



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
February 23, 2012 @ 9:30 A.M.
APB Board Room**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Felts, Chairman
Richard L. Mays, Jr., Secretary/Commissioner
Richard Brown Jr., Commissioner
Carolyn Robinson, Commissioner
Joe Peacock, Commissioner

HEARING EXAMINERS PRESENT:

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

EXCUSED WITH VALID REASONS:

Abraham Carpenter, Commissioner
James Wallace, Vice-Chairman/Commissioner

OTHERS PRESENT

Solomon Graves, Administrative Services Manager, APB
Norma Gillerson, Fiscal Support Supervisor, APB
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Support Supervisor, APB
Melissa Haney, Administrative Analyst, APB
Dan Roberts, Deputy Director Parole/Probation, DCC
Steve Arnold, Assistant Director, Parole/Probation, DCC
Damian McNeal, Assistant Director, Parole/Probation, DCC
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, DCC
Arnie Jochums, Attorney General's Office

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 9, 2011

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

POPULATION REPORT

Chairman Felts reported that there are 15,263 inmates in the Department of Correction and this includes those inmates in the 309 program and in work release. He stated that there are currently 681 inmates in county backup and that the Board of Correction has invoked the 90 day EPA which will affect over 690 males and 106 females. This will help to release many inmates from the county backup.

In review of the DCC population report there are 1,389 inmates currently incarcerated. It was also reported that there are 29,760 individuals on Probation and 23,499 individuals on Parole.

Chairman Felts reported that the Board's monthly report shows 285 approved out of 312 total screenings giving the Board a 91% approval rate. The monthly report for transfer hearings reported 307 approved hearings out of 453 for the month of January, giving the Board an approval rate of 68%. There were 1,103 total actions completed by the Board for the month of January, this number includes totals for Commutations and Pardons. The Board reports an overall approval rate of 70.1%. This percentage includes those inmates approved with programs.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

Arnie Jochums had nothing to report to the board.

FISCAL REPORT

Norma Gillerson reported that as of January 31, 2011 the Board as expended 62% of the FY 2012 budget. There were no questions.

HEARING EXAMINERS REPORT

The Hearing Examiners reported a total of 67 hearings conducted. Of that total 45 were revoked to ADC, 17 were revoked to TVP, 0 were not revoked, 2 were deferred, 3 compact hearing and no transfer hearings were held.

OLD BUSINESS

Parole Board Training

Solomon Graves reported the week of February 27 to March 2, 2012 will be a training week for the Board. He stated that each Board Member has a schedule in their board packets indicating when and what type of training will be offered. He pointed out several classes that are important for the Board to attend including a presentation on the matrix and guidelines for parolees on Monday, NICs best practices for Parole Boards as required by Act 570 will be held on Tuesday and the Parole Board SWOT analysis to develop a strategic plan for the Board on Thursday. He stated that this will give the Board 26 hours of training for the week.

AAPPA Conference

Mr. Graves reminded the Board that they will need to submit their lodging preferences in order to make reservations and to schedule and enroll them in workshops. The Board will need to provide their lodging preferences and list of workshops they plan to attend to Ms. Mahogany Brown. She will get each Board member and Hearing examiner registered. He also reminded the Board that the full Board meeting will be on March 29th and will take place at the AAPPA conference.

February 2012 Schedule

Chairman Felts stated that if any Commissioners have any adjustments to the schedule to please let him know as soon as possible so that changes can be made. There were no questions.

FILES FOR DISCUSSION - REVIEW

Chairman Felts called for any questions regarding the victim input votes for February. There were no questions.

RATIFICATION OF VOTES

Commissioner Mays moved. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion to ratify the votes. Motion carried.

OTHER COMMENTS

Mrs. Shirley Ellingburg reminded the Board that the Ouachita River Unit hearings will be held on Monday, March 26th instead of March 27th due to the Board of Correction meeting being scheduled at the Malvern unit on the 27th. She also stated that they have hired two new officers, one at the East AR unit and one at Cummins.

Mr. Peacock congratulated Chairman Felts on his re-appointment to the Board and acknowledged him being sworn in as Chairman.

ADJOURNMENT

There were no further comments or questions.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 15, 2012 at 9:30a.m. This meeting will take place in the APB Boardroom.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

SIGNATURE ON FILE

John Felts
Chairman

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Richard L. Mays, Jr.
Secretary

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

FEBRUARY 2012

<u>UNITS:</u>	<u>RATIFIED (X)</u>
BENTON	X
CACCC	X
CUMMINS	X
DIAGNOSTIC	X
EAST AR	X
MISSISSIPPI CO.	X
NEACCC	X
OUACHITA RIVER CORR.	X
PINE BLUFF	X
R.L. WILLIAMS	X
SEARC	X
SWARC	X
TRCC	X
VARNER	X
WRIGHTSVILLE	X
OTHER: PARDONS, COMMUTATIONS, TRANSFER SCREENINGS, ACT 290, 700'S, RECONSIDERATION, REVOCATION APPEALS, EPA, ETC.	X

MOTION BY: Commissioner Mays SECONDED BY: Commissioner Carpenter

RATIFICATION DATE: February 23, 2012