



MINUTES
ARKANSAS BOARD OF PAROLE
JULY 14, 2011 @ 9:30 A.M.
ABP Board Room

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: John Felts, Chairman
Abraham Carpenter, Jr., Vice-Chairman
Richard L. Mays, Jr., Secretary
Carolyn Robinson, Commissioner
Joe Peacock, Commissioner
Jimmy Wallace, Commissioner

HEARING EXAMINERS PRESENT: Carol V. Bohannon, Hearing Examiner/Attorney
Ashley Vailes, Hearing Examiner/Attorney

EXCUSED WITH VALID REASON(S): James L. Williams, II, Hearing Examiner/Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT

Jeff Tillman, Assistant Director, Parole/Probation, Department of Community Correction
Steve Arnold, Assistant Director, Parole/Probation, Department of Community Correction
Rhonda Sharp, Public Relations, Department of Community Correction
Arnie Jochums, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, DCC
Solomon Graves, Administrative Services Manager, ABP
Norma Gillerson, Fiscal Support Supervisor, ABP
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Support Supervisor – Pre-Release, ABP
Lois Hansberry, Administrative Support Supervisor – Revocation, ABP
Sharon Lewis, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, ABP

CALLED TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JUNE 30, 2011

Commissioner Wallace moved. The minutes were approved as presented.

Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Graves gave a status report of the ongoing agency activities.

- Parole Board Manual: Revisions were made to cleanup the language in the manual. Two votes were made: (1) Commissioner Mays moved to adopt manual with the revisions, Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carried. (2) Commissioner Peacock moved to attach an emergency clause, allowing the changes to take effect by July 27th. Commissioner Mays seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- ABP Investigator: Commissioner Peacock requested approval by acclamation, to hire John Belken as the new Investigator. Commissioner Wallace seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Peacock asked the Chairman that the Investigator be designated to interview inmates, make recommendations, and review files as Board members do. No action was taken on this request.

Board members extended congratulatory remarks to Commissioner Felts as the newly appointed Chairman of the Board.

FILES FOR DISCUSSION - REVIEW

The Board reviewed the listing of victim input hearings that were conducted the first half of July 2011.

RATIFICATION OF VOTES

Commissioner Mays moved.

Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion to ratify the votes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Signature on File

John Felts
Chairman

Signature on File

Richard L. Mays, Jr.
Secretary

**ARKANSAS BOARD OF PAROLE
FIRST BOARD VOTE RATIFICATION**

JULY 2011

UNITS:

RATIFIED (X)

DELTA



GRIMES



MCPHERSON



NORTH CENTRAL UNIT



TUCKER



TUCKER MAX.



**OTHER: TRANSFER SCREENINGS, CLEMENCIES, PARDONS,
RECONSIDERATION, REVOCATION APPEALS, RESCINDS,
SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS, ACT 290, 700'S, EPA, ETC.**



MOTION BY: RICHARD L. MAYS, JR. SECONDED BY: ABRAHAM CARPENTER, JR.

RATIFICATION DATE: JULY 14, 2011