



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
November 20, 2017
9:00 A.M.
APB BOARDROOM**

Board Members Present:

John Felts, Chairman
John Belken, Vice Chairman
Andy Shock, Secretary
Dawne Vandiver, Commissioner
Abraham Carpenter, Commissioner
Jerry Riley, Commissioner
Lona McCastlain, Commissioner

Excused with Valid Reason(s):

Carol Bohannon, Hearing Judge/Attorney, APB
Lisa Wilkins, Hearing Judge/Attorney, APB
Evelyn Gomez, Hearing Judge/Attorney, APB
Jerry Bradshaw, Director of Parole and Probation Services, ACC
Solomon Graves, Public Information Officer, ADC

Others Present:

Brooke Cummings, Executive Administrator, APB
Scott Howard, Investigator, APB
Kelly Knuckles, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, APB
William T. Bowman, II, Computer Support Analyst, APB
Jessica Leija, Business Operations Manager, APB
Kenya Woods, Victim Input Coordinator, APB
Christie Little, Administrative Support Supervisor, APB
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Support Supervisor, APB
Pam Brown, Assistant Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, ACC
Nga Mahfouz, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office

Call to Order

Chairman Felts called the board meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. A quorum was declared.

Approval of Minutes – November 9, 2017

Secretary Shock moved for an approval of the minutes. Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as presented.

Report Updates

Chairman Felts reported that there are 18,291 inmates incarcerated in the Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC). All ADC Units are at capacity. Chairman Felts stated that The Board of Corrections invoked the 90 day EPA this morning. The Board will start reviewing a list of offenders who are currently on the 90 day program, but are being considered for release after 45 days based on good behavior and eligibility. There are currently 1,695 men and women on the ADC County Jail Back-up list as of today.

In reviewing the Arkansas Community Correction (ACC) Center Jurisdictional Population Report, Chairman Felts stated there are 2,020 offenders in ACC Centers. This includes those in all ACC Centers including RCFs, Omega, SW AR CCC, and those offenders on ACC's back-up list. The Statewide Field Operations report reflects 30,226 on probation, 2,774 out to drug court/specialty court, 152 boot camp releases (including inactive cases) and 24,005 on parole, for a combined total of 57,157 under supervision.

There were no further questions or comments regarding the report updates at this time.

Attorney General's Report

Ms. Nga Mahfouz stated there was a recent suit on Robert Lee Ivory who is in prison for 1st Degree Murder who did not understand why he was denied parole, there was motion to dismiss filed by Ms. Mahfouz on that case. Ms. Mahfouz stated there are currently eight APA cases open at this time.

There were no questions of comments regarding the report from the Attorney General's office.

Fiscal Report Update

Ms. Jessica Leija, Business Operations Manager, updated the Board on the Fiscal Report. Ms. Leija reported that the Board, as of October 31, 2017, has expended 33% of the maintenance, operations, and travel budget. Ms. Leija stated that at this time last year the Board had spent 26% of the operating expense budget. There was an attachment included in the board member's packets for review.

There were no further questions or comments regarding the Fiscal report.

Hearing Judge Report

Ms. Brooke Cummings, Executive Administrator, updated the Board on the current revocation hearing numbers. Ms. Cummings stated that the reports provided today in the board packets are hearings and outcome numbers for September and October 2017. The reports will show you the numbers for technical only violators, there were 90 in September and on October 1, 2017, changes due to Act 423 were implemented which brought that number down to 47 technical only violators in October.

There were no further questions or comments regarding the Hearing Judge Report.

Agency Updates

Ms. Cummings mentioned to the Board that with the holidays approaching leave time requests have been reviewed and that there is adequate coverage in the office for those weeks. On December 14th we will all join together to give our farewell to Ms. Sharon Lewis who will be retiring after 36 years of dedication to the State of Arkansas.

There were no further Agency Updates to be discussed at this time.

Old Business

There were no questions or concerns regarding Old Business.

New Business

There were no questions or concerns regarding New Business.

Files for Review

There were no questions or concerns regarding the Files for Review.

Recess and Reconvene

Chairman Felts stated that the Board will recess at 9:40 a.m. for twenty minutes and reconvened at 10:00 a.m. with all board members present.

Adoption of Recommendations

Secretary Shock moved to adopt the recommendations. Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, December 14th at 9:00 a.m.

Signature on File

John Felts
Chairman

Signature on File

Andy Shock
Secretary

ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
FULL BOARD RATIFICATION OF VOTES

November 2017

UNITS:

RATIFIED (X)

Delta



Wrightsville/Wrightsville Hawkins/Satellite



Benton



TRCC/SWACC/Bowie Co.



R.L. Williams



Pine Bluff/Ester



Grimes



East Arkansas



Mississippi Co. W/R/NEACC



Varner



Ouachita



**Other: Pardons, Commutations, Transfer Screenings, ACT 290s,
700s, Reconsiderations, Revocation Appeals, Rescinds,
Special Conditions, EPAs, Etc.**



Motion By: Secretary Shock Seconded by: Commissioner Carpenter

Ratification Date: November 20, 2017