



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
February 12, 2015
9:30 A.M.
APB Boardroom**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Felts, Chairman
Richard Brown Jr., Vice-Chairman /Commissioner
Dawne Vandiver, Secretary/Commissioner
James Wallace, Commissioner
Richard L. Mays, Jr., Commissioner
Abraham Carpenter, Commissioner
John Belken, Commissioner

EXCUSED WITH VALID REASONS:

Carol Bohannon, Hearing Judge/Attorney
Cara Boyd-Connors, Hearing Judge/Attorney
Jim Williams, Hearing Judge/Attorney
Ashley Vailes, Hearing Judge/Attorney
Meredith Rebsamen, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office
Mahogany Franklin, Fiscal Support Supervisor, APB

OTHERS PRESENT

Solomon Graves, Administrative Services Manager, APB
Kelly Knuckles, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, APB
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Support Supervisor, APB
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, ACC

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Felts called the meeting to order at 9:36 am. A quorum was declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 29, 2015

Vice-Chairman Brown moved for an approval of the minutes. Commissioner Wallace seconded the motion. The motion passed. The minutes were approved as presented.

AGENCY UPDATES

Solomon Graves, Administrative Services Manager, updated the Board on Governor's criminal justice reform package. Mr. Graves gave the Board an update on the Legislative Session. He reviewed the following bills with the Board: SB2, SB86, SB258, SB264, SB57, HB1054 and HB1197. He informed the Board that the Legislature would adjourn on April 10, 2015 and return back on May 12, 2015 to complete their work.

Commissioner Belken moved to request Domestic Battery 2nd Degree be added as a Discretionary Offense. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mays. The motion passed.

Mr. Graves also mentioned to the Board that Ken Giesbrecht, Computer Support Specialist, will be following up with each Commissioner to make sure they are aware of the connectivity process for their personal Ultrabook. The ADC areas that were having cabling issues have been resolved. Mr. Giesbrecht will review all locations that are to be seen in the first half of March at the end of February to make sure they are active. The second half of the locations will be completed in early March.

Mr. Graves asked that the Board to mark their calendars for an electronic noting refresher class to be held on February 27th, 2015. This will be the final class before going live with the new system.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

The annual voting of the officers was held. Commissioner Wallace moved that the officers remain as they currently are held at this time: Richard Brown, Vice-Chairman and Dawne Vandiver, Secretary. Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Shirley Ellingburg, IRS Area Manager-ACC, mentioned the month-end retirement of Ceaser King, PPO II. His last day will be February 22, 2015. She also announced that Michelle Nash, IRO, had lost her mother recently.

FILES FOR DISCUSSION - REVIEW

There were no questions regarding the files for review.

Tamara Salaam, Administrative Support Supervisor, confirmed that all recommendations had been made.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Commissioner Vandiver, Secretary of the Board, moved to adopt the recommendations. Commissioner Carpenter seconded. The motion was carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, February 26, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. at the Arkansas Parole Board.

Signature on File

John Felts, Chairman

Signature on File

Dawne Vandiver, Secretary

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

February 2015

UNITS:

RATIFIED (X)

DELTA	X
WRIGHTSVILLE	X
TUCKER	X
TUCKER MAX	X
CUMMINS	X
BENTON	X
TRCC/SW	X
ACC-CAC	X
McPHERSON	X
NORTH CENTRAL/NW	X
	X

OTHER:

**PARDONS, COMMUTATIONS, TRANSFER SCREENINGS,
ACT 290's, 700's, RECONSIDERATIONS, REVOCATION APPEALS,
RESCINDS, SPECIAL CONDITIONS, EPA, ETC.**



MOTION BY: Commissioner Vandiver SECONDED BY: Commissioner Carpenter

RATIFICATION DATE: February 12, 2015