



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
MAY 31, 2012 @ 9:30 A.M.
APB BOARDROOM**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

EXCUSED WITH VALID REASONS:

Joe Peacock, Commissioner
Carol Bohannon, Hearing Examiner/Attorney
Jim Williams, Hearing Examiner/Attorney
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
Damien McNeil, Assistant Director, Parole/Probation, DCC
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, DCC
Arnie Jochums, Asst. Attorney General, Attorney Generals Office

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 17, 2012

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

POPULATION REPORT

Chairman Felts reported that there are 15,182 inmates in the Department of Correction. He stated that there are currently 625 inmates in the county jail backup. The 90 day EPA was instated on May 23, 2012 and so far there have been 650 approved for early release. He also stated that the Board is reviewing the county jail back up list daily. He stated that the Board is starting to recognize those who are eligible for parole or who may fall between the cracks. So far, about 20 people have been moved to ADC due to this daily review.

In review of the DCC population report there are a total of 29,624 individuals currently on probation and 23,269 on parole. The total population count is 52,893 individuals on probation and parole.

Chairman Felts reported that the Board's monthly report shows 231 approved out of 319 total screenings giving the Board a 72.4% approval rate. The monthly report for transfer hearings reported 293 approved hearings out of 430 for the month of April, giving the Board an approval rate of 68.7%. There were 915 total actions completed by the Board for the month of April, this number includes totals for Commutations and Pardons. The Board denied 63 cases and deferred 162 for further action.

FISCAL REPORT

Mrs. Norma Gillerson stated that as of April 30, 2012 the Board has expended 83% of the total budget. The report is in the Board folders for review.

Mrs. Gillerson reported that on July 1, 2012 Act the Transparency Act (Act 203 of 2011) will be implemented. It will be used so that tax payers can easily see how state money is being used. This act requires that all state employees' salaries and expenses be reported. DF&A notified Mrs. Gillerson that employees using the website to view other agencies salary pay rates can be reprimanded and terminated. Commissioner Wallace requested that the staff be given an update on the internet restrictions pertaining to this Act. Chairman Felts reported that more information would be presented to staff in the upcoming staff meeting.

HEARING EXAMINERS REPORT

The Hearing Examiners report showed a total of 50 hearings conducted. Of that total 34 were revoked to ADC, 6 were revoked to TVP, 4 were not revoked and 2 were deferred. There were also 4 compact hearings held during this period. There were no questions regarding the Hearing Examiner Report.

NEW BUSINESS

Field Reports

Chairman Felts stated that they have been discussing the necessity of field reports on non-discretionary offenses with ADC and Mrs. Ellingburg's staff in order to expedite the parole process. He stated that they will be doing more research on this and they will not be taking action on this issue today.

June 2012 Schedule

Chairman Felts stated that if any Commissioners have any adjustments to the schedule they need to let him know as soon as possible so that changes can be made.

FILES FOR DISCUSSION REVIEW

There were no questions regarding files for review.

RATIFICATION OF VOTES

Commissioner Mays moved. Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion to ratify the votes. Motion carried.

OTHER COMMENTS

Chairman Felts reported that the 142nd ACA Conference will be held in Denver July 20-25th. The Board will be

discussing this more and if any Board member is interested in attending that can be discussed as well.

ADJOURNMENT

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, June 14, 2012 at 9:30a.m. This meeting will take place in the APB Boardroom.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Signature on File

John Felts
Chairman

Signature on File

Richard L. Mays, Jr.
Secretary

**ARKANSAS BOARD OF PAROLE
FULL BOARD RATIFICATION OF VOTES**

MAY 2012

<u>UNITS:</u>	<u>RATIFIED (X)</u>
BENTON	X
CACCC	X
EAST AR	X
MISSISSIPPI CO.	X
NEACCC	X
OUACHITA RIVER CORR.	X
PINE BLUFF	X
R.L. WILLIAMS	X
SEARC	X
SWARC	X
TRCC	X
VARNER	X
WRIGHTSVILLE	X
OTHER: PARDONS, COMMUTATIONS, TRANSFER SCREENINGS, ACT 290, 700'S, RECONSIDERATION, REVOCATION APPEALS, EPA, RESCINDS, SPECIAL CONDITIONS, ETC.	X

MOTION BY: Commissioner Mays SECONDED BY: Commissioner Carpenter

RATIFICATION DATE: MAY 31, 2012

