



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
APRIL 13, 2023
9:00 A.M.
RICHARD LEE RICHARDSON AUDITORIUM**

Board Members Present

John Felts, Chairman, APB
Brett Morgan, Vice Chairman, APB
Wendy Ryals, Secretary, APB
Lona McCastlain, Commissioner, APB
Andy Shock, Commissioner, APB
Doug Smith, Commissioner, APB
Jamol Jones, Commissioner, APB

Others Present

Brooke D. Cummings, Executive Administrator, APB
Hollie Wellborn, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, APB
Scott Howard, Investigator, APB
Felicia Bentley, Investigator, APB
William T. Bowman, II, Systems Coordination Analyst, APB
Christie Goldman, Business Operations Manager, APB
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Support Supervisor, APB
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, DCC
Lindsay Wallace, Chief of Staff, DOC

Excused

Jack Bell, Hearing Judge, APB
Brenton Wood, Hearing Judge, APB

Call to Order

Chairman Felts called the board meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was declared. All commissioners were noted as being present.

Approval of Minutes – March 23, 2023

Vice Chairman Morgan moved for approval of the minutes. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as presented.

A copy of the minutes was included in each board member's file for review.

Agency Updates

Ms. Brooke Cummings, Executive Administrator, APB, mentioned that APAI is coming up.

Ms. Cummings said Legislative Session just ended. Chairman Felts said he would like Ms. Tawnie Rowell, Arkansas Sentencing Commission Director, to come speak to the Board regarding SB495.

Chairman Felts said accreditation with ACA will be coming up in July.

Old Business

There was nothing to report regarding old business.

New Business

There was nothing to report regarding new business.

Files for Review

A copy of the files for review was included in each board member's packet.

Adoption of Recommendations

Secretary Ryals moved to adopt the recommendations. Commissioner McCastlain seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Other Discussion

Mr. William T. Bowman, II, Systems Coordination Analyst, APB, said the new look for eOMIS will go live on
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May 30th. Mr. Bowman also mentioned there is a bill that requires having a mobile app regarding parolee information.

Commissioner Ryals asked if there is a way to create something that would notify commissioners of their Pending Deliberations in eOMIS. Mr. Bowman said he will look into it.

Commissioner McCastlain asked about the increase of visitors during Parole Board hearings.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 27, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Signature on file

**John Felts
Chairman**

Signature on file

**Wendy Ryals
Secretary**

**Arkansas Parole Board
FULL BOARD RATIFICATION OF VOTES**

April 2023

UNITS:

RATIFIED

Delta



Wrightsville



Wrightsville Hawkins



Tucker



Tucker Max



Cummins



Benton



TRCC/SWACC



McPherson



North Central



NWA- Work Release



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



MOTION BY: Secretary Ryals SECONDED BY: Comm. McCastlain

RATIFICATION DATE: April 13, 2023