REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
Pursuant to P.A. 22 of 2025
Article 2, Section 502
Parole Board Decisions Report – 1st Quarter

Section 502: *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) The number of prisoners in each quarter who were reviewed.
b) The number of prisoners who were granted parole.
c) The number of prisoners who were denied parole.
d) The number of parole decisions that were deferred.
e) The distribution of the total number of prisoners reviewed during that quarter grouped by whether the prisoner 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	
Dec '24 - Feb '25	Grant	1,110	311	118	39	22	9	31	1,640
	Deny	284	236	149	85	43	28	70	895
	Defer	786	88	49	24	8	8	24	987
	Total	**2,180**	**635**	**316**	**148**	**73**	**45**	**125**	**3,522**
Mar '25 - May '25	Grant	1,227	371	131	67	34	10	32	1,872
	Deny	355	293	165	76	63	22	97	1,071
	Defer	1,014	95	32	33	14	11	16	1,215
	Total	**2,596**	**759**	**328**	**176**	**111**	**43**	**145**	**4,158**
Jun '25 - Aug '25	Grant	1,114	344	121	48	21	7	22	1,677
	Deny	264	236	123	87	60	39	97	906
	Defer	879	92	38	20	8	5	20	1,062
	Total	**2,257**	**672**	**282**	**155**	**89**	**51**	**139**	**3,645**
Sep '25 - Nov '25	Grant	1,058	304	138	51	23	9	17	1,600
	Deny	254	187	118	79	64	39	87	828
	Defer	887	90	51	23	11	12	16	1,090
	Total	**2,199**	**581**	**307**	**153**	**98**	**60**	**120**	**3,518**
Total	Grant	4,509	1,330	508	205	100	35	102	6,789
	Deny	1,157	952	555	327	230	128	351	3,700
	Defer	3,566	365	170	100	41	36	76	4,354
	Total	**9,232**	**2,647**	**1,233**	**632**	**371**	**199**	**529**	**14,843**

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	
Dec '24 - Feb '25	Grant	48	720	787	1,555
	Deny	267	507	121	895
	Defer	74	562	337	973
	Total	**389**	**1,789**	**1,245**	**3,423**
Mar '25 - May '25	Grant	57	843	889	1,789
	Deny	291	627	153	1,071
	Defer	68	660	475	1,203
	Total	**416**	**2,130**	**1,517**	**4,063**
Jun '25 - Aug '25	Grant	48	682	877	1,607
	Deny	264	495	146	905
	Defer	69	561	408	1,038
	Total	**381**	**1,738**	**1,431**	**3,550**
Sep '25 - Nov '25	Grant	80	718	751	1,549
	Deny	247	474	106	827
	Defer	65	624	375	1,064
	Total	**392**	**1,816**	**1,232**	**3,440**
Total	Grant	233	2,963	3,304	6,500
	Deny	1,069	2,103	526	3,698
	Defer	276	2,407	1,595	4,278
	Total	**1,578**	**7,473**	**5,425**	**14,476**
SAI Grants					249
No Parole Guideline Score					118
Total					**14,843**

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%	2,933	67.36%	2,933	36.42%
Further Discussion	0	0.00%	601	13.80%	601	7.46%
Investigation	0	0.00%	763	17.52%	763	9.47%
Lack of Effort	2	0.05%	0	0.00%	2	0.02%
Risk to Community	3,698	99.95%	0	0.00%	3,698	45.92%
Satisfactory Placement	0	0.00%	57	1.31%	57	0.71%
Total	**3,700**	**100%**	**4,354**	**100%**	**8,054**	**100%**