



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
MAY 17, 2012 @ 9:30 A.M.
APB Board Room**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Felts, Chairman
James Wallace, Vice-Chairman/Commissioner
Richard L. Mays, Jr., Secretary/Commissioner
Richard Brown Jr., Commissioner
Abraham Carpenter, Commissioner
Carolyn Robinson, Commissioner

HEARING EXAMINERS PRESENT:

Jim Williams, Hearing Examiner/Attorney
Carol Bohannon, Hearing Examiner/Attorney
Ashley Vailes, Hearing Examiner/Attorney

EXCUSED WITH VALID REASONS:

Joseph Peacock, Commissioner

OTHERS PRESENT

Solomon Graves, Administrative Services Manager, APB
Norma Gillerson, Fiscal Support Manager, APB
Melissa Haney, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, APB
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Support Specialist, APB
Dan Roberts, Deputy Director, Parole/Probation Services, DCC
Steve Arnold, Assistant Director, Parole/Probation, DCC
Damien McNeal, Assistant Director, Parole/Probation, DCC
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, DCC
Arnie Jochums, Asst. Attorney General, Attorney General's Office

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Melissa Haney, Executive Assistant to the Chairman

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Felts called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. A quorum was declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 26, 2012

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

NEW BUSINESS

Act 570

Mr. Solomon Graves reported that the May Act 570 report is on the agenda for the upcoming Legislative Council Meeting. He is requesting approval of the policy on short term offenders. This policy refers to those offenders with 2 years or less on their sentences. The policy change will now look at those with 3-4 year sentences as well. This will require a regular review of the county back up list and will help to expedite those eligible for parole consideration.

Chairman Felts stated that the Board is going through the back up list for those 3-4 year sentences and looking at these sentences along with Mrs. Ellingburg’s staff and ADC. He stated that they are going to try and expedite the process. He stated that Ms. Haney will be doing a daily review of the county back up list and producing a weekly report of those eligible for immediate parole consideration.

Commissioner Mays moved for approval of the policy. Vice-Chairman Wallace seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FILES FOR REVIEW

Chairman Felts requested that the Board review the Victim Input hearing votes for this Board. There were no questions regarding the Victim Input hearing votes.

RATIFICATION OF VOTES

Commissioner Richard Mays Jr., moved to ratify the votes. Commissioner Carpenter seconded. The motion was carried.

OTHER COMMENTS

Chairman Felts stated that he will be leaving on May 18, 2012 to attend the Association of Paroling Authorities International conference in Orlando and will be gone until Thursday, May 24.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 31, 2012 at 9:30a.m. in the APB Boardroom.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

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John Felts
Chairman

Signature on File

Richard L. Mays, Jr.
Secretary

**ARKANSAS BOARD OF PAROLE
FIRST BOARD RATIFICATION OF VOTES**

MAY 2012

<u>UNITS:</u>	<u>RATIFIED (X)</u>
DELTA	<input type="checkbox"/>
GRIMES	<input type="checkbox"/>
MCPHERSON	<input type="checkbox"/>
NORTH CENTRAL UNIT	<input type="checkbox"/>
NORTH WEST/WASHINGTON CO.	<input type="checkbox"/>
TUCKER	<input type="checkbox"/>
TUCKER MAX.	<input type="checkbox"/>
CUMMINS	<input type="checkbox"/>
OTHER: TRANSFER SCREENINGS, COMMUTATIONS, PARDONS RECONSIDERATIONS, REVOCATION APPEALS, RESCINDS, SPECIAL CONDITIONS, ACT 290, 700'S, EPA, ETC.	<input type="checkbox"/>

MOTION BY: Commissioner Mays

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Carpenter

RATIFICATION DATE: May 17, 2012