



**MINUTES
OF THE ARKANSAS BOARD OF PAROLE MEETING
April 14, 2011**

**ABP Board Room,
105 W. Capitol, Suite 500
Little Rock, Arkansas**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Leroy Brownlee, Chairman
Abraham Carpenter, Jr., Vice-Chairman
Richard L. Mays, Jr., Secretary/Commissioner
John Felts, Commissioner
Carolyn Robinson, Commissioner
Joseph Peacock, Commissioner
Jimmy Wallace, Commissioner**

HEARING EXMAINERS:

**James L. Williams, II, Attorney/Hearing Examiner
Ashley Vailes, Attorney/Hearing Examiner**

EXCUSED WITH VALID REASON(S): Carol V. Bohannon, Attorney/Hearing Examiner

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Lois Jean Hansberry, Administrative Support Supervisor

OTHERS PRESENT

Jeff Tillman, Assistant Director, Department of Community Correction

Steve Arnold, Assistant Director, Department of Community Correction

Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institution Release Services

Solomon Graves, Administrative Services Manager, (ABP)

Lois Jean Hansberry, Administrative Support Supervisor, Revocation (ABP)

Tamara Salaam, Administrative Support Supervisor, Parole Services (ABP)

Called to Order

Chairman Brownlee called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m, a quorum was declared, and a moment of silence observed.

Approval of March 31, 2011 Minutes

Carpenter moved.

Felts seconded Motion carried.

Old Business

Chairman Brownlee stated there are 19 victims scheduled for the April 20th Meeting, which will begin at 9:30 a.m. He suggested breaking at 12:00 p.m. for lunch and resuming at 1:30 p.m. He further suggested that members of the Board meet and decide what will be the best way to handle the large number of victims since all Board Members are not required to be present for each case.

New Business

Solomon Graves updated the Board about the web training that was conducted on April 12th. Preparations continue for our ACA Audit. *Melissa Haney* is going through the training files to make sure nothing is missing.

Commissioner Wallace expressed some concerns regarding the Ohio Risk Assessment System (ORAS). He mentioned how one offender incarcerated for battery received a score of 9 (low) and the other having a drug charge received a score of 15 (moderate) on the assessment scale.

Solomon Graves said ORAS tries to look at several factors verses just the conviction and he further stated he will look into the two cases and follow-up with *Commissioner Wallace*.

Chairman Brownlee asked who does the scoring.

Solomon Graves said the Institutional Release Officer at the Unit does the scoring and a multi-agency committee is responsible for implementing the tool.

Chairman Brownlee asked that the ORAS Committee meet with the Board and at that time the Board will address all questions and concerns to the entire committee.

Files for Review

The Board reviewed the list of the victim input hearings that were conducted on April 6, 2011.

Ratification of Votes

Commissioner Mays moved.

Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Brownlee stated the Board of Correction met on April 12th and approved both the one year and the 90 day Emergency Powers Act (EPA).

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Signature on File

Leroy Brownlee
Chairman

Signature on File

Richard Mays, Jr
Secretary

ARKANSAS BOARD OF PAROLE
FULL BOARD RATIFICATION VOTES BY UNITS

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<u>UNITS:</u>	<u>RATIFIED (X)</u>
DELTA	☒
GRIMES	☒
MCPHERSON	☒
NORTH CENTRAL UNIT	☒
NORTH WEST/WASHINGTON CO.	☒
TUCKER	☒
TUCKER MAX.	☒
OTHER: TRANSFER SCREENINGS, CLEMENCIES, PARDONS, RECONSIDERATION, REVOCATION APPEALS, RESCINDS, SPECIAL CONDITIONS, ACT 290, 700'S, EPA, ETC.	☒

MOTION BY: Richard Mays, Jr. SECONDED BY: Abraham Carpenter

RATIFICATION DATE: April 14, 2011