



**MINUTES OF THE  
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD  
MARCH 13, 2014 @ 9:30 A.M.  
APB BOARDROOM**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**EXCUSED WITH VALID REASON:**

Ashley Vailes, Hearing Judge/Attorney  
Cara Boyd-Conners, Hearing Judge/Attorney  
Jim Williams, Hearing Judge/Attorney  
Carol Bohannon, Hearing Judge/Attorney

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Solomon Graves, Administrative Services Manager, APB  
Mahogany Franklin, Fiscal Support Supervisor, APB  
Melissa Haney, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, APB  
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Specialist III (Parole), APB  
Shirley Ellingburg, IRS Area Manager, DCC  
Sheila Sharp, Director, ACC  
Jerry Bradshaw, Deputy Director of Residential Services, ACC  
Wade Hodges, General Council, ACC

## **CALL TO ORDER**

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

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 27, 2014**

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

## **AGENCY UPDATES**

Solomon Graves stated that the Board is currently wrapping up the fiscal session and all of the appropriation bills have passed. The Legislature has approved two positions and these will be available to post at the end of the month. One will be in parole services and the other will be in the revocation department.

Mr. Graves stated that there will be some major eOMIS enhancements in the revocation department related to scheduling hearings. He stated that he will be meeting with the project team this afternoon to discuss these enhancements.

Mr. Graves also reported that he received an estimate from Marquis for the parole voting enhancements and they are putting a group together to review this estimate and form a plan for implementation. This is expected to take place by April 1<sup>st</sup>. It will take about 6 weeks to complete development.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to discuss.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Felts introduced Director Sheila Sharp of ACC. Director Sharp provided an overview of a new project that ACC is working on. In an attempt to alleviate current overcrowding issues, they have developed a plan that will allow qualifying offenders to transfer out of ADC and into a dedicated re-entry center. Director Sharp took questions and suggestions from the Board regarding the specific components of the program. Director Sharp also provided an overview of the upcoming horticulture program at SEARC and the Safe Serve Program at the other centers.

Commissioner Vandiver asked about the Amnesty program. Director Sharp stated that only 107 have turned themselves in but that is 107 who are not in lock up right now. She stated that most are waiting until the very last second to turn themselves in.

Chairman Felts stated that the Board appreciates Director Sharp and her group coming today to discuss these changes and including the Board as part of the team.

Commissioner Wallace stated that they are looking at a day for a retirement party for Joe Peacock. They would like to do a formal party and an informal gathering here at the Board for staff. He asked that everyone put their heads together to decide on a date. Chairman Felts stated that they will look at the calendar and decide on day

Commissioner Vandiver requested that if a file is taken out of a box to please put a note on the box indicating that the file is not in there. This will cut down on hunting for missing files.

## **FILES FOR REVIEW**

There were no questions regarding the files for review.

## **ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

Commissioner Vandiver moved to adopt the recommendations. Commissioner Carpenter seconded. The motion was carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 27, 2014 at 9:30a.m. in the APB Boardroom.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

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**John Felts**  
**Chairman**

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**Dawne Vandiver**  
**Secretary**

**ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD  
FIRST BOARD ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

**MARCH 2014**

**UNITS:**

**DELTA**



**NORTH CENTRAL UNIT**



**NORTH WEST/WASHINGTON CO.**



**TUCKER**



**TUCKER MAX.**



**GRIMES**



**MCPHERSON**



**MCPHERSON**



**BENTON**



**TRCC/SW**



**DCC-CAC**



**CUMMINS**



**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**

**ADOPTION DATE: MARCH 13, 2014**