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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

ALEXIS MEDINA  
W103580

**TYPE OF HEARING:** Initial Hearing

**DATE OF HEARING:** November 4, 2025

**DATE OF DECISION:** March 12, 2026

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

**VOTE:** Parole is denied with a review in 4 years from the date of the hearing.<sup>1</sup>

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY:** On November 12, 2013, in Essex County Superior Court, Alexis Medina pleaded guilty to murder in the second-degree for the death of his infant son, Alexis Medina, Jr. He was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole. He also received concurrent sentences of 10-to-11-years for assault and battery on a child with substantial bodily injury and 2 years for assault and battery.

On September 10, 2008, in Lawrence District Court, Mr. Medina pleaded guilty to two counts of assault and battery on a child with injury and received a split sentence. Mr. Medina was on probation for that offense at the time he assaulted and murdered his son.

On November 4, 2025, Mr. Medina appeared before the Board for an initial hearing. He was not represented by counsel. The Board's decision fully incorporates by reference the entire video recording of Mr. Medina's November 4, 2025, hearing.

**STATEMENT OF THE CASE:** On December 28, 2010, 23-year-old Alexis Medina Sr. caused the death of his 3-month-old son, Alexis Medina Jr., by asphyxiation in Lawrence. That morning, Lawrence police officers were called to Mr. Medina's home after a report that "Junior" was not breathing. Mr. Medina had left Junior in his mother's care moments before. Officers arrived at the home to find Junior unconscious and non-responsive. He was rushed to the hospital and was

<sup>1</sup> Two Board Members voted to deny parole with a review in 3 years from the date of the hearing.

pronounced dead. During an interview with police, Mr. Medina admitted that on the morning of the murder, he pushed Junior's face into the cushion by pressing his hand into Junior's buttocks in an effort to make him stop fussing. Shortly thereafter, he realized something was wrong and left the house. Junior's mother found him non-responsive and called for help.

The office of the Chief Medical Examiner ruled that Junior's manner of death was homicide due to asphyxia by smothering.

**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. Medina appeared before the Board for his initial hearing. He has a long history of violence against his children. He has prior convictions for assault and battery on a child with injury, which pre-dates the murder of his 3-month-old child. He appears to have a pattern of violence against vulnerable populations, which has continued during his incarceration. He was removed from the NEADS program. Mr. Medina has been program involved, but he needs to do additional rehabilitative work to address and understand his patterns of behavior towards vulnerable persons. The Board considered testimony in support of parole from Mr. Medina's family members, a representative of the F8 Foundation, and an attorney from the Massachusetts Parole Preparation Project. The Board considered the testimony of Junior's family members in opposition to parole. The Board also considered the testimony of Essex County ADA Kristen Jiang in opposition to parole. The Board concludes that Alexis Medina has not demonstrated a level of rehabilitation that would make his release compatible with the welfare of society.

*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.*

  
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Angelo Gomez Jr., Chair

March 12, 2026  
Date