**R671. Pardons (Board of), Administration.**

**R671-204. Hearing Continuances.**

**R671-204-1. Permissible Hearing Continuances.**

Board hearings may be continued:

(1) to inquire into, investigate, assess, or respond to any issue associated with a:

(a) possible lack of competency of the offender, pursuant to Utah Code Sections 77-15-2, 77-27-7.1 or Utah Admin. Rule R671-206; or

(b) mentally ill offender or a mentally decompensating offender whose mental health has deteriorated to a point where the offender has been transferred to the state hospital, or whose mental illness renders the offender unable to attend, understand, or appropriately participate in a hearing, pursuant to Utah Code Section 77-16a-204 Rule R671-207;

(2) when the offender is not available for the hearing for reasons the offender cannot control;

(3) to allow an offender who has been determined by the Board to be unable to effectively represent themselves to obtain assistance at the hearing, pursuant to Rule R671-308;

(4) upon the request of a victim of record who desires to participate in the hearing, pursuant to Rule R671-203, but who cannot reasonably attend the hearing as scheduled;

(5) to await the adjudication or resolution of new or additional criminal charges;

(6) to conduct a parole violation evidentiary hearing, pursuant to Rule R671-517;

(7) at the motion or request of the offender or an attorney representing the offender, with a written waiver and stipulation for the continuance, and a minimum notice to the Board of three business days;

(8) when the Board determines that new, additional, critical, or material information necessary for a full, fair, accurate, and complete hearing has not been received and will not be received by the scheduled hearing; or

(9) when the Board finds that a continuance is in the interest of justice, procedural economy, or is necessary because of transportation, technical, security, or other issues beyond the control of the Board.

**KEY: continuances, hearings, parole**

**Date of Last Change: December 24, 2025**

**Notice of Continuation: August 15, 2025**

**Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: Art. VII, Sec. 12; 63G-3-201(3); 77-27-5; 77-27-7; 77-27-9**