



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
SEPTEMBER 11, 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
Abraham Carpenter, Commissioner
Richard L. Mays, Jr., Commissioner

EXCUSED WITH VALID REASON:

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, ACC
Kevin Murphy, Assistant Director of Re-entry Services, ACC

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 28, 2014

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

AGENCY UPDATES

Mr. Solomon Graves, Administrative Services Manager, reported that he received an email invitation from the Association of Paroling Authorities Internationals regarding training for the Board on Friday, September 26, 2014 from 12:00-1:00 pm. This training will cover risk assessments and the supervision of low level offenders. He asked that the Board adjust their schedules accordingly in order to attend the training.

Mr. Graves discussed the discontinuation of revocations to ACC facilities. ACC has stopped all revocation to their facilities in order to allow reduction in the TVP backup. Mr. Graves stated that the Board is not required to repeal this policy which will allow the option to re-instate if necessary. Mr. Graves discussed the Technical Violators Program and the current backup issues within ACC.

Mr. Graves stated that the Parole Board and the Board of Correction are both working to amend the victim input disclosure laws. He informed the Board that he will be working with the BOC, ADC and ACC to revise the current inmate record rules to also address victim statements. He stated that the final proposal will be reviewed with the Parole Board and then BOC will have to vote and approve this change since they regulate access to inmate records.

Mr. Graves discussed the Comprehensive Corrections Plan, which is a joint project between ADC, ACC and the Parole Board. He stated that the intent of this plan is to have a single document for legislature and the public in order to educate them on who we are, what we do and what the costs of operations are for each agency. Commissioner Young requested that the cost of housing for ADC and ACC inmates be listed, including the daily cost and yearly costs. He asked that any other corrections, adjustments or suggestions be made prior to this time.

Mr. Graves reported that there are changes regarding the Act 679 rules for transitional housing. He discussed the two different versions the Board can adopt and answered questions regarding these new changes. He stated that these changes will include more focus on violent offenders, conditions of release, family reunification, re-entry and treatment. Commissioner Young asked several questions about the benefits of the proposed changes. Commissioner Wallace asked Mr. Kevin Murphy, Assistant Director of Re-entry Services with ACC, several questions regarding supervision and the job opportunities for parolees. Mr. Murphy answered questions for the Board regarding the re-entry program. Chairman Felts discussed the financial benefits of the program. He stated that this would allow to be released up to one year ahead of time to start inmates to go through re-entry training. Mr. Graves discussed the rules of supervision for Act 679. Mr. Murphy discussed the rates of recidivism using this program. Mr. Graves proposed that the Board approve either Version 1 or Version 2. He stated that they can approve this to go into emergency effect or it can go through the standard promulgation process. He recommended that it go through the standard procedure. He asked the Board to make a motion of approval so that it can be scheduled for public comment and legal notices can be made. Commissioner Young moved to adopt Version 2 of the rule changes for Act 679. Commissioner Mays seconded the motion. The motion was carried. Commissioner Wallace abstained from voting. Mr. Graves reported that the legal notices will be sent out and the public hearing will be on October 8th at 2:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Felts asked that the Board review the request of a waiver of the 4 year waiting period for Daunte Brown. He has submitted a request for the Board's consideration. Another request regarding Irene Waddle was submitted for consideration to waive the 4 year waiting period. Chairman Felts asked all Board members

to review these requests and make their recommendations.

Chairman Felts discussed the changes to the October calendar and stated that he is trying to create some balance for the Board by moving some of the units around. This will help Mrs. Ellingburg and the IPO's as well.

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 Mays seconded. The motion was carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, September 25, 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**

SEPTEMBER 2014

UNITS:

DELTA	<input type="checkbox"/>
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: SEPTEMBER 11, 2014