



MINUTES
OF THE ARKANSAS BOARD OF PAROLE MEETING
April 28, 2011 – 9:30 a.m.
ABP Boardroom

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leroy Brownlee, Chairman
Abraham Carpenter, Jr., Vice-Chairman
Richard L. Mays, Jr., Secretary/Commissioner
John Felts, Commissioner
Carolyn Robinson, Commissioner
Joseph Peacock, Commissioner
Jimmy Wallace, Commissioner

HEARING EXAMINERS:

Carol V. Bohannon, Hearing Examiner/Attorney
James L. Williams, II, Hearing Examiner/Attorney
Ashley Vailes, Hearing Examiner/Attorney

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Sharon Lewis, Executive Assistant to the Chairman

OTHERS PRESENT:

Steve Arnold, Assistant Director, Department of Community Correction (DCC)
Rhonda Sharp, Public Relations, Department of Community Correction
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, DCC
Meredith Rebsamen, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's (AG's) Office
Solomon Graves, Administrative Services Manager / ACA Coordinator, ABP
Norma Gillerson, Fiscal Support Supervisor, ABP
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Support Supervisor – Parole Services, ABP
Lois J. Hansberry, Administrative Support Supervisor – Revocation Services, (ABP)
Sharon Lewis, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, ABP

Called to Order

Chairman Brownlee called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 9:30 a.m.

Approval of April 14, 2011 Minutes

Commissioner Carpenter moved. The minutes were approved as presented.
Commissioner Felts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Population Reports

The Board reviewed the population reports received from ADC, DCC and ABP.

Attorney General's Office

Ms. Rebsamen stated she had no new information to report.

Hearing Examiners' Reports

Each Hearing Examiner presented their report on the revocation hearings they conducted this month.

The Board was informed that an article appeared in the newspaper reporting that Washington State has resumed participation in the Interstate Compact System

Fiscal Report

Mrs. Gillerson presented the agency's financial overview as of March 31, 2011.

The Board inquired as to whether there would be any savings in our budget. Ms. Gillerson responded that there would be savings in the salaries line item due to vacancies.

The Board requested to be notified if additional funds become available to purchase supplies.

Old Business

Agency Updates: Mr. Graves reported on the following events for the agency:

- The ACA Audit will begin on Monday, May 2nd and wrapping up on Tuesday, May 3rd.
- Effective October 1, 2011, the Board will begin submitting the monthly report for the Pew Bill. The report will include the number of releases granted and denied, a course of action and risk assessment score. Information regarding sex offenders will also be included on this report.
- Commissioner Carpenter asked if a meeting can be arranged with the Pew Committee to discuss the Pew Bill (Act 570), since it will affect the Board and they did not have any input prior to its passing in the 88th Legislative Session. Commissioner Felts will relay the concerns of the Board to Ms. Wendy Naro-Ware, Vice-President of JFA Institute.
- Commissioner Peacock noted that the denial decision was already on the worksheet. Response: There needs to be consistency in denying an inmate and giving a course of action.
- The Board will be given training in 4 areas to meet the criteria of the Pew Bill.
- Commissioner Wallace stated that the Bill will affect Revocation and the public and it was up to the Board to keep the Legislature informed on how it is working. Response: The Chairman stated we must follow statute (law). The Legislature already has a committee that will be evaluating and monitoring the Pew Bill in the appropriate agencies.

- Listings of all hearing types were submitted to the Board for review and recommendation of which types were no longer needed. Mr. Graves will need this listing back to him ASAP.

New Business

Hearing Schedule – MAY

The schedule was reviewed. The board was requested to notify Tamara Salaam, if any other changes were needed.

The Chairman asked Ms. Ellingburg on the status of the Ohio Risk Assessment Reentry Tool being utilized by her staff.

Files for Discussion / Review

An overview of the victim input hearings was conducted.

Ratification of Votes

Commissioner Mays moved.

Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion to ratify the units. Motion carried.

This meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Signature on File

**LEROY BROWNLEE
CHAIRMAN**

Signature on File

**RICHARD L. MAYS, JR.
SECRETARY**

**ARKANSAS BOARD OF PAROLE
RATIFICATION OF VOTES BY UNITS**

APRIL 2011

<u>UNITS:</u>	<u>RATIFIED (X)</u>
BENTON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CACCC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CUMMINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DIAGNOSTIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
EAST	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
MISSISSIPPI CO.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NEACCC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OUACHITA REGIONAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PINE BLUFF	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
RANDALL L. WILLIAMS CORR.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SEARC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SWARC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TRCC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
VARNER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
WRIGHTSVILLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OTHER: RESCINDS & TRANSFER SCREENINGS, ACT 290'S, EPA, 700'S, SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS, RECONSIDERATION, REVOCATION APPEALS, CLEMENCIES, ETC.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

MOTION BY: Richard Mays, Jr. SECONDED BY: Abraham Carpenter, Jr.

RATIFICATION DATE: April 28, 2011