



**TEXAS BOARD
OF
PARDONS AND PAROLES**

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BOARD DIRECTIVE

SUBJECT: SPECIAL CONDITION SISP – ANNUAL OR BI-ANNUAL REVIEW

PURPOSE: To establish a procedure for the SISP parole panel to conduct an annual or bi-annual review of offenders on the SISP caseload.

AUTHORITY: Texas Government Code Sections 508.035(d), 508.0441, 508.045, 508.221 and 508.317
Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 42A.301(b)(16) and 56.11(a-1)

DISCUSSION: As authorized by the Texas Government Code, a parole panel may impose and withdraw special conditions of release. The Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles (Board) adopted Board Policy BPP-POL. 145.260 Special Condition SISP (Super Intensive Supervision Program) to establish procedures for a parole panel to impose SISP as a special condition. In order to transition offenders from the SISP caseload to a regular supervision caseload, the SISP parole panel will conduct an annual or bi-annual review of offenders on the SISP caseload.

DEFINITIONS: Parole Panel – a three-member panel comprised of one Board Member and two Parole Commissioners.

SISP – Super Intensive Supervision Program.

PROCEDURE:

- I. SISP – The Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) established a program to provide super intensive supervision to offenders released on parole or mandatory supervision. The TDCJ Parole Division (Division) is responsible for referring cases to the SISP parole panel to consider imposing and withdrawing Special Condition SISP.
- II. Annual or Bi-Annual Review – The Division will review all offenders currently on the SISP caseload on the anniversary date of the imposition of Special Condition SISP.
 - A. The Division’s review process will be initiated by the supervising Parole Officer. The supervising Parole Officer will prepare the SISP Special Condition Decision Memorandum/Transmittal providing relevant information concerning an offender’s adjustment while on supervision.

- B. The SISP Special Condition Decision Memorandum/Transmittal for all Phase I offenders will be annually. For Phase II offenders, after six months or annually (whichever comes first) and every six months thereafter. (*See TDCJ Parole Division Super-Intensive Supervision Parole PD/POP-3.15.1*)
- C. The transmittal will be reviewed by the Division's chain of command, ending with the Division Director or designee. The Division will make a recommendation to the parole panel to continue or withdraw Special Condition SISP.
- D. The SISP parole panel shall review and consider the cases referred by the Division. Upon considering a case, the SISP parole panel, upon majority vote, may:
 - 1. withdraw Special Condition SISP as a condition of parole or mandatory supervision;
 - 2. continue Special Condition SISP in effect; and/or
 - 3. impose any other special condition the panel deems appropriate.

III. Notification

- A. When the SISP parole panel withdraws Special Condition SISP, which includes electronic monitoring, the Division shall notify the victim in accordance with Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 56.11(a-1), which references Article 56.11(c).
- B. The Division will notify the offender in writing of the SISP parole panel's decision.

SIGNED THIS, THE 16TH DAY OF MARCH, 2021.

DAVID GUTIÉRREZ, PRESIDING OFFICER (CHAIR)

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