



MINUTES OF THE ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD

April 13, 2017

9:00 A.M.

APB BOARDROOM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Felts, Chairman
Dawne Vandiver, Vice Chairman
Andy Shock, Secretary
Abraham Carpenter, Jr., Commissioner
John Belken, Commissioner
Jerry Riley, Commissioner
Lona McCastlain, Commissioner

EXCUSED WITH VALID REASONS:

Brooke D. Cummings, Executive Administrator, APB
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Support Supervisor, APB
Carol Bohannon, Hearing Judge/Attorney, APB
Lisa Wilkins, Hearing Judge/Attorney, APB
Evelyn Gomez, Hearing Judge/Attorney, APB
Solomon Graves, Public Information Officer, Arkansas Department of Correction
Jerry Bradshaw, Deputy Director of Parole and Probation, ACC
Nga Mahfouz, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kelly Knuckles, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, APB
Scott Howard, Investigator, APB
Janice Horton, Business Operations Manager, APB
Kenya Woods, Victim Input Coordinator, APB
Christie Little, Administrative Support Supervisor, APB
William T. Bowman, II, Computer Support Analyst, APB
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institutional Release Services

Call to Order

Chairman Felts called the board meeting to order at 9:05 am. A quorum was declared.

Approval of Minutes- March 30, 2017

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

Agency Updates

Chairman Felts stated, Ms. Brooke Cummings, Executive Administrator, will not be attending today's meeting due to a Council of State Government's meeting she had to attend on behalf of our agency. Chairman Felts asked Mr. William Bowman, Computer Support Analyst, to give the Board an update on the video hearing equipment. Mr. Bowman stated the equipment has been installed at ADC's Varner Unit, and data cables are being installed for the upcoming equipment installation at the following Units: East Arkansas, Cummins, Tucker Max, North Central, Ouachita and McPherson. He mentioned to the Board that once those are installed they will come to our agency and install the phones in the offices for the commissioners. Commissioner Shock asked about the time frame on having all aforementioned areas installed. Mr. Bowman stated to the Board that the final installation is not certain at this time.

Chairman Felts reminded all board members and APB staff in attendance that the ACA reaccreditation will be coming up in June 2017. Chairman Felts reminded the Board that he would be out of the office for a week at an Association for Paroling Authorities International Training Conference at the end of April. The conference will entail risk assessment training, parole decision making, parole perspectives and the annual Chairs' meeting, the conference is in Vancouver, Canada this year.

There were no further questions or concerns regarding Agency Updates.

Old Business

There were no updates regarding Old Business at this time.

New Business

Chairman Felts stated to the Board that the lawsuits continue over the executions, the focus at this time revolve around the drugs that are administered during the execution process. Chairman Felts further stated the executions are set to begin on Monday, April 17th at 7:00 p.m. The first two death row inmates set to be executed are Bruce Ward and Don Davis.

There were no further questions or concerns regarding New Business at this time.

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 passed.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 27th, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Signature on File

**John Felts
Chairman**

Signature on File

**Andy Shock
Secretary**

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

April 2017

UNITS:

RATIFIED

Delta



Wrightsville



Wrightsville Satellite/Wrightsville Hawkins



Tucker



Tucker Max



Cummins



Benton



TRCC/SWACC



Bowie County



McPherson



North Central



NWA- Work Release



**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: April 13, 2017