



**MINUTES OF THE  
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD  
APRIL 11, 2019  
9:00 A.M.  
APB BOARDROOM**

**Board Members Present:**

John Felts, Chairman  
Lona McCastlain, Secretary  
John Belken, Commissioner  
Abraham Carpenter, Commissioner  
Dawne Vandiver, Commissioner  
Jerry Riley, Commissioner

**Excused with Valid Reason(s):**

Andy Shock, Vice Chairman  
Carol Bohannon, Hearing Judge, APB  
Lisa Wilkins, Hearing Judge, APB  
Scott Howard, Investigator, APB

**Others Present:**

Brooke D. Cummings, Executive Administrator, APB  
Evelyn Gomez, Hearing Judge, APB  
William T. Bowman, II, Systems Coordination Analyst, APB  
Christie Little, Business Operations Manager, APB  
Hollie Wellborn, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, APB  
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Support Supervisor, APB  
Monica Adams, Administrative Support Supervisor, APB  
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, ACC

## **Call to Order**

Chairman Felts called the board meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. A quorum was declared. Chairman Felts noted that Vice-Chairman Shock was out with approval.

## **Approval of Minutes – March 28, 2019**

Commissioner Vandiver moved for approval of the minutes. Commissioner Belken seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as presented.

A copy of the minutes was included in each board member's file for review.

## **Agency Updates**

Ms. Brooke Cummings, Executive Administrator, APB, advised the Board that SB313 went to the House Judiciary, and it did not make it out of committee. HB1866, dealing with Executive Clemency, also did not make it out of committee.

Ms. Cummings also mentioned a resolution of the Board regarding the minimum length of stay at transitional living facilities, which was originally approved and adopted on June 26, 2014. There are some proposed changes after discussion with ACC, and they are in agreement with these changes. Those being that we would change the period of 60 days to 90 days, but we would also add some language in there regarding an approved private residence plan. Also, the parolee wouldn't be adversely effected by leaving the facility if they had a waiver or an approved residence plan. Ms. Cummings stated that the OVG does penalize an individual for leaving the facility because it is a violation to leave early. So, in those two instances, that would be an approval. Chairman Felts mentioned that he had a conversation with Director Kevin Murphy, ACC, Deputy Director Jerry Bradshaw, ACC, and Ms. Carrie Williams, Assistant Director, ACC. Chairman Felts said that what ACC is trying to do is to help the back-up of individuals that are incarcerated right now that have been approved by the Board for release, but they have no place to go. So, he stated, we have these individuals in transitional houses that are able to provide a private residential plan. What ACC wanted to be able to do is to move those individuals out and to backfill those places in the transitional facility with the individuals in prison that the Board has approved.

Secretary Lona McCastlain asked for an update on the PRI tool. Mr. William Bowman, Systems Coordination Analyst, APB, stated that the PRI had to go back for a few changes. Mr. Bowman said that the work flow was messed up, so it is currently in test. Mr. Bowman told the Board that once the testing is complete he will come around the office and test it with the commissioners.

Ms. Monica Adams, Administrative Support Supervisor, APB, advised the Board that we will no longer automatically issue technical warrants for violators that went across state lines. Ms. Adams also mentioned that ACC has directed them to start putting abscond warrants on full extradition. So, moving forward, Ms. Adams said that all abscond warrants will have full extradition. Ms. Adams said that she is also conducting warrant validation for past warrants and changing all of them to full extradition.

## **Old Business**

There were nothing to report regarding old business.

**New Business**

There was nothing to report regarding new business.

**Files for Review**

A copy of the files for review was included in each board member's packet.

**Adoption of Recommendations**

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

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2019, at 9:00 a.m.

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**John Felts  
Chairman**

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**Lona McCastlain  
Secretary**

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

**April 2019**

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

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

**RATIFICATION DATE: April 11, 2019**