



**MINUTES
OF THE ARKANSAS BOARD OF PAROLE MEETING
June 10, 2010**

**ABP Board Room
105 W. Capitol, Suite 500
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

HEARING EXMAINERS:

**Carol V. Bohannon, Attorney/Hearing Examiner
James L. Williams, II, Attorney/Hearing Examiner**

EXCUSED WITH VALID REASON(S): Abraham Carpenter, Jr., Vice-Chairman

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Lois Jean Hansberry, Administrative Support Supervisor

OTHERS PRESENT

Dan Roberts, Deputy Director, Department of Community Correction (DCC)

Jeff Tillman, Assistant Director, Department of Community Correction

Steve Arnold, Assistant Director, Department of Community Correction

Rhonda Sharp, Public Relations Administrator, Department of Community Correction

Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, DCC Institutional Release Services

Meredith Rebsamen, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's (AG's) Office

Norma Gillerson, Fiscal Support Supervisor, (ABP)

Solomon Graves, Computer Support Specialist/ACA Coordinator, (ABP)

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

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

Call 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 May 27, 2010 Minutes

Mays moved

Wallace seconded.

Motion carried.

Old Business

Solomon Graves: Tomorrow morning at 11:00 a.m., the Board and Hearing Examiners will be at the El Dorado Parole/Probation Office. A 16 passenger van from DCC is available for the trip if everyone wishes to ride together.

Solomon Graves: There are three training classes available for those Board members and Hearing Examiners short on training hours. Each class will be conducted at the Pine Bluff Training Academy. The first class ("Attitude Virus") will be July 16, 2010 at 8:00a.m. The second ("Employee Motivation") will be the same day at 12:30 p.m. The final class ("Sexual Harassment and Misconduct") will be on July 19, 2010 at 8:00 a.m.

Chairman Brownlee instructed Mr. Peacock and Mrs. Robinson to look at their individual calendars and schedule these classes.

New Business

Solomon Graves: The Board Policy Manual language is being looked at and Assistant AG Meredith Rebsamen has been asked to assist the Board regarding correct terminology.

Meredith Rebsamen: The "Quorum and General Voting Information" section of the Manual currently does not give specifics, and the noted changes are meant to clarify the process. The changes are cited in red (copies were provided to the Board). Ms. Rebsamen also requested a copy of Form 153; she will look at the form and make suggestions for possible revisions. This form allows Prosecuting Attorneys and Sheriffs to respond to the possible parole of an inmate to their area.

Jimmy Wallace: Certain Sheriffs will inevitably request a denial on an inmate coming up for parole because the offense took place in their county. There should be more specifics on the form. If they vote no, they should have to state reasons why they are saying no to the inmate's release.

Chairman Brownlee: Form 153 is only one piece that we look at in the parole process and by no means does it determine if we are going to release or deny an inmate.

Approval of New Voting Procedures Language

Solomon Graves advised the board that the new language for the "Quorum and General Voting Information" section must be voted on before it can go in to effect.

Mays moved.

Wallace seconded.

Motion passed.

New Business "continued"

Solomon Graves also reported on the Pew Foundation Project, stating that this week he and Chairman Brownlee met with Brian Elderbroom, the Sr. Associate with Public Safety Performance Project for the Pew Centers on the States. This group is projecting an increase of 3,500 inmates and expenditures of \$1.1 billion in Correction costs over the decade. Their final report will be presented to the Governor prior to the next legislative session.

Chairman Brownlee stated that the Pew Foundation was interested in knowing if the Board is one of the reasons for the back-up in the Arkansas Department of Correction. The answer is yes. However, it is only due to certain stipulations that are applied to inmates who choose not to voluntarily enter and complete programs that will assist them in successfully completing parole supervision before they come before the Board.

Files for Review

The Board reviewed the list of the Victim Input Hearings that was conducted on June 2, 2010. The Board discussed 2 inmates on the list.

The Board voted unanimously to rescind the parole of inmate Matthew Owens, ADC# 145294. This inmate is Class IV and has been labeled as a "Sexually Violent Predator" by the Arkansas Department of Correction.

Ratification of Votes

Mays moved.

Felts seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

Comments and Adjournment

Chairman Brownlee stated that Wendy Kelley will be at the June 24th meeting to discuss the various programs offered at the ADC.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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Leroy Brownlee
Chairman

Signature on File

Richard Mays, Jr
Secretary

ARKANSAS BOARD OF PAROLE
FIRST BOARD RATIFICATION VOTES BY UNITS
June 10, 2010

<u>UNITS</u>	<u>RATIFIED (X)</u>
DELTA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
GRIMES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
MCPHERSON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NORTH CENTRAL UNIT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NORTH WEST/WASHINGTON CO.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TUCKER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TUCKER MAX.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OTHER: TRANSFER SCREENINGS, CLEMENCIES, PARDONS, RECONSIDERATION, REVOCATION APPEALS, RESCINDS, SPECIAL CONDITIONS, Act 290s, Act 700s, EPAs, ETC.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

MOTION BY: Richard Mays, Jr. SECONDED BY: John Felts

RATIFICATION DATE: June 10, 2010