



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
JUNE 28, 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
Joe Peacock, Commissioner

HEARING EXAMINERS PRESENT:

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
Damien McNeil, Assistant Director, Parole/Probation, DCC
Steve Arnold, Assistant Director, Parole/Probation, DCC
Pam Brown, Assistant Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, DCC
Arnie Jochums, Asst. Attorney General, Attorney Generals Office

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 28, 2012

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

POPULATION REPORT

Chairman Felts reported that there are 14,861 inmates in the Department of Correction. He stated that there are currently 377 inmates in the county jail backup. He also stated that the 1 year EPA is about to go into effect and that will decrease the numbers considerably. Also, after meeting with Mrs. Wendy Naro, he reports that the numbers are dropping and that Act 570 is really working.

In review of the DCC population report there are a total of 1,430 individuals residing in the centers and TVP. Of this number there are 80 males and 15 females in county back up There are also 27 males and 5 females not in custody at this time.

Chairman Felts reported that the Board's monthly report shows 394 approved out of 471 total screenings giving the Board an 83.6% approval rate. The monthly report for transfer hearings reported 340 approved hearings out of 492 for the month of May, giving the Board an approval rate of 69%. There were 1,126 total actions completed by the Board for the month of May, this number includes totals for Commutations and Pardons. The Board denied 84 cases and deferred 114 for further action.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

Mr. Arnie Jochums reported that day is his last day with the Attorney General's office and that he is retiring after 32 years of service. He stated that he has enjoyed working with the Parole Board over the last year and at this time he is not sure who his replacement will be as it has not been announced.

Chairman Felts stated that the Board appreciates him for representing our agency over the last year and that they all hope he has a wonderful retirement.

FISCAL REPORT

Mrs. Norma Gillerson stated that as of May 31, 2012 the Board has expended 90% of the total budget. The report is in the Board folders for review.

Chairman Felts reported that we can now go into AASIS to keep track of the budget information and this should help Norma and also help keep the information consistent. He stated that the Board will be creating its own spreadsheet to keep track of future information.

Commissioner Peacock stated that Norma will need to meet monthly with Mr. Wallace to keep him informed about the changes with the budget and finance.

Chairman Felts stated we have had virtually the same budget for the last 10 years and it makes it very difficult to operate. As a result, we have to rely on special language and we should be able to be a stand alone agency.

HEARING EXAMINERS REPORT

The Hearing Examiners report showed a total of 35 hearings conducted. Of that total 22 were revoked to ADC, 6 were revoked to TVP, 2 were not revoked and 2 were deferred. There were also 1 compact hearing and 1 transfer hearing held during this period. There were no questions regarding the Hearing Examiner Report.

AGENCY UPDATES

Mr. Graves reviewed the 2012 Prison Population and Act 570 impact report. There were no questions.

Legislative Council

Mr. Graves state that the Legislative Council has several questions that they require to be answered by the Board from the June 570 report. He stated that everyone has a copy of these questions and that we will be working with ADC and DCC to provide this information. The Board's response is due by July 9, 2012.

Sex Offender Actions—Tabled

Mr. Graves reported that the tabled sex offender actions need to be approved by the Board. At this time, we have made 2 changes.

The first change is the no internet access restriction. This will not be applicable to all offenders. If the offender can provide a legitimate need to use the internet then this restriction can be waived. Mr. Graves stated that this should not be used by the Board until August.

The second change is to the dating restriction. The word “socializing” has been removed because it was considered overly broad.

Chairman Felts stated that in regards to the internet restriction, all offenders must register any device allowing internet access. This is done in order to make the offender accountable.

Commissioner Mays moved to approve these changes. Commissioner Peacock seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, July 12, 2012 at 9:30a.m. This meeting will take place in the APB Boardroom.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Signature on File

John Felts
Chairman

Signature on File

Richard L. Mays, Jr.
Secretary

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

JUNE 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: JUNE 28, 2012