



**MINUTES OF THE  
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD  
FEBRUARY 13, 2020  
9:00 A.M.  
APB BOARDROOM**

**Board Members Present:**

John Felts, Chairman, APB  
Andy Shock, Vice Chairman, APB  
Lona McCastlain, Secretary, APB  
Abraham Carpenter, Commissioner, APB  
Jerry Riley, Commissioner, APB  
Wendy Ryals, Commissioner, APB  
Boyce Hamlet, Commissioner, APB

**Others Present:**

Brooke D. Cummings, Executive Administrator, APB  
Carol Bohannon, Hearing Judge, APB  
Lisa Wilkins, Hearing Judge, APB  
Evelyn Gomez, Hearing Judge, APB  
Hollie Wellborn, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, APB  
Scott Howard, 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, ACC

## **Call to Order**

Chairman Felts called the board meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. A quorum was declared.

## **Approval of Minutes – January 30, 2020**

Vice Chairman Shock moved for approval of the minutes. Commissioner Carpenter 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 the submission of the 570 report. It's the monthly report that is submitted to Legislative Counsel. Ms. Cummings said she is going to the Legislative Counsel meeting tomorrow to answer any questions should there be any. She said the report reflected 1,530 actions. Those would be any parole decisions made including Rescinds, Reconsiderations, and Deferrals. She said the report has nothing to do with Revocation. The report just looks at parole type actions. Out of the 1,530 actions there were 174 denials and 806 approvals. Chairman Felts noted that the 806 granted include approvals upon completion of a program.

## **Old Business**

There was nothing to report regarding old business.

## **New Business**

Chairman Felts opened the elections for Vice-Chair and Secretary of the Board. Commissioner Carpenter nominated Secretary Lona McCastlain as the new Vice-Chair. Vice-Chair Shock seconded the nomination. The nomination was approved by the Board, and Secretary Lona McCastlain was elected as Vice-Chair. Commissioner Carpenter nominated Commissioner Ryals to be the new Secretary. Secretary McCastlain seconded the nomination, and Commissioner Ryals was elected as Secretary.

Chairman Felts reminded the Board that they will be taking photos today.

Chairman Felts advised the Board that there will be training with Ms. Joyce Taylor, Assistant IT Administrator, ADC, on the inmate kiosk next Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.

## **Files for Review**

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

**Adoption of Recommendations**

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

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

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**John Felts  
Chairman**

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**Lona McCastlain  
Secretary**

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

**February 2020**

<b><u>UNITS:</u></b>	<b><u>RATIFIED</u></b>
Delta	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wrightsville	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wrightsville Hawkins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tucker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tucker Max	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cummins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Benton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TRCC/SWACC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bowie County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
McPherson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
North Central	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NWA- Work Release	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>OTHER: Pardons, Commutations, Transfer Screenings, ACT 290s, 700s, Reconsiderations, Revocation Appeals, Rescinds, Special Conditions, EPAs, Etc.</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**MOTION BY: Secretary McCastlain      SECONDED BY: Commissioner Carpenter**

**RATIFICATION DATE: February 13, 2020**