



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
November 23, 2015
9:00 A.M.
APB BOARDROOM**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Felts, Chairman
Richard Brown, Jr., Vice-Chairman /Commissioner
Dawne Vandiver, Secretary/Commissioner
Abraham Carpenter, Commissioner
James Wallace, Commissioner
John Belken, Commissioner
Andy Shock, Commissioner

EXCUSED WITH VALID REASONS:

Carol Bohannon, Hearing Judge/Attorney
Jim Williams, Hearing Judge/Attorney
Ashley Vailes, Hearing Judge/Attorney
Cara Boyd-Connors, Hearing Judge/Attorney, APB

OTHERS PRESENT:

Solomon Graves, Board Administrator, APB
Mahogany Franklin, Business Manager, APB
Kelly Knuckles, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, APB
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Support Supervisor, APB
Lois Hansberry, Administrative Support Supervisor, APB
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, ACC
Nga Mahfouz, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Kelly Knuckles, Executive Assistant to the Chairman

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Felts called the board meeting to order at 9:03 am. A quorum was declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 4th, 2015 (Special Call Board Meeting) and November 12th, 2015

Vice- Chairman Brown moved for approval of the minutes. Commissioner Wallace seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as presented.

REPORT UPDATES

Chairman Felts reported that there are 18,433 inmates incarcerated in the Arkansas Department of Correction. There are currently 1,820 men and women on the ADC County Jail Back-up list. Last month total count was 18,421.

Chairman Felts stated that the Board of Correction that the 90 day EPA was invoked today, November 23, 2015.

In review of the ACC Center Jurisdictional Population there are a total 1,630 offenders in ACC Centers. This includes those in ACC Centers, Omega and SE ARK TVP, and on ACC's back-up list. The total ACC's capacity is 1,620. Their statewide field report reflects 27,466 on probation, 2,385 out to drug court/specialty court, 305 boot camp releases and 22,445 on parole, for a combined total of 52,601.

Chairman Felts asked Solomon Graves for an update on the APB report for the month. Mr. Graves updated the Board that in October 2015 there were 1,470 Board Actions which includes parole and executive clemencies, 821 approved cases, 106 denials.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

There were no reports from the Attorney General's office to be discussed.

FISCAL REPORT

Mahogany Franklin, Business Manager, reported that the Board has expended 36% of its annual travel, maintenance, and operations budget.

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

HEARING JUDGE'S REPORT

The Hearing Judge Activity Report was available for the Board's review. Chairman Felts stated if there were in questions regarding the report to call the hearing judges and they could give you a summary of their actions. There were a total of 385 actions that were taken.

There were no further questions or comments regarding the hearing judge report.

AGENCY UPDATES

Mr. Solomon Graves, Board Administrator, provided the Board with a memo requesting final Board approval on a couple of rule changes. There were changes made to Section 1, 2, 4 and 5 on the Board Manual and various changes to Section 3. The first changes deal with operations of Board generally, parole and executive clemency. The second set of changes deal with the revocation of parole. Mr. Graves stated this will be the 3rd time you will vote on this, the Board has to give final approval to the changes today.

Commissioner Wallace moved to adopt the change Board Policy Manual. Vice-Chairman Brown seconded the motion. The motion is passed.

Mr. Graves updated the Board on the changes to eOMIS and the discussion with DFA on our supplemental

income request. The Board has been given an opportunity to sit down with DFA Budget Administration.

Mr. Felts mentioned that the Charitable and Penal of the legislative council inquired about the back up in our county jails. Mr. Graves explained to the Board that all agencies including ADC, ACC and the Parole Board have been asked to present an explanation on the plan for the future on county jail back up.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

FILES FOR REVIEW

There were no questions regarding the files for review.

ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 16th, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Signature on File

John Felts
Chairman

Signature on File

Dawne Vandiver
Secretary

**ARKANSAS BOARD OF PAROLE
FULL BOARD RATIFICATION OF VOTES**

November 2015

UNITS:

RATIFIED (X)

R.L. WILLIAMS



PINE BLUFF/SE



GRIMES



EAST ARKANSAS



MISS CO/NEC



VARNER



OUACHITA



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



MOTION BY: Secretary Vandiver SECONDED BY: Commissioner Carpenter

RATIFICATION DATE: November 23, 2015