



MINUTES
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
February 9, 2012 @ 9:30 A.M.
APB Board Room

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Felts, Chairman
Abraham Carpenter, Vice-Chairman/Commissioner
Richard L. Mays, Jr., Secretary/Commissioner
Richard Brown Jr., Commissioner
Joe Peacock, Commissioner
James Wallace, Commissioner
Carolyn Robinson, Commissioner

HEARING EXAMINERS PRESENT:

Ashley Vailes, Hearing Examiner/Attorney
Jim Williams, Hearing Examiner/Attorney

EXCUSED WITH VALID REASONS:

Carol Bohannon, Hearing Examiner/Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT

Solomon Graves, Administrative Services Manager, APB
Norma Gillerson, Fiscal Support Manager, APB
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Support Specialist, APB
Melissa Haney, Administrative Analyst, APB
Dan Roberts, Deputy Director, Parole/Probation Services, DCC
Damien McNeal, Assistant Director, Parole/Probation, DCC
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, DCC

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Melissa Haney, Administrative Analyst

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Felts called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. A quorum was declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 26, 2012

Commissioner Wallace moved. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Solomon Graves reminded the Board that there will be a week of training at the end of the month in order to meet Act 570 requirements. The Board packets contain a memo regarding the various topics that will be covered during the week. A specific agenda will be provided to the Board next week. Commissioner Peacock requested that the schedule be reviewed and adjusted so that they do not have just one hour of training a day. He would like to have multiple classes per day.

Mr. Graves also reported that the training needs assessment must be filled out by each Board member and that those forms should be given to Ms. Mahogany Brown so that those can be reviewed. The training needs assessment gives staff the opportunity to address the different kinds of training they feel would be helpful to their job duties.

Mr. Graves informed the Board that they are moving forward with the mobility project and have received funding in order to get the process started next month.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Felts stated that it is time for the 2012 Board elections for Vice-Chair and Secretary. He requested any nominations for Vice-Chair. Commissioner Peacock nominated Commissioner Wallace to the position of Vice-Chair. There were no other nominations. All moved to elect Commissioner Wallace as Vice-Chair. The motion carried.

Chairman Felts called for nominations for Secretary and Commissioner Peacock nominated Commissioner Mays to remain in the position of Secretary. Commissioner Wallace moved and the motion carried.

Chairman Felts informed the Board that tomorrow, February 10, 2012, there will be an Act 570 Working Group Meeting in the Board room and all Board members are encouraged to attend. The meeting will begin at 9:30am.

FILES FOR REVIEW

Chairman Felts requested that the Board review the victim input hearing votes for this Board. There were no questions regarding the victim input hearing votes.

RATIFICATION OF VOTES

Commissioner Richard Mays Jr., moved to ratify the votes. Commissioner Carpenter seconded. The motion was carried.

OTHER COMMENTS

Commissioner Wallace stated that he would like one day of training to cover how DCC is handling current parolees with maximum supervision since Act 570 was instated. Chairman Felts suggested that Dan Roberts group provide this information to the Board.

Commissioner Peacock suggested that the Board be updated quarterly regarding new treatment programs and changes to the programs so that they can stay abreast of the program needs and availability. Chairman Felts stated that they would have Mrs. Wendy Kelly come visit with the Board.

Chairman Felts stated that in March the Board will be attending the AAPA conference and it will be held in Hot Springs this year.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, February 23 at 9:30a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Signature on File

John Felts
Chairman

Signature on File

Richard L. Mays, Jr.
Secretary

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

FEBRUARY 2012

UNITS:

RATIFIED (X)

DELTA



GRIMES



MCPHERSON



NORTH CENTRAL UNIT



NORTH WEST/WASHINGTON CO.



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TUCKER MAX.



OTHER: TRANSFER SCREENINGS, COMMUTATIONS, PARDONS



RECONSIDERATIONS, REVOCATION APPEALS, RESCINDS,

SPECIAL CONDITIONS, ACT 290, 700'S, EPA, ETC.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Mays

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Carpenter

RATIFICATION DATE: February 9, 2012