



**MINUTES OF THE  
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD  
July 12, 2018  
9:00 A.M.  
APB BOARDROOM**

**Board Members Present:**

John Felts, Chairman  
John Belken, Vice Chairman  
Andy Shock, Secretary  
Dawne Vandiver, Commissioner  
Abraham Carpenter, Commissioner  
Jerry Riley, Commissioner  
Lona McCastlain, Commissioner

**Excused with Valid Reason(s):**

Carol Bohannon, Hearing Judge, APB  
Lisa Wilkins, Hearing Judge, APB  
Evelyn Gomez, Hearing Judge, APB  
Solomon Graves, Public Information Officer, ADC  
Hollie Wellborn, Administrative Analyst, APB  
Nga Mahfouz, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office  
Jerry Bradshaw, Deputy Director of Parole and Probation, ACC

**Others Present:**

Brooke D. Cummings, Executive Administrator, APB  
Christie Little, Business Operations Manager, APB  
Scott Howard, Investigator, APB  
Monica Adams, Administrative Support Supervisor, APB  
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Support Supervisor, APB  
William T. Bowman, II, Systems Coordination Analyst, APB  
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, ACC

## **Call to Order**

Chairman Felts called the board meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was declared.

## **Approval of Minutes – June 28, 2018**

Commissioner Vandiver moved for approval of the minutes. Commissioner Belken seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as presented.

## **Agency Updates**

There were no agency updates.

## **Old Business**

Chairman Felts asked Mr. Bowman about the status of the offline training. Mr. Bowman asked the Board if they would be available for training in the coming week.

Chairman Felts advised that there will be training on July 20<sup>th</sup>. The topics of the training are Ethics, Cultural Diversity, Sexual Harassment, and Interpersonal Communications.

## **New Business**

Chairman Felts mentioned some of the highlights from the Board of Corrections meeting. There are two counties in south Arkansas that are going to start building a regional jail that will house around 600 inmates. Chairman Felts said that ADC is going to take about 450 of those inmates and bring them back from Texas to Arkansas.

Chairman Felts stated that even though there is construction going on with ADC there are no new beds being built for housing.

Chairman Felts said that ADC and ACC legislative vote dates were discussed in the Board of Corrections meeting. There was also a presentation made by Ashland University. This university has a Corrections department. The university is wanting to use the North Central Unit as a pilot.

Chairman Felts told the Board that the Community Corrections had their presentation the day before with their Director's Report. They are starting a program in the field with recovery coaches. Those are for individuals that have been released on parole who are struggling with employment, education, addictions, or something of that nature. These people are going to be mentors.

Chairman Felts also mentioned that there was a presentation made by the University of Arkansas. They have done a study dealing with the recidivism rate of individuals that have received their GED while incarcerated and individuals that have completed Vo-Tech while incarcerated. The results showed zero returns over an 8

year period.

Chairman Felts mentioned what was discussed regarding Pro-Tech.

There were no other comments or questions.

### **Files for Review**

There were no questions or concerns 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 9:26 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, July 26, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.

### ***Signature on File***

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John Felts  
Chairman

### ***Signature on File***

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Andy Shock  
Secretary

**Arkansas Parole Board**  
**FULL BOARD RATIFICATION OF VOTES**

**July 2018**

**UNITS:**

**RATIFIED**

**Delta**



**Wrightsville**



**Wrightsville Satellite/Wrightsville Hawkins**



**Tucker**



**Tucker Max**



**Cummins**



**Benton**



**TRCC/SWACC**



**Bowie County**



**McPherson**



**North Central**



**NWA- Work Release**



**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: July 12, 2018**