



**MINUTES OF THE  
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD  
SEPTEMBER 14, 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  
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Support Supervisor, APB  
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, DCC  
Elizabeth Taylor, Deputy Director of Parole/Probation, DCC  
Jarrod Self, Parole/Probation Area Manager, DCC

**Excused**

Jack Bell, Hearing Judge, APB  
Brenton Wood, Hearing Judge, APB  
Christie Goldman, Business Operations Manager, APB

**Call to Order**

Chairman Felts called the board meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. A quorum was declared. Commissioner McCastlain joined via telephone.

**Approval of Minutes – August 24, 2023**

Vice Chairman Morgan moved for approval of the minutes. Secretary Ryals 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**

There was nothing to report regarding agency updates.

**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 9:09 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, September 28, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

***Signature on file***

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**John Felts**  
**Chairman**

***Signature on file***

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**Wendy Ryals**  
**Secretary**

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

**September 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: September 14, 2023**