



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
March 24, 2016
9:00 A.M.
APB BOARDROOM**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Felts, Chairman
Dawne Vandiver, Vice-Chairman /Commissioner
Andy Shock, Secretary/Commissioner
Abraham Carpenter, Commissioner
James Wallace, Commissioner
Jerry Riley, Commissioner

EXCUSED WITH VALID REASONS:

John Belken, Commissioner
Carol Bohannon, Hearing Judge/Attorney
Jim Williams, Hearing Judge/Attorney
Ashley Vailes, Hearing Judge/Attorney
Cara Boyd-Connors, Hearing Judge/Attorney
Mahogany Franklin, Business Manager, APB

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kelly Knuckles, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, APB
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Support Supervisor, APB
Lois Hansberry, Administrative Support Supervisor, APB
Scott Howard, Investigator, APB
Brandon Noble, IT Support Analyst, APB
Nga Mahfouz, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Kelly Knuckles, Executive Assistant to the Chairman

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Felts called the board meeting to order at 9:02 am. A quorum was declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 10, 2016

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

REPORT UPDATES

Chairman Felts reported that there are 17,581 inmates incarcerated in the Arkansas Department of Correction. There are currently 1,287 men and women on the ADC County Jail Back-up list. Chairman Felts reported every Unit is at capacity or above.

In review of the ACC Center Jurisdictional Population there are a total 1,588 offenders in ACC Centers. This includes those in ACC Centers, Omega and SE ARK TVP, and on ACC's back-up list. The total ACC's capacity is 1,594. Their statewide field report reflects 22,751 on probation, 2,480 out to drug court/specialty court, 357 boot camp releases and 23,571 on parole, for a combined total of 54,159.

Chairman Felts stated that last month there were 1,595 that we reviewed, parole, commutation of sentence, pardons, and reconsiderations and rescinds.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

Ms. Nga Mahfouz, Assistant Attorney General updated the Board on the 2 lawsuits currently filed against the Parole Board, one filed in Federal Court and one is an APA appeal. Ms. Mahfouz stated she would update the Board with any changes in these lawsuits.

FISCAL REPORT

There was not an updated fiscal report to discuss this time. The Board will receive an update on this fiscal report as the updated information becomes available.

HEARING JUDGE'S REPORT

There were no questions or comments regarding the hearing judge report.

AGENCY UPDATES

Mr. Felts stated there was no updates agency wide at this time.

Brandon Noble, IT Support Specialist, updated the Board on the changes with Cisco Jabber the messaging system we have started using. The Board will receive training office wide and then again individually. Mr. Noble assured the Board that if they need any help with this system he is available.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

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. The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 14th, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Signature on File

John Felts
Chairman

Signature on File

Andy Shock
Secretary

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

MARCH 2016

UNITS:

RATIFIED (X)

R.L. WILLIAMS



PINE BLUFF/SE



GRIMES



EAST ARKANSAS



MISS CO/NEC



VARNER



OUACHITA



**OTHER: Pardons, Commutations, Transfer Screenings, ACT 290s,
700s, Reconsiderations, Revocation Appeals, Rescinds,
Special Conditions, EPAs, Etc.**



MOTION BY: Secretary Shock SECONDED BY: Commissioner Carpenter

RATIFICATION DATE: March 24, 2016