

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Department of Corrections

Article 9.—Parole, Postrelease Supervision, and House Arrest

44-9-502. Final revocation hearings.

(a) After an offender is returned to a correctional facility under K.A.R. 44-9-501, the offender may request a hearing before the final decision on revocation by the board. Any offender on postrelease supervision or assigned to house arrest may waive the final revocation hearing as provided in K.A.R. 44-9-504. The final revocation hearing shall be held without unnecessary delay and shall be conducted by the board or any member of the board. After the board considers all pertinent evidence, an appropriate order shall be entered by the board. If the violation is established to the satisfaction of the board, the parole, conditional release, postrelease supervision, or assignment to house arrest may be reinstated, modified, or revoked by the board.

(b) Before the final revocation hearing, the following information shall be provided to the offender by the board:

- (1) Written notice of the alleged violations of the conditions of release; and
- (2) the evidence against the offender. If the board finds that there are additional violations other than those contained in the written notice, the hearing shall be continued so that a written notice of the additional violations and a statement of the evidence against the offender can be prepared.

(c) Each offender shall have the right to confront and cross-examine adverse witnesses, unless the board finds good cause for not allowing confrontation. If the board does not allow the offender to confront a witness, the evidence relied upon and the reasons for this determination shall be specified by the board. If the offender had the opportunity to cross-examine a witness at the probable cause hearing provided in K.A.R. 44-9105, the record may be relied upon by the board, in lieu of calling that witness.

(d) Each offender shall have an opportunity to be heard in person and to present documentary evidence and witnesses who can provide information relevant to the

allegations of the violation of the conditions of release or house arrest. The attendance of witnesses favorable to the offender shall be the responsibility of the offender and shall be at the offender's expense. The hearing may be continued to allow for the attendance of witnesses.

(e) All relevant evidence, including letters and affidavits, shall be received by the board. If the violation of the conditions of release or house arrest results from a conviction for a new felony or misdemeanor, the only question considered by the board shall be whether or not the new conviction warrants revocation.

(f) Each offender shall be entitled to have legal counsel present at the hearing, at the offender's expense.

(1) Legal counsel may be appointed by the board upon the request of the inmate or on the board's own motion. The appointment of legal counsel shall be based upon either of the following claims by the offender, which shall be timely and on its face plausible:

(A) A claim that the offender has not committed the alleged violation of the conditions of release or house arrest; or

(B) a claim that there are substantial reasons that justify or mitigate the violation and make revocation inappropriate.

(2) The board's decision regarding the appointment of counsel shall take into account whether or not the offender is capable of speaking effectively for that individual and whether or not the circumstances are complex or otherwise difficult to develop or present.

(3) In all cases in which a request for appointed counsel at a preliminary hearing or final revocation hearing is denied, the grounds for denial shall be stated in writing.

(g) If the offender's release or assignment to house arrest is revoked, a written statement as to the evidence relied upon and reasons for revoking the release or assignment to house arrest shall be given to the offender by the board.

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