



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
March 13, 2015
9:00 A.M.
APB BOARDROOM**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Felts, Chairman
Richard Brown Jr., Vice-Chairman /Commissioner
Dawne Vandiver, Secretary/Commissioner
Richard L. Mays, Jr., Commissioner
Abraham Carpenter, Commissioner
John Belken, Commissioner

EXCUSED WITH VALID REASONS:

James Wallace, Commissioner
Carol Bohannon, Hearing Judge/Attorney
Cara Boyd-Connors, Hearing Judge/Attorney
Jim Williams, Hearing Judge/Attorney
Ashley Vailes, Hearing Judge/Attorney
Meredith Rebsamen, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office

OTHERS PRESENT

Solomon Graves, Administrative Services Manager, APB
Kelly Knuckles, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, APB
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Support Supervisor, APB
Mahogney Franklin, Fiscal Support Supervisor, APB
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, ACC

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Kelly Knuckles, Executive Assistant to the Chairman

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Felts called the meeting to order at 9:01 am. A quorum was declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 26, 2015

Vice-Chairman Brown moved for an approval of the minutes. Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion. The motion passed. The minutes were approved as presented.

AGENCY UPDATES

Solomon Graves, Administrative Services Manager, updated the Board on IT issues pertaining to the Parole and Revocation support section. Mr. Graves gave the Board an update on the Legislative Session. He reviewed the following bills with the Board: SB57, SB58, SB86, SB200, SB258, SB856, HB1197, HB1371, HB1799, HB1054, HB1660, HB 1774 and HB1163. He informed the Board that the Legislature would adjourn on April 10, 2015 and return back on May 12, 2015 to complete their work.

Mr. Graves discussed an issue with entry of warrants into the ACIC/NCIC system. There were no additional questions or comments.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Graves updated the Board on upcoming training available for them. Mr. Graves and Ms. Mahogany Franklin, Fiscal Support Supervisor, notified the Board that there will be an APAI conference in Columbus, Ohio from May 17th- May 20th. Three Commissioners including Chairman Felts are available to attend the conference. The other attendees will be finalized at a later date.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institutional Release Services of ACC, announced that there have been 959 inmates released since the 90 Day EPA was invoked on February 23, 2015. Ms. Ellingburg mentioned her upcoming leave and that Ms. Pam Brown, Assistant Area Manager for Institutional Release Services, would be in attendance at the Full APB Board Meeting on March 26th, 2015.

Notes that need to be added to the system will need to be emailed to Margie Felkins, Administrative Specialist II, at the Institutional Release Services Department until the Board has access to add those notes. Protest Letters will need to be forwarded to Kelly Knuckles, Executive Assistant to the Chairman. Support Letter will need to be forwarded to Hollie Cook, Administrative Specialist III for the Arkansas Parole Board.

Chairman Felts announced that with John Belken, being appointed to the Board, the Board would need some assistance with revocation appeals going forward. He asked for someone to volunteer and asked that the Board discuss with him when a decision had been reached. Commissioner Brown volunteered to review appeals and make recommendations to the Board regarding appeals.

FILES FOR DISCUSSION - REVIEW

There were no questions regarding the files for review.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Commissioner Vandiver, Secretary of the Board, moved to adopt the recommendations. Commissioner Carpenter seconded. The motion was carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. at the Arkansas Parole Board.

Signature on File

John Felts, Chairman

Signature on File

Dawne Vandiver, Secretary

**ARKANSAS BOARD OF PAROLE
FULL BOARD RATIFICATION OF VOTES**

March 2015

UNITS:

RATIFIED (X)

DELTA	X
WRIGHTSVILLE	X
TUCKER	X
TUCKER MAX	X
CUMMINS	X
BENTON	X
TRCC/SW	X
ACC-CAC	X
McPHERSON	X
NORTH CENTRAL/NW	X
	X

OTHER:

**PARDONS, COMMUTATIONS, TRANSFER SCREENINGS,
ACT 290's, 700's, RECONSIDERATIONS, REVOCATION APPEALS,
RESCINDS, SPECIAL CONDITIONS, EPA, ETC.**



MOTION BY: Commissioner Vandiver SECONDED BY: Commissioner Carpenter

RATIFICATION DATE: March 13th, 2015