



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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Felts, Chairman
Dawne Vandiver, Secretary/Commissioner
Richard Brown Jr., Vice-Chairman /Commissioner
James Wallace, Commissioner
Abraham Carpenter, Commissioner
Dennis Young, Commissioner

EXCUSED WITH VALID REASONS:

Richard L. Mays, Jr., Commissioner
Carol Bohannon, Hearing Judge/Attorney
Cara Boyd-Conners, Hearing Judge/Attorney
Jim Williams, Hearing Judge/Attorney
Ashley Vailes, 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 Services)
Lisbeth Cross, Administrative Specialist III (Administration)
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, ACC

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 16, 2014

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

POPULATION REPORT

Chairman Felts reported that there are 17,856 inmates incarcerated in the Department of Correction. There are currently 2,357 men and women on the County Jail Backup list.

In review of the ACC Parole and Probation Population report there are 27,585 individuals on probation, 2,350 in drug courts, 22,403 individuals on parole, and 233 on Boot Camp release for a total of 52,581 under supervision.

In review of the ACC center jurisdiction population there is a total population of 1,753. This includes those in ACC community correction centers and Omega and SE ARK TVP. The total ACC capacity is 1,757.

Chairman Felts 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, Chairman Felts stated that the Board had a total of 339 approved Transfer Screenings for an overall approval rate of 88.3%. There were 45 deferred and 44 were scheduled for hearings. The Board approved 499 Transfer Hearings out of a total conducted of 687. The Board had a 72.6.8% approval rate. The Board also had 7 parole hearings and 2 were approved. There were a total of 58 Transfer Hearings denied and 130 were deferred. The Board conducted 65 reconsideration hearings, 66 rescind screenings and 15 rescind hearings for a total of 146 actions. There were also 29 pardons, 0 firearm restorations, 27 commutation screenings and 5 commutation hearings for a total of 61 clemencies. The Board had total actions of 1,336.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

There was no report from the Attorney General's office.

FISCAL REPORT

Mahogany Franklin reported that the Board has expended 26% 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.

HEARING JUDGES REPORT

The Hearing Judge Report was available for the Board's review.

AGENCY UPDATES

Mr. Solomon Graves discussed the recent Legislative updates. He discussed creating a pocket guide for the Board that summarizes the Legislative Goals for this session. He stated that this will be completed next month for approval.

Mr. Graves discussed the ACIC arrest history and how the Board will be able to utilize this tool. He stated that the Board can go through the full ACIC course or they can do a short web training in order to access this information. He discussed setting up a training session for the Board.

Mr. Graves confirmed that the eOMIS test site for electronic voting will be available in December. He stated that there will be a meeting on November 18th to discuss this issue. He stated that once implemented, the Board will

have access to this program at all the units.

Mr. Graves discussed the application of desktop video conferencing. He stated that Commissioners Young and Mays will test this with a demo model next month.

He discussed submitting a draft form for review regarding the 14 day notice for parole hearings. This would create a waiver that expedited inmates can use to waive their right to the 14 day notice if necessary. The Board asked several questions regarding gate passes and the best way to conduct hearings on these inmates.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

November 2014 SCHEDULE

Chairman Felts stated that the November Calendar is available for review. If there are any changes that need to be made please let Tamara know so these can be addressed.

FILES FOR DISCUSSION - REVIEW

There were no questions regarding the victim input files for review

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into executive session to discuss a personnel issue involving Ms. Haney at 10:15 a.m. The Board returned from executive session at 10:55. No action was taken.

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes from the Public Hearing on October 20th. Commissioner Young moved to accept the minutes. Commissioner Wallace seconded. The motion was carried.

RATIFICATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

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

OTHER COMMENTS

Chairman Felts discussed the realignment of the organizational chart. He stated that Mrs. Mahogany Franklin will now be supervisor over two individuals and back-up supervisor in Mr. Graves absence. He called for a motion to accept these changes. Commissioner Carpenter moved. Commissioner Wallace seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into executive session at 11:00 am to discuss a personnel issue regarding Mr. Belken. The Board returned from executive session at 11:50. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 9:30a.m. at the Arkansas Parole Board.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.

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**John Felts
Chairman**

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**Dawne Vandiver
Secretary**

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

OCTOBER 2014

<u>UNITS:</u>	<u>ADOPTED (X)</u>
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: OCTOBER 30, 2014