638.16 BOARD MEETINGS.

Subdivision 1. **Frequency.** (a) The board must meet at least two times each year to consider and vote on clemency applications.

(b) If the commission recommends that an application receive a hearing, the board must hold a hearing on the application unless all the board members decline a hearing.

(c) If the commission recommends that an application not receive a hearing, the board must not hold a hearing on the application unless at least one board member requests a hearing.

Subd. 2. **When open to the public.** All board meetings are open to the public as provided under chapter 13D, but the board may hold closed meetings:

(1) as provided under chapter 13D; or

(2) as necessary to protect sensitive or confidential information, including (i) a victim's identity, and (ii) sensitive or confidential victim testimony.

Subd. 3. **Executive director; attendance required.** Unless excused by the board, the executive director and the commission's chair or vice-chair must attend all board meetings.

Subd. 4. **Considering statements.** (a) Applicants, victims, law enforcement agencies, and the public may submit oral or written statements at a board meeting only if the application is subject to a hearing under subdivision 1.

(b) The board must take into account any statements provided to the commission when considering a clemency application.

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