



Public Participation in Parole Hearings (updated 7/30/21)

The Governor's Emergency Executive Orders that temporarily allowed telephonic participation in parole hearings during the COVID-19 pandemic expired on July 30, 2021. As a result, the Board of Parole may no longer allow telephonic participation in parole hearings.

Effective July 31, 2021, all hearings will resume via a face to face or video connection. The Board of Parole no longer has the authority to allow telephonic participation at a parole hearing.

Members of the public may participate in a hearing by appearing in person at the facility where the hearing is located. It is recommended to contact the facility first to confirm they are allowing public admittance into parole hearings.

The Board encourages those wishing to have input into parole hearings to submit a letter support or opposition in lieu of attending the hearings. All documents will be reviewed by the hearing officers and Board members when they are making their decisions. Previously submitted documents do not need to be sent again and will remain in the offender's parole file.

Those in support of Parole for an offender:

Supporters of parole for offenders are encouraged to submit documents, along with the offender's name and TDOC number, to the Board at BOP.SupportDocs@tn.gov at least 7 days prior to a hearing date.

Those in opposition of Parole for an offender:

Victims/opposition to parole should contact Victim Services at 615-532-8112 or Victim.witness@tn.gov and are encouraged to submit documents, along with the offender's name and TDOC number, to Victim.Witness@tn.gov at least 7 days prior to a hearing date.