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Good afternoon,

I have received your emailed questions. Release on parole requires three affirmative votes - "a majority of the Board" - under Nebraska law.

Contrary to the implication of your line of questioning, the absence or attendance of any individual Board member does not generally dictate a motion nor does it influence the outcome of a particular hearing.

Each individual case is considered on its own merits and circumstances by Parole Board Members.

The Board works diligently to ensure that a quorum is present / available at every hearing. It is the Board's policy that Board Members schedule any time out of the office for the first two weeks of the month (review days, non-hearing days) unless absolutely necessary for reasons like medical needs, personal emergencies or unavoidable administrative conflicts.

Beyond that, I have no comment on your proffered data analyses, calculations, and conclusions, because what you have provided to three Board members by way of summary charts has not been verified nor authenticated as to source, accuracy, or completeness.

I note, for example, that the data set you received from the Board of Parole included data through November 2021 hearings based on the date the Board received your initial request and did not include December 2021 hearings. Thank you for your email and inquiries. Enjoy the rest of your day!

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