



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
April 12, 2012 @ 9:30 A.M.
APB Board Room**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Felts, Chairman
James Wallace, Vice-Chairman/Commissioner
Richard L. Mays, Jr., Secretary/Commissioner
Richard Brown Jr., Commissioner
Abraham Carpenter, Commissioner
Carolyn Robinson, Commissioner

HEARING EXAMINERS PRESENT:

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

EXCUSED WITH VALID REASONS:

Joseph Peacock, Commissioner
Ashley Vailes, Hearing Examiner/Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT

Solomon Graves, Administrative Services Manager, APB
Norma Gillerson, Fiscal Support Manager, APB
Melissa Haney, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, APB
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Support Specialist, APB
Dan Roberts, Deputy Director, Parole/Probation Services, DCC
Steve Arnold, Assistant Director, Parole/Probation, DCC
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, DCC
Arnie Jochums, Asst. Attorney General, Attorney Generals Office

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Melissa Haney, Executive Assistant to the Chairman

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 29, 2012

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

NEW BUSINESS

Sex Offender Statistics

Mr. Solomon Graves directed the Board to review the memo dated 04/09/2012 that referred to the data requested on the number of sex offenders currently incarcerated in the Department of Correction. As of April 2, 2012 there are 2,904 sex offenders incarcerated. Of this number, 256 have been approved for parole and 2,648 have not been approved. 767 are past their TE/PE dates at this time. Chairman Felts stated that the numbers of sex offenders are very interesting and the Board will need to take a look at these numbers. Commissioner Wallace stated that the Board needs some policies and rules for who they send to the RSVP program and this policy needs to be set so all Board members are on the same page when recommending programs. Mr. Graves stated he will set a date for the Board to discuss these policies and procedures.

Training Hours

Mr. Graves also reported that all Board members should have a copy of their training hours and that everyone on the Board has met their training requirements at this time. He stated that there will be some additional training as mandated by Act 570.

Board Member Notes Screen

Mr. Graves stated that in the Board packets there is a memo regarding the Board Member Note Screen that includes instructions on how to access this information in eOMIS. If any Board Member has questions regarding this memo please let Mr. Graves know.

FILES FOR REVIEW

Chairman Felts requested that the Board review the Victim Input hearing votes for this Board. There were no questions regarding the Victim Input hearing votes.

RATIFICATION OF VOTES

Commissioner Richard Mays Jr., moved to ratify the votes. Commissioner Wallace seconded. The motion was carried.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 9:30a.m. in the APB Boardroom.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Signature on File

John Felts
Chairman

Signature on File

Richard L. Mays, Jr.
Secretary

**ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
FIRST BOARD RATIFICATION OF VOTES**

APRIL 2012

UNITS:

RATIFIED (X)

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| DELTA | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| GRIMES | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| MCPHERSON | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| NORTH CENTRAL UNIT | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| NORTH WEST/WASHINGTON CO. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| TUCKER | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| TUCKER MAX. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| CUMMINS | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| OTHER: TRANSFER SCREENINGS, COMMUTATIONS, PARDONS RECONSIDERATIONS, REVOCATION APPEALS, RESCINDS, SPECIAL CONDITIONS, ACT 290, 700'S, EPA, ETC. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

MOTION BY: Commissioner Mays

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Wallace

RATIFICATION DATE: April 12, 2012