



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
June 29th, 2017
9:00 A.M.
APB BOARDROOM**

Board Members Present:

John Belken, Vice Chairman, APB
Abraham Carpenter, Commissioner
Dawne Vandiver, Commissioner
Jerry Riley, Commissioner
Lona McCastlain, Commissioner

Excused with Valid Reason(s):

John Felts, Chairman
Andy Shock, Secretary
Brooke Cummings, Executive Administrator, APB
William T. Bowman, II, Computer Support Analyst, APB
Carol Bohannon, Hearing Judge/Attorney, APB
Lisa Wilkins, Hearing Judge/Attorney, APB
Evelyn Gomez, Hearing Judge/Attorney, APB
Jerry Bradshaw, Director of Parole and Probation Services, ACC
Nga Mahfouz, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office

Others Present:

Janice Horton, Business Operations Manager, APB
Scott Howard, Investigator, APB
Kelly Knuckles, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, APB
Kenya Woods, Victim Input Coordinator, APB
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Support Supervisor, APB
Christie Little, Administrative Support Supervisor, APB
Cindy Richardson, Assistant Director, ACC
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, ACC
Solomon Graves, Public Information Officer, ADC

Call to Order

Vice-Chairman called the board meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Vice-Chairman Belken stated Chairman Felts and Secretary Shock would not be in attendance at today's meeting. A quorum was declared.

Approval of Minutes – June 15, 2017

Commissioner Vandiver moved for approval of the minutes. Commissioner Riley seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as presented.

Report Updates

Vice-Chairman Belken reported that there are 17,926 inmates incarcerated in the Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC). There are currently 1,370 men and women on the ADC County Jail Back-up list as of today.

In reviewing the Arkansas Community Correction (ACC) Center Jurisdictional Population Report, Vice-Chairman Belken stated there are 2,022 offenders in ACC Centers. This includes those in all ACC Centers including RCFs, Omega, SW AR CCC, and those offenders on ACC's back-up list. The Statewide Field Operations report reflects 29,198 on probation, 2,766 out to drug court/specialty court, 219 boot camp releases (including inactive cases) and 24,266 on parole, for a combined total of 56,449 under supervision.

Commissioner Vandiver stated to the Board that she attended a meeting on Monday, June 26th, where Doc Holladay spoke of his concerns with the county jail back-up being higher than it has been in a while. Vice-Chairman Belken asked Mr. Solomon Graves, ADC's Public Information Officer, to address the Board with any updates concerning the County Jail Back-up at this time. Mr. Graves stated that normally with a new EPA you will see the numbers level out and at this time that has not taken place. We are seeing an uptick in new commitments. Those numbers have gradually increased within the last year. There will also be some pre-trial offenders and federal detainees that add to that population.

There were no further questions or comments regarding the report updates at this time.

Attorney General's Report

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

Fiscal Report Update

Ms. Janice Horton, Business Operations Manager, updated the Board on the Fiscal Report. Ms. Horton reported that the Board, as of May 31, 2017, has expended 82% of its annual travel, maintenance, and operations budget. There is an attachment included in the board member's packets for review. At this time last year the Board had expended 92% of the budget.

There were no further questions or comments regarding the Fiscal report.

Agency Updates

Ms. Horton updated the Board in Ms. Brooke Cummings, Executive Administrator's absence. She stated that there was one finding in the most recent assessment completed by Arkansas Legislative Audit. The finding related to a firearm that is the possession of APB. There was no serial number listed in AASIS, however, this issue has been corrected.

There were no further Agency Updates to be discussed at this time.

Old Business

There were no questions or concerns regarding Old Business.

New Business

There were no questions or concerns regarding New Business.

Files for Review

There were no questions or concerns regarding the Files for Review.

Adoption of Recommendations

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

Other Discussion

Mr. Graves, ADC Public Information Officer, mentioned to the Board that ADC will be adding 66 additional beds at our Pine Bluff complex.

Commissioner Riley stated that he had a speaking engagement at the 1st LOVE Initiative & Re-Entry Banquet held at Hestands Stadium in Pine Bluff on Saturday, June 24th. Commissioner Riley stated it was a good program and he did well.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, July 13th at 9:00 a.m.

Signature on File

John Belken
Vice-Chairman

Signature on File

Dawne Vandiver
Commissioner

ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD

FULL BOARD RATIFICATION OF VOTES

June 2017

UNITS:

RATIFIED (X)

R.L. Williams/SEC



Pine Bluff/Ester



Grimes



East Arkansas



Mississippi Co. W/R/NEACC



Varner



Ouachita



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



Motion By: Commissioner Vandiver **Seconded by:** Commissioner Carpenter

Ratification Date: June 29, 2017