



MINUTES OF THE ARKANSAS BOARD OF PAROLE MEETING AUGUST 26, 2010

**105 W. Capitol – Suite 500
ABP Board Room, Little Rock, Arkansas
Little Rock, Arkansas**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leroy Brownlee, Chairman
Abraham Carpenter, Jr., Vice-Chairman
Richard L. Mays, Jr., Secretary/Commissioner
John Felts, Commissioner
Carolyn Robinson, Commissioner
Joseph Peacock, Commissioner
James Wallace, Commissioner

HEARING EXAMINERS:

Carol V. Bohannon, Attorney
James L. Williams, II, Attorney

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Sharon Lewis, Executive Assistant to the Chairman

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

George Brewer, Research & Planning Administrator, Arkansas Department of Correction
Kimberly Witherspoon, Attorney, Department of Community Correction
Rhonda Sharp, Public Relations, Department of Community Correction (DCC)
Jeff Tillman, Assistant Director, Department of Community Correction
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, DCC
Meredith Rebsamen, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's (AG's) Office
Norma Gillerson, Fiscal Support Supervisor, ABP
Solomon Graves, Administrative Services Manager/ACA Coordinator, ABP
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Support Supervisor – Parole Services, ABP
Lois Hansberry, Administrative Support Supervisor - Revocation, ABP

Called to Order

The *Chairman* called the ABP meeting to order @ 9:30 a.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of August 12, 2010 Minutes

Mrs. Lewis was requested to be the official for recording today's minutes.

Carpenter, moved. The minutes were approved as presented, if no corrections.

Felts seconded. Motion carried.

Population Reports

The Board reviewed the population reports submitted by ADC, DCC and ABP. The other monthly reports were available for review on the ABP server.

Commissioner Wallace inquired if Law Enforcement Officers could be notified of inmates being released on parole and under the EPA in their counties. The requested for Commissioner Wallace to meet with Mr. Larry May, Chief Deputy Director of ADC, regarding this issue.

Attorney General's Office

Ms. Meredith Rebsamen, Assistant Attorney General had no new information to report at this time.

Fiscal Report

Mrs. Gillerson gave a financial report and distributed copies of the July 30, 2010 Accounts Payable Report to the Board. Individuals assigned state vehicles, are to ensure they use regular unleaded gasoline in the vehicle and not super unleaded. Chairman requested for all to be governed by state policy on this issue.

Hearing Examiners' Reports

The Hearing Examiners presented their report on the number of revocation hearings conducted, mileage and files reviewed for the month of August.

Old Business

ABP Agency Updates – Mr. Graves reported on the following:

- Gratitude on a job well done was extended to Ms. Mary Wiseman, Records Supervisor and her staff of IRS for providing keying vote training to ABP staff.
- Board and Hearing Examiners were to meet with Mrs. Lewis to coordinate their hotel reservations for the fall Arkansas Adult Parole/Probation Association (AAPPA) Conference to be held in West Memphis, September 21-23rd.
- A report on all other upcoming events for the agency was distributed and discussed by Mr. Graves.

New Business

Recidivism Study – Mr. George Brewer, Research & Planning Administrator for ADC, made a presentation on the Arkansas Recidivism Study conducted for 1997 –2006. Copy of the study was made available to the Board.

Mr. Brewer stated that the Technical Violators Program has helped with the recidivism rate and requested for the Board to submit any suggestions/recommendations they would like have included in future recidivism reports.

SCHEDULE – SEPTEMBER 2010.

The hearing schedule was reviewed and the Board was requested to notify the Chairman and/or Tamara Salaam of any changes needed.

Commissioner Peacock reported on the increase in hearings and maybe the board should look at doubling up to conduct these hearings. Further discussion on this will be held at a later date. A Board Retreat is being scheduled. Details will be given at a later date.

Files for Review and/or Discussion

The Board reviewed the listing of victim input hearings that were conducted the last half of August.

The Chairman will contact Ms. Linda Strong, Interstate Compact Administrator, DCC on the status of two cases: New York and Colorado.

RATIFICATION OF VOTES

Commissioner Mays moved. Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion to ratify the units. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Signature on File

LEROY BROWNLEE
CHAIRMAN

Signature on File

RICHARD L. MAYS, JR.
SECRETARY

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

AUGUST 2010

UNITS:

RATIFIED (X)

BENTON



CAC



CUMMINS



DIAGNOSTIC



EAST



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NEAC



OUACHITA REGIONAL



PINE BLUFF



RANDALL L. WILLIAMS CORR.



SEAR



SWAR



TRCC



VARNER



WRIGHTSVILLE



OTHER: RESCINDS & TRANSFER SCREENINGS, ACT 290'S



**SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS, 700'S, RECONSIDERATION, REVOCATION APPEALS, CLEMENCIES,
PARDONS, EMERGENCY POWERS ACT (EPA), ETC.**

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

RATIFICATION DATE: AUGUST 26, 2010