



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
AUGUST 14, 2014 @ 9:30 A.M.
APB BOARDROOM**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

EXCUSED WITH VALID REASON:

Abraham Carpenter, Commissioner
Jim Williams, Hearing Judge/Attorney
Carol Bohannon, Hearing Judge/Attorney
Ashley Vailes, Hearing Judge/Attorney
Cara Boyd-Conners, 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), APB
Shirley Ellingburg, IRS Area Manager, DCC
Dan Roberts, Deputy Director of Parole Services, ACC
Dina Tyler, Deputy Director of Communication Services, ACC
Shrikant Mandapaty, Project and Enterprise Program Manager

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Felts called the meeting to order at 9:35 am. A quorum was declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 26, 2014

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

AGENCY UPDATES

Mr. Solomon Graves, Administrative Services Manager, reported that the Board has acquired a new risk assessment. He informed the Board that they are required to have an assessment and previously the Board adopted the PRAT tool. He stated that they have developed a new risk assessment tool called ARORA. This assessment will replace the PRAT and will include new information that will better help to predict recidivism rates. Mr. Graves discussed the ARORA assessment in detail and answered several questions from the Board. He reported that if the Board chooses to adopt this assessment, it will be effective in October 2014. Commissioner Young requested to know who worked on building this assessment. Mr. Dan Roberts, Deputy Director of Parole/Probation for ACC, stated that they worked with officers in the field and JFA to build the new ARORA assessment. Commissioner Young asked several questions regarding the ARORA rating system. Ms. Dina Tyler, Deputy Director of Communications for ACC, answered several questions and explained the rating scales including the point system and how points are calculated. Mr. Shrikant Mandapaty, Project and Enterprise Manager for ACC, showed the Board how to access the assessment in eOMIS and answered questions about the logistics of ARORA. Chairman Felts stated that this is a weighted assessment and it is recommended by the same people who developed PRAT. He reported that this is the best way to get an accurate score. Ms. Tyler discussed the statistics of the assessment and explained the different risk levels. Commissioner Wallace moved to adopt this assessment. Commissioner Mays seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Mr. Graves discussed the Board's annual report and stated that is required to be filed by February 1, 2015. He presented a draft of the annual report to the Board for review. He reported several facts and statistics from the annual report and answered questions regarding the report. He called for approval of the annual report draft. Commissioner Young moved to approve the draft. Commissioner Mays seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

FILES FOR REVIEW

There were no questions regarding the files for review.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Commissioner Vandiver, Secretary of the Board, moved to adopt the recommendations. Commissioner Wallace seconded. The motion was carried.

OTHER COMMENTS

Mrs. Franklin stated that there will be a planning meeting on August 28, 2014 at 1pm to discuss changes in insurance and open enrollment.

ADJOURNMENT

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, August 28, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. in the APB Boardroom.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Signature on File

John Felts
Chairman

Signature on File

Dawne Vandiver
Secretary

**ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
FIRST BOARD ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

AUGUST 2014

UNITS:

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NORTH CENTRAL UNIT	<input type="checkbox"/>
NORTH WEST/WASHINGTON CO.	<input type="checkbox"/>
TUCKER	<input type="checkbox"/>
TUCKER MAX.	<input type="checkbox"/>
GRIMES	<input type="checkbox"/>
MCPHERSON	<input type="checkbox"/>
BENTON	<input type="checkbox"/>
TRCC/SW	<input type="checkbox"/>
DCC-CAC	<input type="checkbox"/>
CUMMINS	<input type="checkbox"/>
OTHER: TRANSFER SCREENINGS, COMMUTATIONS, PARDONS RECONSIDERATIONS, REVOCATION APPEALS, RESCINDS, SPECIAL CONDITIONS, ACT 290, 700'S, EPA, ETC.	<input type="checkbox"/>

MOTION BY: Commissioner Vandiver

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Carpenter

ADOPTION DATE: AUGUST 14, 2014