

## Hearings



Hearings are held in the prison with two Board Members present.

- Individuals that committed crimes prior to July 1, 1984 have hearings that are held 120 days before their parole eligibility date.
- Individuals that committed certain sex offenses on or after September 1, 2001, have hearings that are held 120 days prior to the court set minimum term.
- Individuals that committed crimes prior to their 18th birthday, may petition the Board for a hearing after serving 20 years or after re-sentencing by the court.

The Board then determines if the person is eligible for release based on a number of factors.

- Inmate Specific Information
- Statutory requirements/the law
- Victim/survivor and others input



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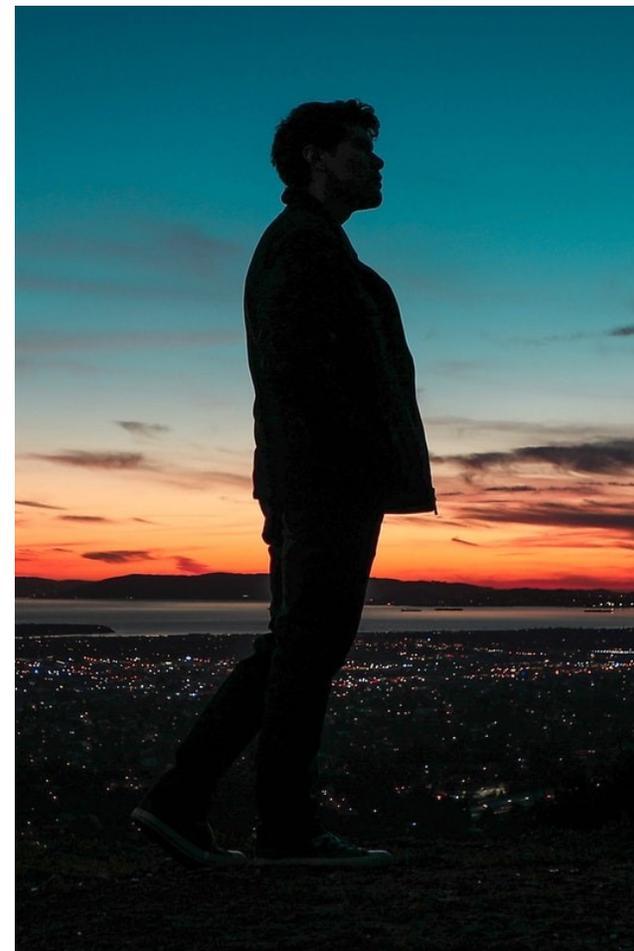
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# Community Safety Through Informed Decision Making



## What is the Board?



The Indeterminate Sentence Review Board (ISRB or Board) was created in 1986. Previously the Board had been the Board of Prison Terms and Paroles. The Board merged with the Department of Corrections on July 11, 2011

The Board is the only releasing authority in Washington State. The Board retains independent decision making from the Department of Corrections, and has jurisdiction over three types of cases.

- Individuals who committed offenses prior to July 1, 1984 and were sentenced to prison
- Individuals who committed certain sex offenses on or after September 1, 2001
- Individuals who committed crimes prior to their 18th birthday and were convicted in adult court

The Board consists of four Governor appointed full-time Board Members plus one on call Member.

There are 13 support staff that provide victim assistance, case analysis, investigations, maintenance of inmate records, and administrative assistance.



## Who can Provide Input?



At the hearing, testimony is received from the inmate, their classification counselor, and other pertinent treatment providers. Some inmates may have attorney representation. Supporters of the inmate may write letters to the Board.

By law, victims have the right to provide input to the Board. Inmates may have limited access to the victim input with identifying information removed.



## After the Hearing



Decisions are made within four to eight weeks after the hearing was held.

These are the possible outcomes at a release hearing:

- Add time to the inmates minimum term
- Extend the inmates release date to the maximum (no supervision when released)
- Release to the community with supervision
- Release to a Detainer (immigration, criminal etc.)

