

(b) The vote of each commissioner when acting collectively or in a panel, [or the decision of an individual commissioner or hearing examiner on a formal action,] TO APPROVE OR DENY PAROLE, [including an action] AND A VOTE to close or restrict access to a parole hearing under subsection (d) of this section, shall be made available to the public.

(c) Subject to subsection (d) of this section, the victim or victim's representative has the right to attend an open parole hearing.

(d) The Commission[,], OR a panel of commissioners[,], an individual commissioner, or a hearing examiner] may:

(1) restrict the number of individuals allowed to attend a parole hearing in accordance with physical limitations or security requirements of the facility where the hearing is held;

(2) deny admission or continued attendance at a parole hearing to an individual who:

(i) threatens or presents a danger to the security of the facility in which the hearing is being held;

(ii) threatens or presents a danger to other attendees or participants; or

(iii) disrupts the hearing;

(3) [by formal action,] close a parole hearing to deliberate on the evidence and any other relevant information received at the hearing; or

(4) [by formal action,] close a parole hearing on written request of the chief law enforcement official responsible for an ongoing criminal investigation related to the inmate, if the ongoing investigation could be compromised.

(e) This section does not limit the authority of the Commission to hold a parole hearing through the use of a video conference or other means of electronic transmission.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2002.

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