



**MINUTES OF THE  
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD  
JUNE 26, 2014 @ 9:30 A.M.  
APB Boardroom**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Richard Brown Jr., Vice-Chairman /Commissioner  
Dawne Vandiver, Secretary/Commissioner  
James Wallace, Commissioner  
Richard L. Mays, Jr., Commissioner  
Abraham Carpenter, Commissioner  
Dennis Young, Commissioner

**EXCUSED WITH VALID REASONS:**

John Felts, Chairman  
Carol Bohannon, Hearing Judge/Attorney  
Cara Boyd-Conners, Hearing Judge/Attorney  
Jim Williams, Hearing Judge/Attorney  
Ashley Vailes, Hearing Judge/Attorney

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Solomon Graves, Administrative Services Manager, APB  
Mahogany Franklin, Fiscal Support Supervisor, APB  
Melissa Haney, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, APB  
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Specialist III (Parole Services)  
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, ACC  
Kevin Murphy, Assistant Director Re-entry Services, ACC

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Melissa Haney, Executive Assistant to the Chairman

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice-Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 9:30 pm. A quorum was declared.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 12, 2014**

Commissioner Wallace moved. Commissioner Mays seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as presented.

## **POPULATION REPORT**

Vice-Chairman Brown stated that there are currently 17,351 inmates incarcerated in the Department of Correction. There are currently 2,224 men and 216 women on the County jail backup list. There were no questions regarding the report.

In review of the ACC Parole and Probation Population report there are 28,093 individuals on probation, 2,288 in drug court, 21,646 individuals on parole, and 284 on boot camp release for a total of 52,311 under supervision.

In review of the ACC jurisdiction population there is a total population of 1,887. This includes those in ACC correction centers and Omega and SE ARK TVP. The total ACC capacity is 1,896.

In review of the APB monthly report, Vice-Chairman Brown stated that the Board had a total of 311 approved Transfer Screenings out of a total of 364. The overall approval rate for Screenings was 85.4%. There were 51 deferred and 49 were scheduled for hearings. The Board conducted a total of 750 Transfer Hearings with 531 approved. The Board had a 70.9% approval rate. There were 59 denied and 158 deferred. The Board conducted 99 reconsideration hearings, 75 rescind screenings and 18 rescind hearings. There were also 28 pardons, 3 firearm restorations, 32 commutation screenings and 9 commutation hearings for a total of 72 clemencies. The Board had total actions of 1,476.

## **ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE**

There was no report from the Attorney General's office.

## **FISCAL REPORT**

Mrs. Mahogany Franklin reported that the Board has currently expended 91% of its annual travel, maintenance and operations budget. The report was attached for the Board's review. Commissioner Young requested to know what is available for expenses until June 31<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Franklin stated that the Board has approximately \$1700 left to spend. Commissioner Wallace requested to know when the proposed budget would be forwarded for review. Mrs. Franklin stated it would be presented later in the meeting. Commissioner Wallace asked about personnel expenses and Mrs. Franklin stated that this would be discussed at a later time.

## **HEARING JUDGES REPORT**

The Hearing Judge Report was available to the Board for review. Vice-Chairman Brown reported each Hearing Judge's reported numbers. There were no questions regarding the report.

## **AGENCY UPDATES**

Mr. Solomon Graves, Administrative Services Manager, stated that in an attempt to address inmate overcrowding in the County Jail, the Board of Correction met to discuss possible solutions. As a result, they have moved up the TE dates for 104 females and these individuals will be released in the next few days.

Mr. Graves stated that the Governor called a special session to discuss teacher insurance and stop gap funding for 600 new beds in ADC. He stated that the Board should be seeing progress soon in relieving the county jail backup.

Mr. Graves reported the progress of the Board's legislative package that was developed during the June 2, 2014 Board retreat. In addition to those proposals, Ms. Dina Tyler with ACC has asked for clarification on the Board's

jurisdiction over ACC offenders.

Proposed language will be submitted to the Board for review in the coming weeks.

Mrs. Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager of Institutional Release with ACC, asked what facility ADC will be using to open the additional 600 beds. Mr. Graves stated that these beds will open up at Ouachita River and Grimes. Commissioner Wallace asked what is going to happen with the old Diagnostic Unit. Mr. Graves stated that it will be renamed the Barbara Ester Unit and will be renovated with an additional 400 beds.

Mr. Graves stated that BOC is developing a single corrections package to present for consideration. This will allow agencies to be on the same page in the session. The Board has been invited to participate in this initiative.

Mr. Graves stated that at the last Board of Correction meeting ACC asked for BOC approval to reduce the amount of days they pay an offender to stay at a transitional living facility from 90 days to 60 days. To avoid conflicts, ACC is requesting that the Board reduce the minimum length of stay from policy from 90-60 days. Commissioner Wallace moved to accept this amendment. Commissioner Mays seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to discuss.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Graves opened the floor to Mr. Kevin Murphy to discuss re-entry and the possibility of creating new re-entry centers. Mr. Murphy stated that they have been approved to request 300 beds. He stated that they will be able to bring inmates within 6 months of their TE dates into the center and allow these individuals to participate in re-entry classes and training. This will also allow 300 beds to become available in ADC. If this is approved, he stated that they will come back and discuss this with the Board and ask for Board approval. Commissioner Wallace asked in what areas these centers will be located. Mr. Murphy stated that there will be five regional facilities and one central facility. Commissioner Young asked what the current cost of inmate housing is per day. Mr. Murphy responded that the current cost is about \$60.00 a day. Mr. Murphy answered several other questions from the Board regarding the function and scope of the proposed re-entry facilities.

Mrs. Mahogany Franklin discussed the Biennial budget and stated that there are reports for FY15, FY16 and FY17 for review. She went over the information in the report. Commissioner Young asked several questions regarding the budget and expense of equipment. Mr. Kenneth Giesbrecht answered questions regarding new IT equipment costs and function. Mr. Graves asked for Board approval on the proposed budget request. Commissioner Wallace moved to accept the proposed budget. Commissioner Mays seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board went into executive session to discuss a personnel issue related to Mr. Solomon Graves at 10:55 am. The executive session ended at 11:25 am. There was no action taken.

### **June 2014 SCHEDULE**

Vice-Chairman Brown stated that the July Calendar is available for review. He reminded the Board that there will be a Board of Correction meeting held at the Training Academy in England on July 25<sup>th</sup> for those that wish to attend. If there are any changes that need to be made please let him and Tamara know so these can be addressed.

### **FILES FOR DISCUSSION - REVIEW**

There were no questions regarding the files for review.

### **ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

Commissioner Vandiver moved. Commissioner Young seconded the motion to adopt the recommendations. Motion carried.

**OTHER COMMENTS**

Mrs. Franklin stated that next week is a free week and all leave slips need to be submitted to her as soon as possible.

Mrs. Ellingburg stated that the DARP guidelines need specific clarification on warrants. She stated that they are getting a list but with release checks they are showing warrants. Mr. Graves stated that they will clarify this and put it through the legislative review process for promulgation.

Mrs. Franklin stated that she needs the Board’s signature on a document and asked that they see her after the meeting.

Mr. Graves reminded the Board that. ADC Director Ray Hobbs will be attending the July 17<sup>th</sup> Board meeting to answer any questions or discuss any concerns with the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, July 17, 2014 at 9:30a.m. at the Arkansas Parole Board.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 pm.

**Signature on File**

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**John Felts**  
**Chairman**

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**Dawne Vandiver**  
**Secretary**

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

**June 2014**

**UNITS:**

**RATIFIED (X)**

EAST AR	X
MISSISSIPPI CO.	X
NEACCC	X
OUACHITA RIVER CORR.	X
PINE BLUFF	X
R.L. WILLIAMS	X
SEARC	X
VARNER	X
WRIGHTSVILLE	X

**OTHER: PARDONS, COMMUTATIONS, TRANSFER SCREENINGS, x  
ACT 290, 700'S, RECONSIDERATION, REVOCATION APPEALS,  
EPA, ETC.**

**MOTION BY: Commissioner Vandiver    SECONDED BY: Commissioner Mays**

**RATIFICATION DATE: JUNE 26, 2014**