



**MINUTES**  
**ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD**  
**November 10, 2011 @ 9:30 A.M.**  
**APB Board Room**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**HEARING EXAMINERS PRESENT:**

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

**EXCUSED WITH VALID REASONS:**

Carol Bohannon, Hearing Examiner/Attorney

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Wendy Kelley, Deputy Director of Health and Correctional Programs, ADC  
Pam Brown, Assistant Area Manager, DCC Institutional Release Services  
Solomon Graves, Administrative Services Manager, APB  
Norma Gillerson, Fiscal Support Manager, APB  
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Support Specialist

## **CALL TO ORDER**

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

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 27, 2011**

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Graves reported that the initial Act 570 report was required to be submitted by October 1, 2011. The Board was under the impression that the report would not have to be submitted until January 1, 2012. Due to a request from the Bureau of Legislative Research the report is due on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of every month.

Mr. Graves reported that he and the Chairman will be attending the Administrative Rules and Regulations Subcommittee Meeting on Monday, November 14, 2011 in regards to Act 570 policy changes.

Mr. Graves reported that the new assessment is expected to be completed by the end of the week and will be submitted to the Board before the next meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Arkansas Department of Correction Update**

Ms. Wendy Kelley stated that ADC has opened up 62 beds at the State Police Barracks on Roosevelt Road. There are currently 47 inmates occupying those beds. There are 100 new beds at North Central and they plan on adding an additional 100 beds.

She also stated that Ouachita will be opening their special needs unit soon depending on funding. McPherson Special Needs will be opening in a few months and that will allow them to merge with the Hawkins Unit.

She reported that more infirmary beds are needed at the Pine Bluff Unit.

The (IFI) program is no longer in existence and the Pathway to Freedom program has taken its place. This program is privately managed and staffed and has enough funding to operate for the first year. The program will take 18 months to complete and will include Pre-Release. Up to 200 inmates can be enrolled in the program.

She reported that inmates can not receive good-time awarded for Religious Programs or Reduction of Sexual Victimization (RSVP). She stated that inmates may receive 20 days of good time for other programs such as Anger Management, Substance Abuse Education (SAE), Parenting Skills, Communication Skills, Thinking Errors, Victims of Domestic Violence (Women), and Domestic Violence (Men).

She stated that the programs an inmate enrolls in will make them more marketable once they are released from ADC. ADC will begin screening inmates for programs due to high demand.

The maximum days that an inmate can be awarded for good time is 360 days. Good-time awarded cannot reduce an inmate's time prior to Parole/Transfer eligibility by more than half.

## **Memo**

Chairman Felts stated that he will issue a new memo to the Commissioners regarding the assignment of hearing files. He wants all Commissioners to keep staff informed on the location of every file.

## **FILES FOR DISCUSSION - REVIEW**

The Board reviewed the listing of victim input hearings that were conducted during the first half of November 2011.

**RATIFICATION OF VOTES**

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

The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 22, 2011.

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

**Signature on File**

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**John Felts**  
**Chairman**

**Signature on File**

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**Richard L. Mays, Jr.**  
**Secretary**

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

NOVEMBER 2011

<u>UNITS:</u>	<u>RATIFIED (X)</u>
DELTA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
GRIMES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
MCPHERSON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NORTH CENTRAL UNIT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NORTH WEST/WASHINGTON CO.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TUCKER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TUCKER MAX.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>OTHER:</b> TRANSFER SCREENINGS, CLEMENCIES, PARDONS RECONSIDERATIONS, REVOCATION APPEALS, RESCINDS, SPECIAL CONDITIONS, ACT 290, 700'S, EPA, ETC.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**MOTION BY:** Richard Mays, Jr **SECONDED BY:** Abraham Carpenter, Jr

**RATIFICATION DATE:** NOVEMBER 10, 2011