

Open Parole Hearing Fact Sheet

1. A victim of a crime committed by an eligible offender in connection with the Justice Reinvestment Act (JRA) and Administrative Release has all rights granted to a victim related to a parole hearing under §7-801 of the Correctional Services Article. The victim may submit a timely, written request to the Maryland Parole Commission (MPC) to attend an open parole hearing at a designated regional hearing center.
2. Once the open parole hearing date is announced in the *Maryland Register*, any member of the general public may also submit a request to the MPC to attend.
3. The MPC will notify the subject inmate at least 60 days in advance of a scheduled open parole hearing. Prior to the hearing, the appropriate regional hearing center will also be notified by the MPC of the open hearing and attendees.
4. A maximum of four persons (victims, victim representatives, and members of the general public) may attend an open parole hearing (contingent upon MPC approval).
5. All attendees shall present proper official photo identification upon arrival and are subject to the security screening procedures of the regional hearing center where the hearing will be conducted.
6. A designated institutional staff member shall escort and remain with the attendees until the hearing is concluded and the attendees have exited the institution.
7. Custody staff shall escort the inmate to and from the hearing, and ensure the inmate remains at a safe distance from the victim and other attendees at all times to ensure the safety of all parties.
8. Once scheduled for an open parole hearing, an inmate may not be transferred to another facility absent serious security/medical concerns.
9. The Warden or representatives of the MPC shall deny admission or continued participation of any attendee who by word, action, or gesture:
 - a. threatens or presents a danger to the security and good order of the institution where the hearing is being held;
 - b. threatens or presents a danger to other attendees/participants; or
 - c. disrupts the orderly conduct of the hearing in any fashion.
10. The subject inmate must be present in order for the hearing to commence.
11. At the beginning of the hearing, the victim or victim representative(s) may make an eight-minute statement in the presence of the subject inmate. The inmate maintains no right of rebuttal.
12. Video, photographic, and electronic recording devices are prohibited.

DESIGNATED REGIONAL HEARING CENTERS

| <u>Region</u> | <u>Institution</u> | <u>Facilities Served</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Jessup | MCI-J | MCI-J, JCI, BCF, DRCF, SMPRU, EPRU CMCF, PATX-DOC (M), CMHC-J |
| | MCIW | PATX-DOC (F), MCIW |
| Hagerstown | MCI-H | MCI-H, MCTC, RCI |
| Baltimore | BCCC | BCCC, CHDU, Threshold |
| | MRDCC | MRDCC |
| Eastern | ECI | ECI, ECI-A |
| Western | WCI | WCI, NBCI |
| | NBCI | |