



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
SEPTEMBER 13, 2012 @ 9:30 A.M.
Omega Technical Violators Center
Malvern, AR**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

EXCUSED WITH VALID REASONS:

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Solomon Graves, Administrative Services Manager, APB
John Belken, Investigator, APB
Mahogany Brown, Administrative Specialist II, APB
Melissa Haney, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, APB
David Eberhard, Director, DCC
Dan Roberts, Deputy Director, Parole/Probation Services, DCC
Rick Hart, Deputy Director Resident Services, DCC
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, DCC

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 30, 2012

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

AGENCY UPDATES

Mr. Graves stated that the week of the 24th, the Joint Meeting of the Charitable and Penal/Judiciary Committee will meet at the Ouachita River Unit. This meeting will be held on the 24th and 25th. Mr. Graves reported that the Boards session will begin at 1:00 p.m. on the 24th and the next session will be at 1:00 p.m. on the 25th at the Big Mac building in Little Rock. He reported that the Boards portion covers legislative priorities in the upcoming session along with questions posed by the Legislative Council. He stated that the 25th will cover the Act 570 Working Group Updates. Board members are not required to attend these meetings but are welcome to be present.

Mr. Graves reported that on September 28th, the Board will have its monthly meeting with Legislative Council. He stated that he will be attending along with Commissioner Brown. This meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Wallace stated that last month's meeting was very informative and good questions were asked. Mr. Graves stated that he would prepare this for the Commissioners agendas.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Wallace stated that in the previous Board meeting the issue of Commissioner Inspections at the units was brought before the Board. He stated that in meeting with ADC and Mr. Ray Hobbs, the issue has been discussed with each unit and has been resolved. Chairman Felts stated that he also sent a letter to have this issue addressed. He stated that if Commissioners go to the units and are asked to take off their belts, shoes, etc., to tell the staff member on duty that they need to speak to the Warden. If the warden is unavailable then they are to direct staff to call Mr. Ray Hobbs directly. Mr. Hobbs is well aware of the situation and will take care of any problems.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Felts reported that the Fall AAPP Conference is coming up in October and there is information in the Board packets regarding this conference. He stated that the Board appreciates DCC offering to help with the conference and their hospitality is very much appreciated. Chairman Felts stated that due to the AAPP Conference, there will be some changes to the schedule that week. The Conference will conflict with the Victim Input meeting and regular unit hearings. The victim input meeting schedule for Wednesday, October 17th will be moved to Monday, October 15th. The hearings to be held on Thursday, October 18th for the Wrightsville, East AR and Miss County Regional Units will be moved to Monday, October 22nd. A copy of this schedule will be sent out to the Board as soon as possible.

FILES FOR REVIEW

Chairman Felts requested that the Board review the Full Board Victim Input hearing votes for this Board. There were no further comments regarding the Victim Input hearing votes.

RATIFICATION OF VOTES

Commissioner Richard Mays Jr., moved to ratify the votes. Commissioner Carpenter seconded. The motion was carried.

OTHER COMMENTS

Chairman Felts stated that today lunch will be served at the Omega Unit and will be followed by a tour of the Ouachita River Unit. Mr. Eberhard stated that he is extremely happy that the Board could meet at the Omega Center today. He stated that DCC does valuable work at Omega and they are pleased to have the Board present to learn more about their program. He stated he appreciates the Boards work.

ADJOURNMENT

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, September 27, 2012 at 9:30a.m. in the APB Boardroom.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Signature on File

John Felts
Chairman

Signature on File

Richard L. Mays, Jr.
Secretary

**ARKANSAS BOARD OF PAROLE
FIRST BOARD RATIFICATION OF VOTES
SEPTEMBER 2012**

UNITS:

RATIFIED (X)

DELTA



GRIMES



MCPHERSON



NORTH CENTRAL UNIT



NORTH WEST/WASHINGTON CO.



TUCKER



TUCKER MAX.



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: SEPTEMBER 13, 2012