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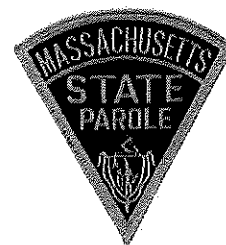
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RECORD OF DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF

ARNALDO FLORES
W98666

TYPE OF HEARING: Initial Hearing

DATE OF HEARING: March 5, 2026

DATE OF DECISION: July 22, 2026

PARTICIPATING BOARD MEMBERS: Edith J. Alexander, Dr. Charlene Bonner, Sarah B. Coughlin, Angelo Gomez Jr., James Kelcourse, Rafael Ortiz¹

VOTE: Parole is denied with a review in 2 years from the date of the hearing.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY: On May 19, 2011, after a jury trial in Bristol Superior Court, Arnaldo Flores was convicted of second-degree murder in the death of Osvaldo Gonzalez-Martinez. He was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole. On that same date, he was found guilty of possession of a firearm without an FID card and received a 2 year sentence to run concurrently with his life sentence.

On March 5, 2026, Mr. Flores appeared before the Board for an initial hearing. He was represented by Attorney Kelly Auer. The Board's decision fully incorporates by reference the entire video recording of Mr. Flores' March 5, 2026, hearing.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE: On December 27, 2009, Arnaldo Flores (age 26) shot to death Osvaldo Gonzalez-Martinez in Fall River. After the murder, Mr. Flores and two accomplices drove Mr. Gonzalez-Martinez's body to Rhode Island and dumped it on a beach.

At the time of the murder, Mr. Flores and two other individuals were selling narcotics out of their apartment in Fall River. On the day of the murder, Mr. Flores was in the apartment alone when Mr. Gonzalez-Martinez arrived. According to Mr. Flores, Mr. Gonzalez-Martinez was armed with a

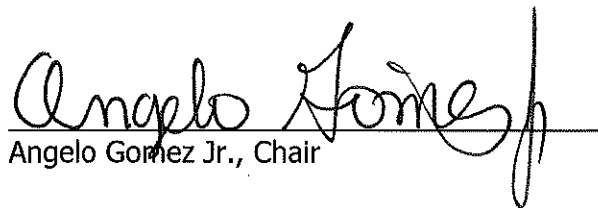
¹ Chair Gomez Jr. was not present for the hearing but reviewed the video recording of the hearing and the entirety of the file prior to vote.

firearm in order to steal money and drugs. Mr. Flores said that Mr. Gonzalez-Martinez grew increasingly agitated when he did not find much money or drugs at the apartment. A struggle ensued, and Mr. Flores shot Mr. Gonzalez-Martinez three times, killing him. Mr. Flores admitted to shooting Mr. Gonzalez-Martinez; however, he claimed that it was a justified use of self-defense.

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. Flores made his initial appearance before the Board. Mr. Flores has experienced institutional adjustment issues, having incurred multiple disciplinary reports. Mr. Flores scores high on the LSCMI risk assessment. Mr. Flores needs a longer period of positive adjustment. Mr. Flores is encouraged to continue his work with Mental Health counseling and to address his need areas as identified by Dr. Adams' evaluation. The Board reviewed Mr. Flores' programming history and notes his current enrollment in Victim Impact. The Board concludes by unanimous decision that Arnaldo Flores has not demonstrated a level of rehabilitation that would make his release compatible with the welfare of society. The Board considered testimony in support of parole from two of Mr. Flores' family members.

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

July 22, 2026
Date