



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
JULY 13, 2023
9:00 A.M.
PAROLE BOARD LOBBY**

Board Members Present

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

Others Present

Brooke D. Cummings, Executive Administrator, APB
Scott Howard, Investigator, APB
Felicia Bentley, Investigator, APB
Christie Goldman, Business Operations Manager, APB
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Support Supervisor, APB
Barry Bealer, Assistant Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, DCC

Excused

Andy Shock, Commissioner, APB
Jack Bell, Hearing Judge, APB
Brenton Wood, Hearing Judge, APB
Hollie Wellborn, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, APB

Call to Order

Chairman Felts called the board meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. A quorum was declared. Commissioner Smith joined via telephone. Commissioner Shock was noted as being out on annual leave.

Approval of Minutes – June 22, 2023

Vice Chairman Morgan moved for approval of the minutes. Commissioner McCastlain 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 D. Cummings, Executive Administrator, APB, advised the Board that we have completed ACA. She said the Board was non-compliant with one standard which was the Commissioners salaries. She said we will have our panel meeting in January 2024 and will be reaccredited.

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.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, July 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**

July 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: July 13, 2023