



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
April 14, 2016
9:00 A.M.
APB BOARDROOM**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Felts, Chairman
Dawne Vandiver, Vice-Chairman/Commissioner
Andy Shock, Secretary/Commissioner
Abraham Carpenter, Commissioner
John Belken, Commissioner
Jerry Riley, Commissioner
James Wallace, Commissioner

EXCUSED WITH VALID REASONS:

Carol Bohannon, Hearing Judge/Attorney
Jim Williams, Hearing Judge/Attorney
Ashley Vailes, Hearing Judge/Attorney
Cara Boyd-Connors, Hearing Judge/Attorney, APB

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kelly Knuckles, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, APB
Mahogany Franklin, Business Manager, APB
Kenya Woods, Victim Input Coordinator, APB
Brandon Noble, Systems Coordination Analyst, APB
Scott Howard, Investigator, APB
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Support Supervisor, APB
Lois Hansberry, Administrative Support Supervisor, APB
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, ACC
Nga Mahfouz, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Felts called the board meeting to order at 9:00 am. A quorum was declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 24, 2016

Vice-Chairman Vandiver moved for approval of the minutes. Commissioner Wallace seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as presented.

AGENCY UPDATES

Chairman Felts announced that Nga Mahfouz, Assistant Attorney General had brought with her a guest to introduce to the Board. Butch Reeves was introduced to the Board as the newest member to the Attorney General's office. Chairman Felts announced the Parole Board's newest staff member, Kenya Woods, who is our new Victim Input Coordinator. The Board is still in the process of hiring a new Board Administration.

Chairman Felts stated there were no agency updates to discuss at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Felts stated there was no old business to discuss at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Brandon Noble discussed placing pictures of the Board members on the website to accompany their name, title and term expiration date.

Chairman asked that the Board their thoughts on adding these photos. The Board requested that there be further research on what other agencies are doing prior to making their decision. There will be a follow-up with the Board regarding the change.

FILES FOR REVIEW

There were no questions regarding the files for review.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Secretary Shock moved to adopt the recommendations. Commissioner Carpenter seconded. The motion passed.

OTHER DISCUSSION

Chairman Felts introduced Mr. Sandy McMath, Attorney at Law, who will be presenting the Board with details to the crime committed by Daniel Rischer #098275 and Nikki Zinger #704283. Mr. McMath is representing the two offenders on the application for Executive Clemency commutation of sentence. Mr. McMath made his presentation to the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Felts adjourned regular meeting and called to order an Executive Session for a personnel issue to be discussed with the Board.

Chairman Felts advised that no action was taken during Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Signature on File

John Felts
Chairman

Signature on File

Andy Shock
Secretary

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

April 2016

UNITS:

RATIFIED (X)

DELTA



WRIGHTSVILLE



TUCKER/ TUCKER MAX



CUMMINS



BENTON



TRCC/SW/ACC-CAC



MCPHERSON



NORTH CENTRAL/NW



**OTHER: Pardons, Commutations, Transfer Screenings, ACT 290s,
700s, Reconsiderations, Revocation Appeals, Rescinds,
Special Conditions, EPAs, Etc.**



MOTION BY: Secretary Shock SECONDED BY: Commissioner Carpenter

RATIFICATION DATE: April 14, 2016