

INDETERMINATE SENTENCE REVIEW BOARD
BOARD MEETING
SUMMARY MINUTES

Monday, August 25, 2025

A regular meeting of the Indeterminate Sentence Review Board was held in the ISRB Office Building located at 637 Woodland Square Loop SE, Lacey, WA 98504, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Present were:

Board Members:

Kecia Rongen
Corey McNally
Jeff Patnode
Jill Getty
Meghan Kelly-Stallings

Staff:

Leah Landon, Executive Director
Rebecca Torrence, Executive Assistant

A. To the Table Case – Members had a full Board discussion of this ISRB case.

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- JOHNSTON, Curtis
- DOC #287264
- Purpose: Full Board Discussion
- Date: August 25, 2025
- List of Documents Reviewed
 - ISRB File
- An updated prosecutor recommendation not received.

- Curtis Johnston was seen for a .100 hearing on August 19, 2025 at the Airway Heights Corrections Center.

- **Summary Discussion**
Mr. McNally presented the case to the full Board.

- Curtis Johnston is under the jurisdiction of the Board for their conviction of Murder in the First Degree in Walla Walla County Cause 61716.

Mr. Johnston stalked and murdered a businessman and civic leader. He was 31 years of age at the time of the crime and is currently 84 years of age.

Previous Criminal History:

In 1963, as a juvenile, Mr. Johnston was convicted of murdering his father. Although, he was not convicted of a crime, it is noted that Mr. Johnston attempted to kill his wife by pushing her off a waterfall.

Risk assessments show him to be a moderate risk to re-offend.

Mr. Johnston's last infraction was in 2023 for assaulting a staff.

Mr. Johnston has not participated in any programming.

Mr. Johnston would need to release to an adult family home for palliative care.

- **Decision:**

The panel recommends Mr. Johnston not be released and 60 months to be added to his minimum term.

- **Reasons:**

- Mr. Johnston is unable to participate in rehabilitative programming/efforts due to his severe mental illness and more recently substantial medical and cognitive decline.
- Mr. Johnston's inability to try and become rehabilitated does not meet the legal standard outlined in RCW 9.95.100 which requires the Board to find an individual not parolable unless they are fully rehabilitated and a fit subject for release.
- Since his last hearing he has engaged in two staff assaults resulting in serious infractions and being moved from one facility to another. Further, he has earned 3 negative Behavioral Observation Entries and no positive.
- Mr. Johnston's recent decrease/lack of serious infractions is not the equivalent of being rehabilitated.

- **Recommendations:**

- Mental Health Treatment (including any prescribed medications), if eligible.
- Remain infraction free and have positive interactions with staff.
- If released on Emergency Medical Placement - comply with conditions related to this release.

- **Next Action:**
 - Schedule a .100 Hearing approximately 120 days prior to Parole Eligibility Review Date (PERD).
- **Vote:**

Jeff Patnode	Agree with recommendation
Kecia Rongen	Agree with recommendation
Corey McNally	Agree with recommendation
Jill Getty	Agree with recommendation
Meghan Kelly-Stallings	Agree with recommendation