



Oregon Board of Parole

& POST-PRISON SUPERVISION

Minutes of the Proposed Rule Change Public Hearing Tuesday February 17, 2012

Call to Order and Note of Attendance: The hearing was called to order at 9:07 a.m., and note of attendance made: Aaron Felton, Jeremiah Stromberg, and Candace Wheeler. Board of Parole Staff: Jay Scroggin and Debra Zwicker. Members of the public were present.

Meeting Structure and Introduction of Proposals: The purpose of this meeting is to provide opportunity for public comment on the permanent adoption of rules proposed by the Oregon Board of Parole & Post-Prison Supervision which amend rules for setting prison terms for qualified aggravated murderers. Chairperson Aaron Felton read verbatim from the rule summary before asking for public comment.

In addition to making oral comments at this hearing, public testimony can be submitted in written form to the Oregon Board of Parole & Post-Prison Supervision no later than 5:30 p.m. on March 3, 2012. It was noted that several written comments have been received prior to this hearing.

Public Testimony:

Proposal to the Adult Matrix exhibits A1 and A2 (Crime severity rating and crime severity subcategory rationales):

- No public testimony given

Proposal to amend Juvenile Aggravated Murder Rules:

Proponents:

- Testified that there is a difference between adult and juvenile brains

Opponents:

- Although studies show that the human brain is not fully mature until the mid-twenties, even a seven-year-old knows the difference between right and wrong.
- We need to be sure there are very real consequences for those convicted of aggravated murder.
- Some children who have not had nurturing parents never form bonding relationships with other humans.
- The supervising officers of two juvenile aggravated murderers thought the juveniles had been rehabilitated before they committed the murders.

Future Board Meetings:

March 5, 2012

March 27, 2012

Hearing adjourned at 9:31 a.m.