



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
SEPTEMBER 25, 2014 @ 9:30 A.M.
APB Boardroom**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Brown Jr., Vice-Chairman /Commissioner
James Wallace, Commissioner
Richard L. Mays, Jr., Commissioner
Abraham Carpenter, Commissioner
Dennis Young, Commissioner

EXCUSED WITH VALID REASONS:

John Felts, Chairman
Dawne Vandiver, Secretary/Commissioner
Carol Bohannon, Hearing Judge/Attorney
Cara Boyd-Conners, Hearing Judge/Attorney
Jim Williams, Hearing Judge/Attorney
Ashley Vailes, Hearing Judge/Attorney
Solomon Graves, Administrative Services Manager, APB

OTHERS PRESENT

Mahogany Franklin, Fiscal Support Supervisor, APB
Melissa Haney, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, APB
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Specialist III (Parole Services)
Lisbeth Cross, Administrative Specialist III (Administration)
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, ACC
Meredith Rebsamen, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office

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

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 9:30 pm. A quorum was declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 11, 2014

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

POPULATION REPORT

Vice-Chairman Brown reported that there are 17,588 inmates incarcerated in the Department of Correction. There are currently 2,164 men and women on the County Jail Backup list.

In review of the ACC Parole and Probation Population report there are 27,539 individuals on probation, 2,303 in drug courts, 21,982 individuals on parole, and 235 on Boot Camp release for a total of 52,059 under supervision.

In review of the ACC center jurisdiction population there is a total population of 1,806. This includes those in ACC community correction centers and Omega and SE ARK TVP. The total ACC capacity is 1,817.

Vice-Chairman Brown reported that the Offender Violation Guide Report is available for review. There were no questions regarding this report.

In review of the APB monthly report, Vice-Chairman Brown stated that the Board had a total of 371 approved Transfer Screenings for an overall approval rate of 90.7%. There were 38 deferred and 44 were scheduled for hearings. The Board approved 436 Transfer Hearings out of a total conducted of 634. The Board had a 68.8% approval rate. The Board also had 4 parole hearings and all 2 were denied. There were a total of 64 Transfer Hearings denied and 134 were deferred. The Board conducted 54 reconsideration hearings, 47 rescind screenings and 31 rescind hearings for a total of 132 actions. There were also 32 pardons, 2 firearm restorations, 30 commutation screenings and 0 commutation hearings for a total of 64 clemencies. The Board had total actions of 1,287.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

There was no report from the Attorney General's office. Commissioner Young asked several questions regarding parolees being allowed to associate with other felons. Mrs. Shirley Ellingburg and Mrs. Meredith Rebsamen gave information regarding this parole condition and how it is enforced. Commissioner Young also asked about felons with the right to hunt and use firearms.

FISCAL REPORT

Mahogany Franklin reported that the Board has expended 16% of its annual training, travel, maintenance, and operations budget. The report was attached for the Board's review. There were no questions regarding the fiscal report. Mrs. Franklin introduced Ms. Lisbeth Cross, Administrative Specialist III and welcomed her to the Board.

HEARING JUDGES REPORT

The Hearing Judge Report was available for the Board's review. There were a total of 544 revocations.

AGENCY UPDATES

Mr. Solomon Graves was not present for the meeting. His report was available in each Commissioner's meeting packet. Mrs. Franklin did ask that each Board member look in their Board packet for information regarding a webinar on Friday from 12:00-1:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

October 2014 SCHEDULE

Vice-Chairman Brown stated that the October Calendar is available for review. If there are any changes that need to be made please let Tamara know so these can be addressed. Vice-Chairman Brown also informed the Board that the 2015 calendar is available for review and asked that each Board member review the draft calendar for any changes needed.

FILES FOR DISCUSSION - REVIEW

There were no questions regarding the victim input files for review. Investigator John Belken requested that the Board review a request for the 4 year waiting period on a clemency file for inmate Charlotte Nutt. He stated that the Governor has denied her request twice for drug charges. At this time she is requesting a waiver of the waiting period. Vice-Chairman Brown recommended that the Board not honor this request. Commissioner Wallace moved to deny the request for a four year waiver. Commissioner Mays seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

RATIFICATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Commissioner Wallace moved for the adoption of the official recommendations. Commissioner Young seconded the motion to adopt the recommendations. Motion carried.

OTHER COMMENTS

Mrs. Franklin reminded the Board that the biennial budget will be presented at the Big Mac building on October 21st at 9:00 a.m. She stated that prior to this time there will be a training day on October 16th at 1:00 pm. She encouraged all Board members to attend the training session.

ADJOURNMENT

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, October 16, 2014 at 9:30a.m. at the Arkansas Parole Board.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 pm.

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John Felts
Chairman

Dawne Vandiver
Secretary

**ARKANSAS BOARD OF PAROLE
FULL BOARD RATIFICATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS**

AUGUST 2014

UNITS:

ADOPTED (X)

EAST AR	X
MISSISSIPPI CO.	X
NEACCC	X
OUACHITA RIVER CORR.	X
PINE BLUFF	X
R.L. WILLIAMS	X
SEARC	X
VARNER	X
WRIGHTSVILLE	X
OTHER: PARDONS, COMMUTATIONS, TRANSFER SCREENINGS, ACT 290, 700'S, RECONSIDERATION, REVOCATION APPEALS, EPA, ETC.	X

MOTION BY: Commissioner Vandiver SECONDED BY: Commissioner Young

RATIFICATION DATE: SEPTEMBER 25, 2014