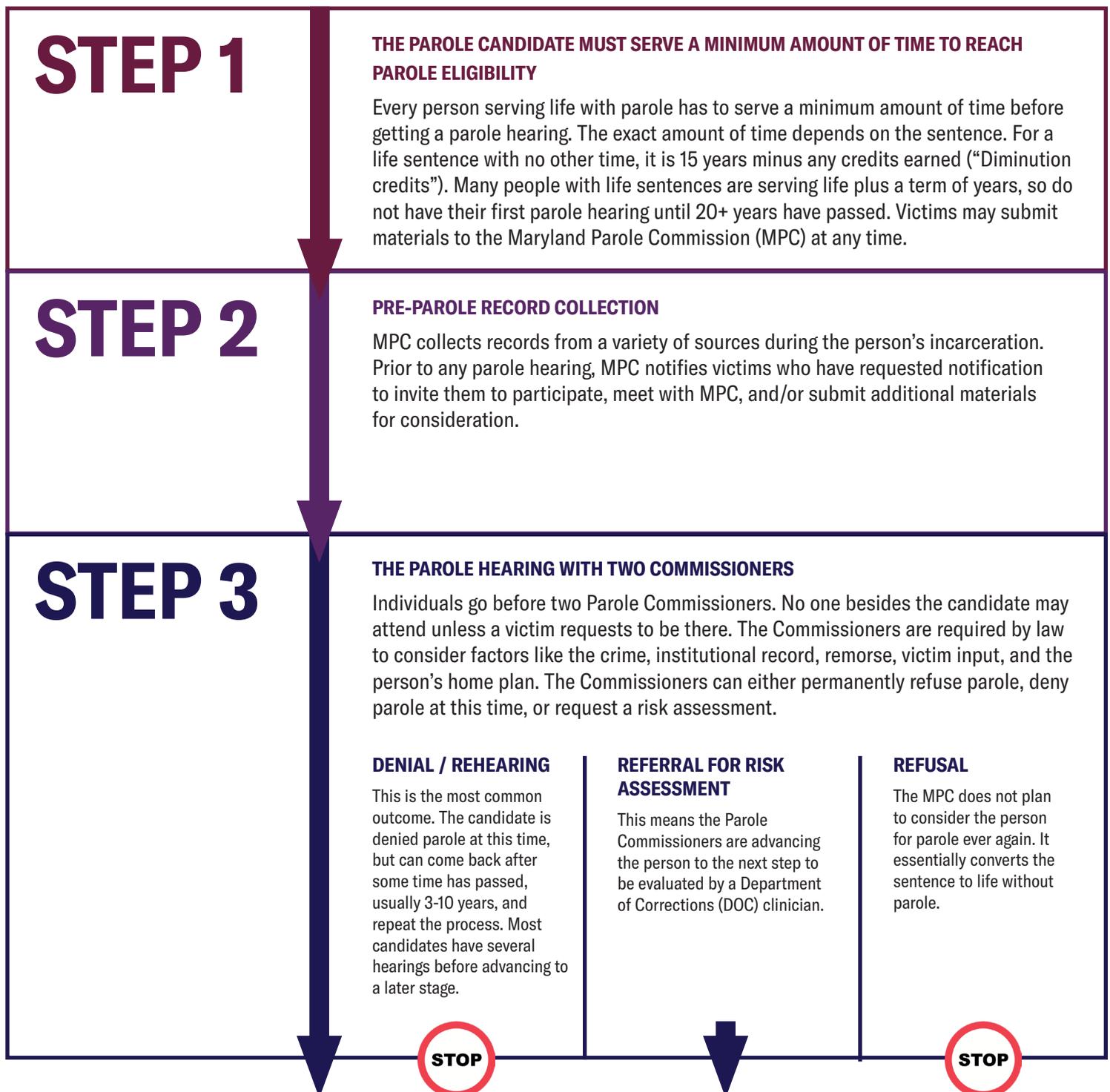


# PAROLE PROCESS FOR MARYLANDERS SERVING LIFE WITH PAROLE



For someone serving a life sentence, it is typical for the parole consideration process to take approximately **two years**.



# STEP 4

## WAITING FOR THE RISK ASSESSMENT

The parole candidate may wait as long as one and a half years for an assessment.

# STEP 5

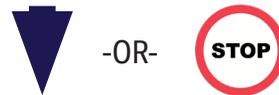
## RISK ASSESSMENT: TRANSFER TO PATUXENT INSTITUTION AND ASSESSMENT

Before generating a report, a DOC clinician conducts a risk assessment, reviews all available records, administers various tests, and interviews the candidate over the course of several weeks.

# STEP 6

## PAROLE COMMISSIONERS REVIEW THE RISK ASSESSMENT

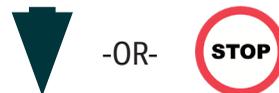
The Parole Commissioners from the hearing receive the risk assessment report and decide whether to recommend release to the full Commission or to deny parole.



# STEP 7

## FULL PAROLE COMMISSION VOTES WHETHER TO SEND TO THE GOVERNOR ("EN BANC CONSIDERATION")

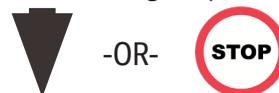
Every MPC Commissioner reviews the entire parole file. At their next closed meeting, Commissioners vote (by majority) whether to advance the case to the Governor or deny parole.



# STEP 8

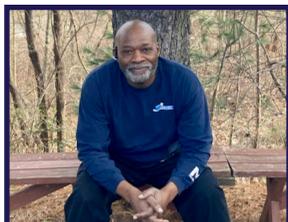
## "THE GOVERNOR'S DESK"

If the Commissioners vote to grant parole (or commutation), the MPC sends a letter to the Governor's office, who takes six months or more to make a decision. If the Governor rejects parole, the case is sent back to the two Commissioners who did the hearing to decide how long the person must wait before their next parole hearing.



# WELCOME HOME!

## MEET CALVIN MCNEILL



**Calvin McNeill is a survivor of Maryland's broken parole system.** McNeill was sentenced to life with parole for an offense he committed **at age 16**. During his nearly four-decades-long incarceration, McNeill maintained a nearly perfect disciplinary record, itself a remarkable feat.

He was first recommended for release by the Maryland Parole Commission in 2008, but denied by Maryland Governor O'Malley in 2011. Five years later, the MPC again recommended him for release — he was denied, this time by Governor Hogan. Last year, McNeill was denied a third time, again by Governor Hogan, after the MPC unanimously voted for his release. **He had a total of seven parole hearings. McNeill lost his wife and his mother and other loved ones while waiting for Governors to grant his release.**

The only reason McNeill is not still behind prison walls is because he worked with his lawyers to find another path to court and get his sentenced reduced. **He has been home since July 8, 2020**, and working a full-time job in the community since July 13. **He continues to advocate to bring access to the second chances Marylanders serving life sentences with parole have earned.**