



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
JULY 11, 2013 @ 9:00 A.M.
APB BOARDROOM**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Felts, Chairman
Jimmy Wallace, Vice-Chairman/Commissioner
Richard L. Mays, Jr., Secretary/Commissioner
Dawne Vandiver, Commissioner
Richard Brown Jr., Commissioner

HEARING JUDGES PRESENT:

Jim Williams, Hearing Examiner/Attorney
Carol Bohannon, Hearing Examiner/Attorney
Ashley Vailes, Hearing Examiner/Attorney

EXCUSED WITH VALID REASON:

Joe Peacock, Commissioner
Abraham Carpenter, Commissioner

OTHERS PRESENT

Solomon Graves, Administrative Services Manager, APB
Mahogany Franklin, Fiscal Support Supervisor, APB
Melissa Haney, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, APB
Shirley Ellingburg, IRS Area Manager, DCC

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 27, 2013

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

AGENCY UPDATES

Mr. Graves stated that at 10:30 a.m. there will be a public hearing for the new policy manual changes that were voted on June 13, 2013. He stated that there is a summary of the proposed changes in the board packets. Mr. Graves stated that there have been no written comments at this time and that the only response has been a series of questions from the Bureau of Legislative Research on the new discretionary felonies and what they mean. He stated that he will be getting with the Chairman today to discuss these questions.

Chairman Felts stated that he will be over at the Joint Performance Review Committee meeting today and Mr. Wallace will be the Chair for the public hearing at 10:30 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Felts reminded those in attendance that there will be mandatory training on July 19, 2013 for anyone who still needs training hours or who is interested. He stated that this will be good information and attendance is appreciated.

Chairman Felts stated that the Revocation department’s workload has increased dramatically with these new policy changes so the Hearing Judges will no longer be assisting with Hearings at the units. He stated that they no longer have the time to help in this area as they are currently looking at 300 cases for this month already. He asked that everyone try to help them out as needed.

Mrs. Franklin reported that the Board is waiting on the hiring freeze to be lifted so that the position for revocation can be posted. She stated that hopefully this will be done today. Chairman Felts also stated that he has made a request to the Governors Office for two additional positions, one for Hearing Judge and one for an IT position. The request for these positions was submitted on Friday and we are currently waiting for a response from the Governor’s office.

FILES FOR REVIEW

Chairman Felts stated that there was a question regarding one of the files and that it has been addressed. There were no further questions regarding the files for review.

RATIFICATION OF VOTES

Commissioner Mays moved to ratify the votes. Commissioner Brown seconded. The motion was carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, July 25, 2013 at 9:30a.m. in the APB Boardroom.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Signature on File

John Felts
Chairman

Signature on File

Richard L. Mays, Jr.
Secretary

**ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
FIRST BOARD RATIFICATION OF VOTES**

JULY 2013

UNITS:

RATIFIED (X)

DELTA



NORTH CENTRAL UNIT



NORTH WEST/WASHINGTON CO.



TUCKER



TUCKER MAX.



GRIMES



MCPHERSON



CUMMINS



OTHER: TRANSFER SCREENINGS, COMMUTATIONS, PARDONS



**RECONSIDERATIONS, REVOCATION APPEALS, RESCINDS,
SPECIAL CONDITIONS, ACT 290, 700'S, EPA, ETC.**

MOTION BY: Commissioner Mays

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Carpenter

RATIFICATION DATE: JULY 11, 2013