



MINUTES OF THE ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD

February 9, 2017

9:00 A.M.

APB BOARDROOM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Felts, Chairman
Dawne Vandiver, Vice Chairman
Andy Shock, Secretary
Abraham Carpenter, Jr., Commissioner
John Belken, Commissioner
Jerry Riley, Commissioner
Lona McCastlain, Commissioner

EXCUSED WITH VALID REASONS:

Carol Bohannon, Hearing Judge/Attorney, APB
Lisa Wilkins, Hearing Judge/Attorney, APB
Evelyn Gomez, Hearing Judge/Attorney, APB
Kenya Woods, Victim Input Coordinator, APB
Solomon Graves, Public Information Officer, Arkansas Department of Correction
Jerry Bradshaw, Deputy Director of Parole and Probation, ACC

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brooke D. Cummings, Executive Administrator, APB
Kelly Knuckles, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, APB
Scott Howard, Investigator, APB
Janice Horton, Business Operations Manager, APB
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Support Supervisor, APB
Christie Little, Administrative Support Supervisor, APB
William T. Bowman, II, Computer Support Analyst, APB
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institutional Release Services
Kevin Murphy, Chief Deputy Director, ACC
Cindy Richardson, Assistant Deputy Director of Parole and Probation, ACC
Nga Mahfouz, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office

Call to Order

Chairman Felts called the board meeting to order at 9:00 am. A quorum was declared.

Approval of Minutes-January 26, 2017

Vice Chairman Vandiver moved for approval of the minutes. Commissioner Abraham Carpenter seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as presented.

Agency Updates

Ms. Brooke Cummings, Executive Administrator, mentioned that Ms. Christie Little has replaced Ms. Lois Hansberry as the Administrative Support Supervisor over the Revocation Department. Ms. Cummings also welcomed Ms. Lona McCastlain, Commissioner to the Board.

Ms. Cummings updated the Board on the Bill that was currently being introduced to the Senate Judiciary Committee; the Board is still working on changes to the Bill.

Chairman Felts asked Ms. Cummings to verify the due date of the ACA Re-accreditation for 2017. Ms. Cummings stated the reaccreditation is scheduled for June 2017. The agency will conduct a mock audit prior to the audit in June.

Ms. Cummings mentioned to the Board that she has prepared folders with the information provided by Ms. Cathy McVey of the Council of State Governments. Ms. Cummings stated the folders would be provided to each Commissioner.

There were no further questions or concerns regarding Agency Updates.

Old Business

There were no updates regarding Old Business at this time.

New Business

Chairman Felts mentioned to the Board that every Commissioner will need to complete a Secondary Employment Approval form. All secondary employment must be approved by the Chairman.

Chairman Felts announced that policy and procedure states that the Board elects officers annually. Chairman Felts opened up the floor for 2017 officer elections. Commissioner Riley nominated Commissioner Belken for Vice Chairman. That nomination was seconded by Vice Chairman Vandiver. Commissioner Belken was elected Vice Chairman by acclamation.

Chairman Felts moved for a motion to elect the 2017 Secretary. Commissioner Belken nominated Secretary Shock for another year as Secretary. Commissioner Riley seconded the nomination. Secretary Shock was elected Secretary by acclamation.

Chairman Felts welcomed Mr. Kevin Murphy, Chief Deputy Director of ACC, to present information regarding ACC's Re-entry program. Mr. Murphy updated the Board on some changes to the Re-entry program. ACC Re-entry currently has seven committees around the State that dealing with these issues and needs, these committees are staffed with people in the communities, employers, non-profits, vocational schools, treatment programs, etc. These Re-entry committees meet quarterly to discuss the program. Legislation allows ACC to take inmates out of Arkansas Department of Correction early up to 18 months prior to their release date and place them in an ACC Re-entry facility where they can transition out in a six month program. Mr. Murphy further updated the Board on the program and its progress thus far. Mr. Murphy further stated that if the board members have any questions regarding the program to please contact him.

There were no further questions or concerns regarding New Business at this time.

Files for Review

There were no questions regarding the Files for Review.

Adoption of Recommendations

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

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John Felts
Chairman

Signature on File

Andy Shock
Secretary

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

February 2017

<u>UNITS:</u>	<u>RATIFIED</u>
Delta	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wrightsville	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wrightsville Satellite/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"/>
OTHER: Pardons, Commutations, Transfer Screenings, ACT 290s, 700s, Reconsiderations, Revocation Appeals, Rescinds, Special Conditions, EPAs, Etc.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

RATIFICATION DATE: February 9, 2017