



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
May 26, 2016
8:30 A.M.
APB BOARDROOM**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

EXCUSED WITH VALID REASONS:

Carol Bohannon, Hearing Judge/Attorney
Jim Williams, Hearing Judge/Attorney
Ashley Vailes, Hearing Judge/Attorney
Cara Boyd-Connors, Hearing Judge/Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brooke Cummings, Board Administrator, APB
Mahogany Franklin, Business Manager, APB
Kelly Knuckles, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, APB
Kenya Woods, Victim Input Coordinator
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
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, ACC
Solomon Graves, Public Information Officer, ADC

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Felts called the board meeting to order at 8:35 am. A quorum was declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 12, 2016

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

REPORT UPDATES

Chairman Felts reported that there are 18,089 inmates incarcerated in the Arkansas Department of Correction. There are currently 1,281 men and women on the ADC County Jail Back-up list. Chairman Felts reported every Unit is at capacity or above.

Chairman Felts asked that Solomon Graves, ADC's Public Information Officer, give his input on behalf of ADC regarding the back-up at the county jails. Mr. Graves stated that there had been an increase based on new commitments, one contributing factor being the last EPA. Mr. Graves mentioned that there will be an update on the EPA list and the new 1 year EPA will be invoked in June. ADC is doing everything they can to resolve the back-up numbers.

In review of the ACC Center Jurisdictional Population there are a total 1,606 offenders in ACC Centers. This includes those in ACC Centers, Omega, SE ARK TVP, and on ACC's back-up list. The total ACC's capacity is 1,614. Their statewide field report reflects 27,883 on probation, 2,512 out to drug court/specialty court, 336 boot camp releases and 23,433 on parole, for a combined total of 54,164 under supervision.

Chairman Felts mentioned that the APB report will no longer be included in the packet and stated that if you are interested in seeing the APB report please contact Ms. Kelly Knuckles, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, she will have a printed copy in her office to be reviewed at request.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to be discussed at this time.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

Ms. Nga Mahfouz, Assistant Attorney General stated the Board recently received a summons and complaint from an inmate that filed suit. Their office is finishing a report on that suit.

There were no further questions or comments regarding the Attorney General's report.

HEARING JUDGE'S REPORT

Chairman Felts reviewed the hearing judge's report, stating that the overall number on actions for the past month totaled to 561. That total included the number of waivers to ACC, ADC, not revoked, deferred, continued, not held and other reason, all explained in the report included in the board packets.

Chairman Felts explained that since we are doing the reviews on Technical Violators with low-level crimes the hearing judges are hearing more of the more difficult cases, those cases that the Board has turned down to be returned to supervision, the offenders with 1029s, absconders, and those offenders who have been in and out of ADC numerous times.

Chairman Felts stated if there were questions regarding the report to contact the Hearing Judge for further explanation.

FISCAL REPORT

Mahogany Franklin, Business Manager, reported that the Board as of April 30, 2016, has expended 84% of its annual travel, maintenance, and operations budget.

There were no further questions or comments regarding the fiscal report.

AGENCY UPDATES

There were no agency updates to discuss at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old 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 9:00 a.m.

There will be a Board Retreat held at the Holiday Inn Presidential in Little Rock on June 1st, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, June 16th, 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**

MAY 2016

UNITS:

RATIFIED (X)

R.L. WILLIAMS



PINE BLUFF/SE



GRIMES/ESTER



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: May 26, 2016