
1	4	0	0.00%
2	1,117	257	23.01%
3	839	256	30.51%
4	3,145	781	24.83%
5	2,568	1,058	41.20%
6	1,745	975	55.87%
7	641	521	81.28%
TOTAL	10,059	3,848	38.25%

James Hensarling

LEVEL	CON	APP	APP RATE
1	3	0	0.00%
2	1,046	275	26.29%
3	785	266	33.89%
4	3,046	897	29.45%
5	2,587	1,102	42.60%
6	1,730	986	56.99%
7	620	496	80.00%
TOTAL	9,817	4,022	40.97%

SAN ANTONIO BOARD OFFICE

Juanita González

LEVEL	CON	APP	APP RATE
1	7	4	57.14%
2	1,542	547	35.47%
3	1,966	1,015	51.63%
4	3,567	1,408	39.47%
5	2,689	1,060	39.42%
6	1,777	884	49.75%
7	492	300	60.98%
TOTAL	12,040	5,218	43.34%

Charles Speier

LEVEL	CON	APP	APP RATE
1	1	1	100.00%
2	740	202	27.30%
3	534	170	31.84%
4	2,031	556	27.38%
5	2,159	852	39.46%
6	1,439	694	48.23%
7	393	219	55.73%
TOTAL	7,297	2,694	36.92%

Anthony Ramirez *

LEVEL	CON	APP	APP RATE
1	0	0	0.00%
2	501	104	20.76%
3	337	96	28.49%
4	1,507	381	25.28%
5	1,692	606	35.82%
6	1,071	521	48.65%
7	317	185	58.36%
TOTAL	5,425	1,893	34.89%

* Anthony Ramirez began serving as a Parole Commissioner on December 10, 2012.

THE CHAIR'S VOTE

Rissie Owens, Chair

LEVEL	CON	APP	APP RATE
1	3	3	100.00%
2	273	262	95.97%
3	768	749	97.53%
4	636	629	98.90%
5	9	7	77.78%
6	4	4	100.00%
7	0	0	0.00%
TOTAL	1,693	1,654	97.70%

