



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
June 30, 2016
9:00 A.M.
APB BOARDROOM**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

EXCUSED WITH VALID REASONS:

John Felts, Chairman
Carol Bohannon, Hearing Judge/Attorney
Jim Williams, Hearing Judge/Attorney
Ashley Vailes, Hearing Judge/Attorney
Cara Boyd-Connors, Hearing Judge/Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brooke Cummings, Board Administrator, APB
Mahogany Franklin, Business Manager, APB
Kelly Knuckles, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, APB
Kenya Woods, Victim Input Coordinator
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Support Supervisor, APB
Lois Hansberry, Administrative Support Supervisor, APB
Scott Howard, Investigator, APB
Nga Mahfouz, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, ACC
Solomon Graves, Public Information Officer/Legislative Liaison, ADC

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 16, 2016

Secretary Shock moved for the approval of the minutes. Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as presented.

REPORT UPDATES

Vice Chairman Vandiver reported that there are 17,955 inmates incarcerated in the Arkansas Department of Correction. There are currently 1,190 men and women on the ADC County Jail Back-up list. Vice Chairman Vandiver reported every Unit is at capacity or above.

In review of the ACC Center Jurisdictional Population there are a total 1,676 offenders in ACC Centers. This includes those in ACC Centers, Omega, SE ARK TVP, and on ACC's back-up list. The total ACC's capacity is 1,603. Their statewide field report reflects 27,864 on probation, 2,511 out to drug court/specialty court, 335 boot camp releases and 23,359 on parole, for a combined total of 54,069 under supervision.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to be discussed at this time.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

Ms. Nga Mahfouz, Assistant Attorney General, stated there were two pieces of litigation that she is currently processing. Ms. Mahfouz stated she is waiting for their attorney to file a petition on one of the cases and the second case we are waiting to schedule briefing schedules. Ms. Mahfouz will follow-up with the Board regarding these matters at a later date.

There were no further questions or comments regarding the Attorney General's report.

FISCAL REPORT

Vice Chairman Vandiver welcomed Ms. Mahogany Franklin, Business Manager, to the podium for the fiscal report and announced to the Board that this meeting would be Ms. Franklin's last meeting with the Parole Board. Vice Chairman Vandiver went on to state that the Board was saddened to see her leave, but wished her well on her new endeavor.

Ms. Franklin reported that the Board as of May 31, 2016, has expended 92% of its annual travel, maintenance, and operations budget.

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

HEARING JUDGE'S REPORT

Vice Chairman Vandiver reviewed the hearing judge's report, stating that the overall number on actions for the past month totaled to 741. That total included the number of waivers to ACC, ADC, not revoked, deferred, continued, not held and other reason, all explained in the report included in the board packets.

Vice Chairman Vandiver stated if there were questions regarding the report to contact the Hearing Judge for further explanation.

AGENCY UPDATES

Ms. Brooke Cummings, Board Administrator, stated to the Board visited with the Council of State Governments (CSG) this past week and is looking forward to their recommendation. She stated that CSG will return for a visit in late July. Ms. Cummings mentioned that we would be interviewing for our vacant IT position and the Business Operation Manager position would be filled as soon as possible in our HR/Fiscal Section.

Ms. Cummings stated she will be providing the requested information to the Council of State Government at the earliest convenience. Ms. Cummings will update the Board at the Full Board meeting on July 28, 2016.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

FILES FOR REVIEW

There were no questions regarding the files for review.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

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

OTHER DISCUSSION

Mr. Solomon Graves, ADC Public Information/Legislative Liaison, mentioned to the Board that the issue the Board had been experiencing in regard to the video and wireless connectivity at the Units had been corrected. The Units have replaced the older video equipment and are looking at new software to better assist in video connection.

Mr. Graves stated that if there were any further concerns related to ADC to please feel free to contact him.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, July 14th, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

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**John Felts
Chairman**

Signature on File

**Andy Shock
Secretary**

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

JUNE 2016

UNITS:

RATIFIED (X)

R.L. WILLIAMS



PINE BLUFF/SE



GRIMES/ ESTER



EAST ARKANSAS



MISS CO/NEC



VARNER



OUACHITA



**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: June 30, 2016