REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
Pursuant to P.A. 121 of 2024
Article 2, Section 504
Parole Board Decisions Report – 2nd Qtr.

Section 504: *The department shall issue quarterly reports for the previous 4 quarters detailing outcomes of prisoners who have been reviewed for parole. The report shall include all of the following:*

a) How many prisoners in each quarter were reviewed.
b) How many prisoners were granted parole.
c) How many prisoners were denied parole.
d) How many parole decisions were deferred.
e) The distribution of the total number of prisoners reviewed during that quarter grouped by whether the prisoners had been interviewed for the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, or more than sixth time.
f) The number of paroles granted, denied, or deferred for each of the parole guideline scores of low, average, and high.
g) The reason for denying or deferring parole.

The Michigan Parole Board is the only paroling authority for felony offenders committed to the jurisdiction of the Michigan Department of Corrections. That Parole Board gains jurisdiction of a case when a prisoner serving a non-life sentence has served his or her minimum sentence, less any good time or disciplinary credits the prisoner may have earned.

The Parole Board is divided into three member panels. The decision whether to grant or deny parole is determined by majority vote of a Parole Board panel. Cases involving a life sentence must be decided by a majority vote of the full Parole Board. If an offender is denied parole, a date is selected for the next Parole Board review.

The data in this report will follow its own respective date ranges to allow for the settling of data into the system and to ensure accurate analysis of the data. Below is how we have chosen to divide each report:

- January report: September – November
- April report: December – February
- July report: March – May
- October report: June – August

Table 1 breaks down the total number of hearings that have been granted parole, denied parole and deferred. It also gives the distribution of the number of hearings grouped by whether the prisoners had been interviewed for the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth or more than sixth time.

Table 1 – Hearing Number by Decision Type

		Hearing							Total
		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	More than 6th	
Mar '24 - May '24	Grant	1,054	298	100	36	13	14	13	1,528
	Deny	346	264	120	73	33	50	67	953
	Defer	938	82	56	25	10	5	11	1,127
	Total	**2,338**	**644**	**276**	**134**	**56**	**69**	**91**	**3,608**
Jun '24 - Aug '24	Grant	1,270	344	124	52	16	9	20	1,835
	Deny	335	230	101	78	32	27	79	882
	Defer	912	84	46	16	9	6	21	1,094
	Total	**2,517**	**658**	**271**	**146**	**57**	**42**	**120**	**3,811**
Sep '24 - Nov '24	Grant	1,199	390	122	54	21	11	15	1,812
	Deny	332	243	129	79	44	37	93	957
	Defer	871	80	56	31	14	11	21	1,084
	Total	**2,402**	**713**	**307**	**164**	**79**	**59**	**129**	**3,853**
Dec '24 - Feb '25	Grant	1,105	303	118	37	22	9	30	1,624
	Deny	248	203	126	76	38	27	68	786
	Defer	762	87	48	23	8	8	23	959
	Total	**2,115**	**593**	**292**	**136**	**68**	**44**	**121**	**3,369**
Total	Grant	4,628	1,335	464	179	72	43	78	6,799
	Deny	1,261	940	476	306	147	141	307	3,578
	Defer	3,483	333	206	95	41	30	76	4,264
	Total	**9,372**	**2,608**	**1,146**	**580**	**260**	**214**	**461**	**14,641**

The parole guidelines score is a numerical scoring system designed to assist in applying objective criteria to any decision made by the Parole Board. Information used in the calculation of the parole guideline score includes the prisoner's current offense, the prior criminal record, institutional conduct and program performance, age, mental health status and statistical risk.

Table 2 shows the number of paroles granted, denied or deferred for each of the parole guideline scores of low, middle and high.

Table 2 – Number of Paroles Granted, Denied or Deferred by Parole Guideline Description

		Parole Guideline (PG) Description			Total
		Low	Average	High	
Mar '24 - May '24	Grant	26	621	780	1,427
	Deny	249	527	177	953
	Defer	53	705	364	1,122
	Total	**328**	**1,853**	**1,321**	**3,502**
Jun '24 - Aug '24	Grant	29	837	885	1,751
	Deny	229	514	138	881
	Defer	55	653	380	1,088
	Total	**313**	**2,004**	**1,403**	**3,720**
Sep '24 - Nov '24	Grant	47	855	875	1,777
	Deny	244	545	167	956
	Defer	85	654	329	1,068
	Total	**376**	**2,054**	**1,371**	**3,801**
Dec '24 - Feb '25	Grant	46	708	781	1,535
	Deny	238	440	108	786
	Defer	66	545	325	936
	Total	**350**	**1,693**	**1,214**	**3,257**
Total	Grant	148	3,021	3,321	6,490
	Deny	960	2,026	590	3,576
	Defer	259	2,557	1,398	4,214
	Total	**1,367**	**7,604**	**5,309**	**14,280**
SAI Grants					276
No Parole Guideline Score					85
Total					**14,641**

Table 3 shows the typical reasons for denying or deferring parole.

Table 3 – Decision Type by Reason

Reasons for Denying or Deferring	Decision Type				Total	%
	Deny	%	Defer	%		
Current Therapy or Psychological Report	0	0.00%	2,924	68.57%	2,924	37.29%
Further Discussion	0	0.00%	551	12.92%	551	7.03%
Investigation	0	0.00%	740	17.35%	740	9.44%
Risk to Community	3,577	100.00%	0	0.00%	3,577	45.62%
Satisfactory Placement	0	0.00%	49	1.15%	49	0.62%
Total	**3,577**	**100.00%**	**4,264**	**100.00%**	**7,841**	**100.00%**