

(b) If the parolee requests a postponement of the preliminary hearing, such postponement shall be granted by the hearing officer. Such request shall be made in writing, and the hearing officer shall record such request in the parolee's case record.

(c) If the hearing officer requests a postponement of the preliminary hearing, such postponement, if granted, shall not exceed 14 days from the original deadline determined pursuant to (a) above.

(d) If the request for postponement by the hearing officer is due to unanticipated scheduling problems or other emergent circumstances, such request shall be granted by the appropriate Board panel.

10A:71-7.6 Designation of preliminary hearing officers

(a) Preliminary hearings shall be conducted by a hearing officer appointed by the Director of Parole or by the Commission, as appropriate.

(b) The designated hearing officer shall be an impartial official and may not be directly involved in supervision of the parolee or otherwise previously involved in the parolee's case.

(c) Such appointment shall be made by authority of the Chairperson, and shall in no way limit or otherwise alter the authority of the Chairperson to designate or appoint a hearing officer for preliminary hearings in cases where the Chairperson deems such action appropriate.

Amended by R.1985 d.213, effective May 6, 1985.

See: 16 N.J.R. 3391(a), 17 N.J.R. 1096(a).

Amended by R.1997 d.168, effective April 7, 1997.

See: 28 N.J.R. 3870(a), 29 N.J.R. 1318(a).

In (a), inserted reference to the Commission.

Amended by R.2000 d.50, effective February 7, 2000.

See: 31 N.J.R. 3579(a), 32 N.J.R. 472(b).

In (a), substituted a reference to the Director of Parole for a reference to the Chief of the Bureau of Parole.

10A:71-7.7 Preliminary hearing; notice of hearing

(a) It shall be the responsibility of the parole officer, District Parole Supervisor or the designated representative of the Commission, as appropriate, to give written notice to the parolee of the time, date and place of the preliminary hearing at least three days prior to the preliminary hearing unless the parolee waives such notice.

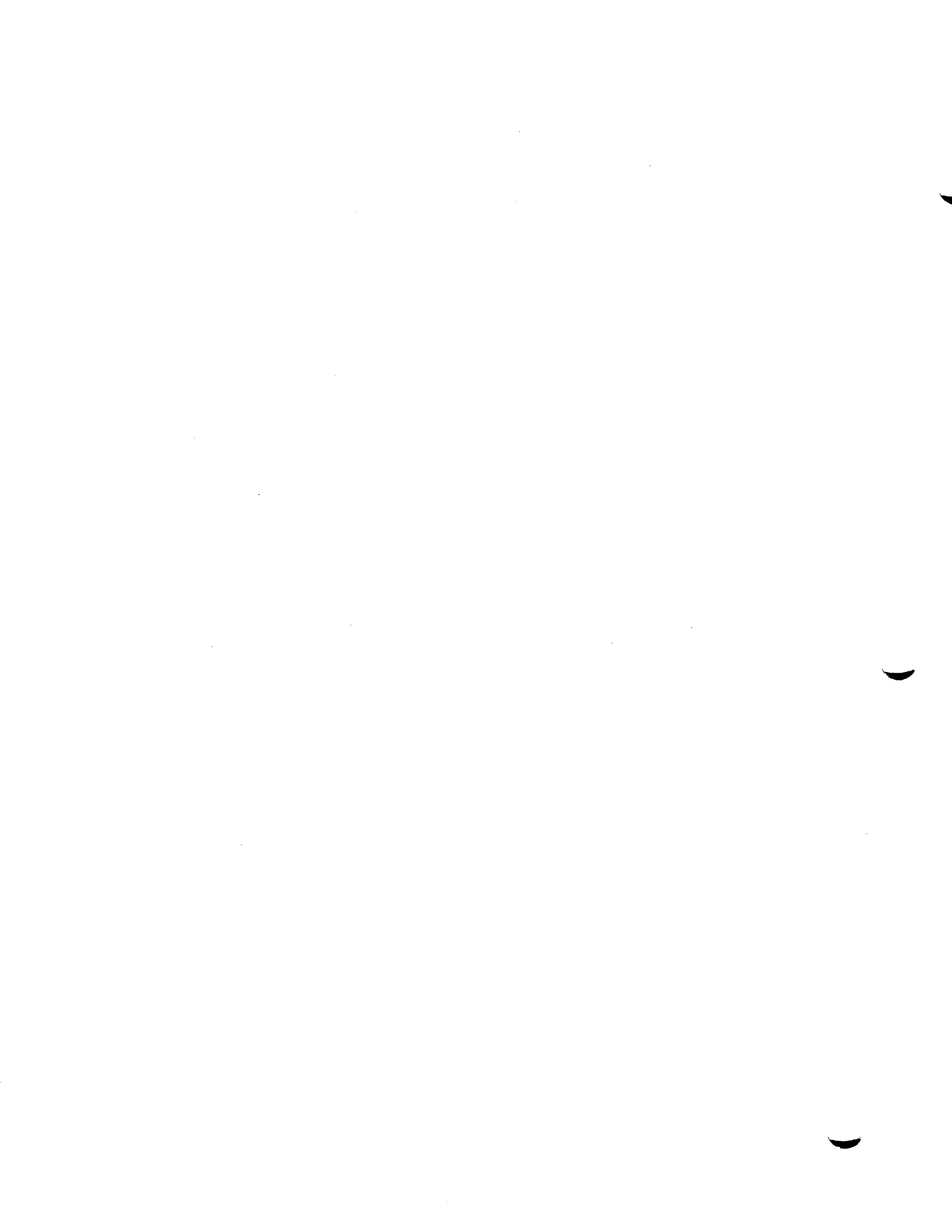
(b) Such notice shall be served upon the parolee by personal service or by regular mail to the institution where the parolee is housed or to the address of record.

(c) Such notice shall inform the parolee of the purpose of the hearing; the violation(s) of parole conditions alleged; the time, date, place and circumstances of the alleged violation(s); the possible action which may be taken as a result of revocation proceedings; and the following rights to which the parolee shall be entitled at the preliminary hearing:

1. The right to appear and speak in his or her own behalf and to be aided by an interpreter if such aid is determined to be necessary by the hearing officer.

2. The right to representation by an attorney or such other qualified person as the parolee may retain, or if the parolee is determined to be indigent, the right to representation by an attorney assigned from the list maintained in accordance with R.3:27-2, provided the parolee first makes such a request based on a timely and colorable claim that:
 - i. The parolee did not commit the alleged violation of the specified parole condition(s); or
 - ii. The parolee did commit the violation of the specified parole condition(s), but there are substantial reasons which justified or mitigated the violation(s) and make revocation inappropriate and that the reasons are complex or otherwise difficult to develop or present.

3. The right to remain silent.



4. The right to present witnesses to testify in his or her behalf as to matters relevant to the alleged violation(s) of parole.

5. The right to confront and cross-examine adverse witnesses, unless the hearing officer determines that such witnesses would be subjected to risk or harm.

6. The right to present documentary evidence and any other relevant material or information.

7. The right to waive such hearing.

8. The right to request postponement of such hearing.

As amended, R.1981 d.106, effective May 7, 1981.

See: 13 N.J.R. 101(b), 13 N.J.R. 302(a).

(a): written notice of preliminary hearing requirement changed from "within seven days of the parolee's arrest as a parole violator" to "at least three days prior to the preliminary hearing".

Amended by R.1985 d.213, effective May 6, 1985.

See: 16 N.J.R. 3391(a), 17 N.J.R. 1096(a).

Added text to (b) "or to the address of record".

Amended by R.1995 d.109, effective February 21, 1995.

See: 26 N.J.R. 4150(a), 27 N.J.R. 686(b).

Amended by R.1997 d.168, effective April 7, 1997.

See: 28 N.J.R. 3870(a), 29 N.J.R. 1318(a).

In (a), inserted reference to a designated representative of the Commission.

10A:71-7.8 Preliminary hearing; determination of probable cause

(a) At the conclusion of the preliminary hearing, the hearing officer shall determine whether probable cause exists to believe that the parolee has seriously or persistently violated conditions of his or her parole and whether revocation of parole is desirable.

(b) Immediately upon such determination, the hearing officer shall verbally advise the parolee of the determination.

10A:71-7.9 Status of parolee pending parole revocation hearing

(a) The hearing officer shall immediately withdraw the warrant, except as provided in (b) below, if he or she determines that:

1. Probable cause does not exist to believe that the parolee has seriously or persistently violated conditions of parole; or

2. Probable cause does exist to believe that the parolee has seriously or persistently violated conditions of parole but that revocation of parole is not desirable.

(b) In the case of a parolee who is on parole on a sentence imposed for the offense of murder, aggravated manslaughter, manslaughter, death by vehicular homicide, aggravated assault, kidnapping, aggravated sexual assault, sexual assault, robbery first degree, burglary second degree, terroristic threats or endangering the welfare of a child, the warrant shall not be withdrawn pursuant to (a) above if the hearing officer determines that, based on the review of the

hearing record and the review of the Board's records on the parolee, the parolee would pose a danger to the public safety. In such a case, the parolee shall remain in custody pending a review by the appropriate Board panel pursuant to N.J.A.C. 10A:71-7.11.

(c) When the hearing officer determines that probable cause exists to believe that the parolee has seriously or persistently violated conditions of parole, it shall be the responsibility of the hearing officer to determine whether the parolee shall be taken into custody pursuant to N.J.A.C. 10A:71-7.2, continued in custody or released from custody pending the revocation hearing.

1. If the hearing officer determines that the parolee should be released from custody, the hearing officer shall have the authority to direct that the warrant be withdrawn.

2. The parolee shall be taken into custody or continued in custody only where, in the opinion of the hearing officer, the parolee poses a danger to the public safety or where the parolee may not appear at the revocation hearing.

(d) In the case of a parolee who is on parole on a sentence imposed for the offense of murder, aggravated manslaughter, manslaughter, death by vehicular homicide, aggravated assault, kidnapping, aggravated sexual assault, sexual assault, robbery first degree, burglary second degree, terroristic threats or endangering the welfare of a child, the warrant shall not be withdrawn pursuant to (c) above unless the hearing officer determines, based on the review of the hearing record and the review of the Board's records on parolee, that the parolee does not pose a danger to the public safety. If the warrant is authorized to be withdrawn, the hearing officer shall summarize in the Notice of Decision issued pursuant to N.J.A.C. 10A:71-7.10 the basis for the determination that the parolee does not pose a danger to the public safety.

(e) When the hearing officer determines that the parolee should be released from custody, the hearing officer shall establish any parole conditions deemed reasonable in order to reduce the likelihood of recurrence of criminal behavior. Any parole condition established by the hearing officer shall be subject to review by the appropriate Board panel.

(f) When the hearing officer determines that a State prison parolee should be released pursuant to (a) above, the hearing officer may direct any loss of commutation time credits deemed necessary pursuant to N.J.A.C. 10A:71-6.8.

Amended by R.1985 d.213, effective May 6, 1985.

See: 16 N.J.R. 3391(a), 17 N.J.R. 1096(a).

Added text "taken into custody".

Amended by R.1999 d.252, effective August 2, 1999.

See: 31 N.J.R. 1140(a), 31 N.J.R. 2218(a).

Rewrote the section.

Case Notes

Trial judge vacated all aspects of previous sentence and imposed new ones following violation of probation; no double penalties. *State v. Harvey*, 273 N.J.Super. 572, 642 A.2d 1052 (A.D.1994).

Defendant was not entitled to credit against sentence imposed on new charges for time spent in presentence custody after parole warrant was lodged. *State v. Harvey*, 273 N.J.Super. 572, 642 A.2d 1052 (A.D.1994).

Parolee arrested on new charge was entitled to award of jail credit for time served while awaiting disposition of new charge. *State v. Williams*, 266 N.J.Super. 154, 628 A.2d 837 (L.1993).

Parolee charged with parole violation need not be returned to custody even after probable cause was found. *State v. Williams*, 266 N.J.Super. 154, 628 A.2d 837 (L.1993).

10A:71-7.10 Preliminary hearing; notice of decision

(a) At the conclusion of the preliminary hearing, it shall be the responsibility of the hearing officer to forward a Notice of Decision to the parolee and the parolee's attorney, the Department or Commission, as appropriate, and the appropriate Board panel within seven days of the date of the preliminary hearing.

(b) Such Notice of Decision shall consist of a summary of the proceeding, and shall contain the reasons for the hearing officer's decision that probable cause does or does not exist, the evidence relied upon in support of such decision and the hearing officer's decision as to the status of the parolee pending the revocation hearing.

(c) Such notice shall be served upon the parolee's attorney and the parolee by personal service or by regular mail to the institution where the parolee is housed or to the address of record.

(d) The parolee and the parolee's attorney may submit written exceptions or comments on the hearing summary. Such exceptions shall be forwarded to the appropriate Board panel within seven days after the receipt of the hearing officer's report unless the parolee waives the right to submit exceptions.

Amended by R.1985 d.213, effective May 6, 1985.

See: 16 N.J.R. 3391(a), 17 N.J.R. 1096(a).

Substantially amended.

Amended by R.1997 d.168, effective April 7, 1997.

See: 28 N.J.R. 3870(a), 29 N.J.R. 1318(a).

In (a), inserted reference to the Commission.

10A:71-7.11 Board panel action pending revocation hearing

(a) The appropriate Board panel shall review the preliminary hearing Notice of Decision within 15 days of the date of the preliminary hearing. The Board panel, upon review of the preliminary hearing Notice of Decision, may modify or overrule the determinations of the preliminary hearing officer.

(b) If the Board panel modifies or overrules the determinations of the preliminary hearing officer, the panel shall take appropriate action on the parolee's case and shall notify the parolee, the parolee's attorney, and the hearing officer in writing as to its decision and the reasons therefor.

(c) The parolee shall be continued in custody or taken into custody only where, in the opinion of the Board panel, the parolee represents a danger to public safety or where the parolee may not appear at the revocation hearing.

Amended by R.1985 d.213, effective May 6, 1985.

See: 16 N.J.R. 3391(a), 17 N.J.R. 1096(a).

(a) added "upon review"; (b) added "the parolee's attorney".

Amended by R.1999 d.252, effective August 2, 1999.

See: 31 N.J.R. 1140(a), 31 N.J.R. 2218(a).

In (a), added a new first sentence.

10A:71-7.12 Parole revocation hearing

(a) A parole revocation hearing shall be conducted when:

1. A hearing officer determines that probable cause exists to believe that the parolee has seriously or persistently violated the conditions of parole and that revocation of parole is desirable; or

2. The parolee has been convicted of a crime committed while on parole or in the case of a juvenile parolee adjudicated delinquent for an act which, if committed by an adult, would constitute a crime.

(b) A parole revocation hearing may be conducted when the parolee has been convicted of a disorderly persons offense committed while on parole or in the case of a juvenile parolee adjudicated delinquent for an act which, if committed by an adult, would constitute a disorderly persons offense.

(c) If the parolee has not been convicted of a crime committed while on parole or in the case of a juvenile parolee not adjudicated delinquent for an act which, if committed by an adult, would constitute a crime, the purpose of the revocation hearing shall be to determine:

1. Whether, by clear and convincing evidence, the parolee has seriously or persistently violated the conditions of parole; and

2. Whether revocation of parole is desirable.

(d) If the parolee has been convicted of a crime committed while on parole or in the case of a juvenile parolee adjudicated delinquent for an act which, if committed by an adult, would constitute a crime, the purpose of the revocation hearing shall be to determine whether, by clear and convincing evidence, good cause exists why the parolee should not be returned to confinement.

(e) The parole revocation hearing shall be conducted by a hearing officer who shall be a designated representative of the Board and who did not conduct the preliminary hearing.

Amended by R.1985 d.213, effective May 6, 1985.

See: 16 N.J.R. 3391(a), 17 N.J.R. 1096(a).

(b): Old text deleted and new substituted; (e) added.

Amended by R.1997 d.168, effective April 7, 1997.

See: 28 N.J.R. 3870(a), 29 N.J.R. 1318(a).

Inserted provisions relating to juvenile parolees throughout.

Case Notes

Parolee stated a § 1983 claim against chairperson of parole board by alleging that preliminary hearing decision was not reviewed in timely fashion and that final revocation hearing was not conducted within 60 days of parolee's arrest for alleged parole violation, resulting in his incarceration for over three and one-half months. *Friedland v. Fauver*, 6 F.Supp.2d 292 (D.N.J. 1998).

Reasonable cause to believe parolee committed crime is insufficient basis for parole revocation (citing former N.J.A.C. 10:70-6.3). *White v. New Jersey State Parole Bd.*, 136 N.J.Super. 360, 346 A.2d 415 (App. Div.1975).

10A:71-7.13 Revocation hearing; scheduling

(a) Except as provided herein, the revocation hearing shall be conducted within 60 days of the date the parolee was taken into custody as a parole violator, or, where the parolee was sentenced or committed to a State correctional or juvenile facility, within 60 days of the date of sentence or commitment.

(b) If the parolee requests a postponement of the revocation hearing and the parolee is currently in custody, such postponement shall be granted by the hearing officer. Such request shall be made in writing, and the hearing officer shall record such request in the parolee's case record.

(c) If the hearing officer requests a postponement of the revocation hearing, such postponement, if granted, shall not exceed 120 days from the original deadline determined pursuant to (a) above.

(d) If the request for postponement by the hearing officer or by a parolee who is not in custody is due to unanticipated scheduling problems or other emergent circumstances, such postponement shall be granted by the appropriate Board panel and shall not exceed 60 days from the originally scheduled date of the revocation hearing.

Amended by R.1985 d.213, effective May 6, 1985.

See: 16 N.J.R. 3391(a), 17 N.J.R. 1096(a).

(d) substantially amended.

Amended by R.1997 d.168, effective April 7, 1997.

See: 28 N.J.R. 3870(a), 29 N.J.R. 1318(a).

In (a), inserted reference to juvenile facility.

10A:71-7.14 Revocation hearing; notice of hearing

(a) It shall be the responsibility of the hearing officer to give written notice to the parolee of the time, date and place of the revocation hearing.

(b) Such notice shall be served upon the parolee by personal service or by regular mail to the institution where the parolee is housed or to the parolee's address of record.

(c) Such notice shall inform the parolee of the following: the purpose of the hearing; the violation(s) of parole conditions alleged; the time, date, place and circumstances of the alleged violation(s); the name(s) of any witness(es) scheduled to appear at the hearing; and the following rights to which the parolee shall be entitled at the revocation hearing:

1. The right to appear and speak in his or her own behalf and to be aided by an interpreter, if such aid is determined to be necessary by the hearing officer.

2. The right to representation by an attorney or such other qualified person as the parolee may retain, or if the parolee is determined to be indigent, the right to representation by an attorney assigned from the list maintained in accordance with R.3:27-2, provided the parolee first makes a timely and colorable claim that:

i. The parolee did not commit the alleged violation of the specified parole condition(s); or

ii. The parolee did commit the violation of the specified parole condition(s), but there are substantial reasons which justified or mitigated the violation(s) and make revocation inappropriate and that the reasons are complex or otherwise difficult to develop or present.

3. The right to remain silent.

4. The right to present witnesses to testify in his or her behalf as to matters relevant to the hearing.

5. The right to have the hearing officer issue a subpoena to compel the appearance of witnesses, provided that a prima facie showing is made that the prospective witnesses will provide material testimony relevant to the alleged violation(s) of parole.

6. The right to confront and cross-examine adverse witnesses, unless the hearing officer determines that such witnesses would be subject to risk of harm.

7. The right to present documentary evidence and any other relevant material or information.

8. The right to waive such hearing.

9. The right to request postponement of such hearing.

Amended by R.1985 d.213, effective May 6, 1985.

See: 16 N.J.R. 3391(a), 17 N.J.R. 1096(a).

Substantially amended.

Amended by R.1995 d.109, effective February 21, 1995.

See: 26 N.J.R. 4150(a), 27 N.J.R. 686(b).

10A:71-7.15 Status of parolee pending Board panel action

(a) The hearing officer shall immediately withdraw the warrant, except as provided in (b) below, if he or she determines upon the conclusion of the parole revocation hearing that:

1. Clear and convincing evidence does not exist to believe that the parolee has seriously or persistently violated conditions of parole; or

2. Clear and convincing evidence does exist to believe that the parolee has seriously or persistently violated conditions of parole but that revocation of parole is not desirable.

(b) In the case of a parolee who is on parole on a sentence imposed for the offense of murder, aggravated manslaughter, manslaughter, death by vehicular homicide, aggravated assault, kidnapping, aggravated sexual assault, sexual assault, robbery first degree, burglary second degree, terroristic threats or endangering the welfare of a child, the warrant shall not be withdrawn pursuant to (a) above if the hearing officer determines that, based on the review of the hearing record and the review of the Board's records on the parolee, the parolee would pose a danger to the public safety. In such case, the parolee shall remain in custody pending a review by the appropriate Board panel pursuant to N.J.A.C. 10A:71-7.17, 17.17A or 17.17B.

(c) When the hearing officer determines that clear and convincing evidence exists to believe that the parolee has seriously or persistently violated conditions of parole, it shall be the responsibility of the hearing officer to determine whether the parolee shall be taken into custody pursuant to N.J.A.C. 10A:71-7.2, continued in custody or released from custody pending Board panel review.

1. If the hearing officer determines that the parolee should be released from custody, the hearing officer shall have the authority to direct that the warrant be withdrawn.

2. The parolee shall be taken into custody or continued in custody only where, in the opinion of the hearing officer, the parolee poses a danger to the public safety.

(d) In the case of a parolee who is on parole on a sentence imposed for the offense of murder, aggravated manslaughter, manslaughter, death by vehicular homicide, aggravated assault, kidnapping, aggravated sexual assault, sexual assault, terroristic threats or endangering the welfare of a child, the warrant shall not be withdrawn pursuant to (c) above unless the hearing officer determines, based on the review of the hearing record and the review of the Board's records on the parolee, that the parolee does not pose a danger to the public safety. If the warrant is authorized to be withdrawn, the hearing officer shall include in the summary report prepared pursuant to N.J.A.C. 10A:71-7.16 the basis for the determination that the parolee does not pose a danger to the public safety.

(e) When the hearing officer determines that the parolee should be released from custody, the hearing officer shall establish any parole conditions deemed reasonable in order to reduce the likelihood of recurrence of criminal behavior. Any parole condition established by the hearing officer shall be subject to review by the appropriate Board panel.

New Rule, R.1999 d.252, effective August 2, 1999.
See: 31 N.J.R. 1140(a), 31 N.J.R. 2218(a).

Former N.J.A.C. 10A:71-7.15, Record of the revocation hearing, recodified to N.J.A.C. 10A:71-7.16.

10A:71-7.16 Record of the revocation hearing

(a) The hearing officer shall record the revocation hearing by an electronic recording device. If the electronic recording device is not operational the hearing shall proceed only upon the parolee waiving the electronic recording of the hearing. The waiver shall be in writing and signed by the parolee and shall be made a part of the parolee's records. If the parolee does not wish to proceed without the electronic recording of the hearing, the hearing shall be rescheduled within 14 days.

(b) The hearing officer shall prepare a written summary which shall summarize the revocation hearing and contain the hearing officer's opinion as to whether the alleged violation(s) has been substantiated and the reason(s) therefore.

1. Such hearing summary shall be forwarded to the appropriate Board panel.

2. A copy of the hearing summary shall be forwarded to the parolee's attorney or directly to the parolee where he or she has appeared pro se in order that the parolee or his or her attorney may object to or comment on the hearing summary by submitting written exceptions to such summary. Such exceptions shall be forwarded to the appropriate Board panel within seven days after receipt of the hearing officer's hearing summary. A copy of the hearing summary shall also be forwarded to the District Parole Supervisor or the designated representative of the Commission, as appropriate.

(c) The hearing officer may verbally advise the parolee at the time of the hearing of the hearing officer's opinion as to whether the alleged violation(s) has been substantiated.

Amended by R.1980 d.434, effective October 7, 1980.

See: 12 N.J.R. 537(a), 12 N.J.R. 665(a).

(c) added.

Amended by R.1985 d.213, effective May 6, 1985.

See: 16 N.J.R. 3391(a), 17 N.J.R. 1096(a).

"has" substituted for "have".

Amended by R.1995 d.109, effective February 21, 1995.

See: 26 N.J.R. 4150(a), 27 N.J.R. 686(b).

Amended by R.1997 d.168, effective April 7, 1997.

See: 28 N.J.R. 3870(a), 29 N.J.R. 1318(a).

In (b)2, deleted "appropriate" preceding "District Parole Supervisor" and inserted reference to a designated representative of the Commission.

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 10A:71-7.15 by R.1999 d.252, effective August 2, 1999.

See: 31 N.J.R. 1140(a), 31 N.J.R. 2218(a).

Former N.J.A.C. 10A:71-7.16, Board panel action; schedule of future parole eligibility dates upon revocation of parole for inmates who have violated parole prior to October 17, 1994, recodified to N.J.A.C. 10A:71-7.17.

10A:71-7.16A (Reserved)

Recodified to N.J.A.C. 10A:71-7.17A by R.1999 d.252, effective August 2, 1999.

See: 31 N.J.R. 1140(a), 31 N.J.R. 2218(a).