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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

ALEXIS GARCIA
W94538

TYPE OF HEARING: **Review Hearing**

DATE OF HEARING: **November 13, 2025**

DATE OF DECISION: **March 16, 2026**

PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS: Edith J. Alexander, Dr. Charlene Bonner, Sarah B. Coughlin, Angelo Gomez Jr., James Kelcourse, Rafael Ortiz

VOTE: Parole is granted to a Long-Term Residential Program after 6 months step-down.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY: On June 8, 2009, following a jury trial in Middlesex Superior Court, Alexis Garcia was convicted of murder in the second-degree for the death of 43-year-old Timothy Stairs. He was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole. Parole was denied following an initial hearing in 2023.

On November 13, 2025, Mr. Garcia appeared before the Board for a review hearing. He was represented by Attorney Melissa Celli. The Board's decision fully incorporates by reference the entire video recording of Mr. Garcia's November 13, 2025, hearing.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: On the evening of January 11, 2008, 15-year-old Alexis Garcia murdered 43-year-old Timothy Stairs in Lowell. That evening, as Mr. Stairs left a liquor store, Mr. Garcia and three other individuals approached and surrounded Mr. Stairs. Mr. Garcia demanded money, and Mr. Stairs refused. Mr. Garcia and the other individuals then began beating Mr. Stairs. During the beating, Mr. Garcia opened a folding knife and stabbed Mr. Stairs in the face, back, and chest. Mr. Stairs eventually surrendered, abandoned his groceries, and was able to stagger home. There, he told his family that he had been assaulted by three or four individuals. Mr. Stairs was transported to the hospital, where he later died from his injuries.

APPLICABLE STANDARD: Parole “[p]ermits shall be granted only if the Board is of the opinion, after consideration of a risk and needs assessment, that there is a reasonable probability that, if the prisoner is released with appropriate conditions and community supervision, the prisoner will live and remain at liberty without violating the law and that release is not incompatible with the welfare of society.” M.G.L. c. 127, § 130. In making this determination, the Board takes into consideration an inmate’s institutional behavior, their participation in available work, educational, and treatment programs during the period of incarceration, and whether risk reduction programs could effectively minimize the inmate’s risk of recidivism. M.G.L. c. 127, § 130. The Board also considers all relevant facts, including the nature of the underlying offense, the age of the inmate at the time of the offense, the criminal record, the institutional record, the inmate’s testimony at the hearing, and the views of the public as expressed at the hearing and/or in written submissions to the Board.

DECISION OF THE BOARD: Mr. Garcia was 15 years old when he committed the offense. He is now 33 years old. He appeared before the Board for the second time. Since the last hearing he has engaged in CRA, GMP, and Victim Impact. He renounced himself from gang membership, achieved his barber’s certificate, and invested in furthering his insight and self-development. He has matured and progressed in his commitment to rehabilitation and preparing himself for re-entry. He is employed in a trusted position within the institution. Mr. Garcia is involved in the Harriet Tubman Project. Mr. Garcia established a significant support system and is engaged in mental health, which he appears to have benefited from. Mr. Garcia developed a well-thought-out release plan to address his continued re-entry needs. The Board considered a forensic evaluation by Dr. Robert Kinschoff from 2022 in rendering its decision. The Board also considered testimony in support of parole from members of Mr. Garcia’s family. The Board also considered testimony in opposition to parole from Middlesex County Assistant District Attorney Alicia Walsh. The Board concludes by unanimous decision that Alexis Garcia has demonstrated a level of rehabilitation that would make his release compatible with the welfare of society.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS: Waive work for 2 weeks or program; Must be home between 10 PM and 6 AM or PO’s discretion; Electronic monitoring for 6 months; Supervise for drugs, testing in accordance with Agency policy; Supervise for liquor abstinence, testing in accordance with Agency policy; Report to assigned MA Parole Office on day of release; No contact with victim’s family; Must have mental health counseling for adjustment; Long term residential program; AA at least 3 times per week;

I certify that this is the decision and reasons of the Massachusetts Parole Board regarding the above-referenced hearing. Pursuant to G.L. c. 127, § 130, I further certify that all voting Board Members have reviewed the applicant’s entire criminal record. This signature does not indicate authorship of the decision.


Angelo Gomez Jr., Chair

March 16, 2026
Date