



**MINUTES OF THE  
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD  
March 28, 2013 @ 11:00 A.M.  
Austin Hotel  
Hot Springs, AR**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

James Wallace, Vice-Chairman/Commissioner  
Richard L. Mays, Jr., Secretary/Commissioner  
Richard Brown Jr., Commissioner  
Abraham Carpenter, Commissioner  
Joe Peacock, Commissioner

**HEARING EXAMINERS PRESENT:**

Carol Bohannon, Hearing Examiner/Attorney

**EXCUSED WITH VALID REASON:**

John Felts, Chairman  
Dawne Vandiver, Commissioner  
Ashley Vailes, Hearing Examiner/Attorney  
Jim Williams, Hearing Examiner/Attorney

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Solomon Graves, Administrative Services Manager, APB  
Dan Roberts, Deputy Director, Parole/Probation, DCC  
Damien McNeal, Assistant Director, Parole/Probation, DCC  
Steve Arnold, Assistant Director, Parole/Probation, DCC  
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, DCC

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chairman Wallace called the meeting to order at 11:00 am. A quorum was declared.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 14, 2013**

Commissioner Carpenter moved. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as amended.

## **POPULATION REPORT**

Vice-Chairman Wallace reported that there are 14,663 inmates in the Department of Correction and this includes those inmates in the 309 Program and in Work Release.

In review of the DCC population report there are a total of 29,368 individuals on probation, 2,248 in drug court and 23,598 individuals on parole for a total of 55,214. There are currently 487 in the Boot Camp program. Commissioner Wallace requested an update on the ADC Boot Camp program and the Act 570 of DCC. Mr. McNeal stated that the population of the Boot Camp program has increased dramatically over the years.

## **ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE**

There was no report from the Attorney General's office.

## **FISCAL REPORT**

Ms. Mahogany Brown was not present, but her fiscal report was available to the Board for review. There were no questions.

## **HEARING EXAMINERS REPORT**

The Hearing Examiner report was available to the Board for review. There were no questions.

## **AGENCY UPDATES**

### **Legislative Bills and Review**

Mr. Graves stated that he has provided a copy of the current Legislative bills for the Board to review. He stated that Senate Bill 259 changes the Board's discretion has passed and Senate Bill 150, which gives discretion over all sex crimes, have been signed by the Governor. We will have to rework our current vote sheets and policy to reflect the new discretion. That will probably be taking place within the next month and should be up and running by the end of July.

### **National Parole Resources Center Prep Meeting**

Mr. Graves stated that there will be a meeting to discuss the National Parole Resources Center (NPRC) grant, which covers strategic planning assistance. Mr. Stroker from NPRC will be in our office on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> to meet with the Board. Mr. Graves stated that in preparation for Mr. Stroker's visit, they will meet on Monday for about 2 hours in order to discuss information that will need to be available for the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. The meeting will begin at 9:00 am and should finish at 11:00 am.

### **File for Review**

Mr. Graves stated that there is a file on inmate Jesse Wyatt #148221 from the Wrightsville unit that is needed for review. Please make sure that it is given to Tamara or Melissa as soon as possible.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to report at this time.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **April 2013 Schedule**

Vice-Chairman Wallace stated that the Board should have a copy of the April schedule. He stated that if any Commissioners have any adjustments to the schedule to please let him know as soon as possible so that

changes can be made. He stated that as the numbers grow heavier there will be more work ahead for the Board. There were no questions regarding the schedule.

**FILES FOR DISCUSSION - REVIEW**

Vice-Chairman Wallace called for any questions regarding the victim input votes for March. Commissioner Mays reported that there is a pending decision on the report. It has been recommended that inmate Brenton Linn, #139241 be paroled. There were no further questions.

**RATIFICATION OF VOTES**

Commissioner Mays moved. Commissioner Peacock seconded the motion to ratify the votes. Motion carried.

**OTHER COMMENTS**

Mr. Wallace thanked Mr. David Eberhard and his staff for all that they do. He asked that they attend the upcoming Board meetings to discuss Act 570 more in detail. He stated that the Board has some questions about how this process is working. He stated that the Board appreciates the hard work of DCC.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There were no further comments or questions.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2013 at 9:30a.m. This meeting will take place in the APB Boardroom.

The meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

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**James Wallace**  
**Vice-Chairman**

**Signature on File**  
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**Richard L. Mays, Jr.**  
**Secretary**

**ARKANSAS BOARD OF PAROLE**  
**FULL BOARD RATIFICATION OF VOTES**  
**MARCH 2013**

<u>UNITS:</u>	<u>RATIFIED (X)</u>
BENTON	X
CACCC	X
CUMMINS	X
EAST AR	X
GRIMES	X
MCPHERSON	X
MISSISSIPPI CO.	X
NEACCC	X
OUACHITA RIVER CORR.	X
PINE BLUFF	X
R.L. WILLIAMS	X
SEARC	X
SWARC	X
TRCC	X
VARNER	X
WRIGHTSVILLE	X
OTHER: PARDONS, COMMUTATIONS, TRANSFER SCREENINGS, ACT 290, 700'S, RECONSIDERATION, REVOCATION APPEALS, EPA, ETC.	X

MOTION BY: Commissioner Mays    SECONDED BY: Commissioner Carpenter

RATIFICATION DATE:    MARCH 28, 2013