



**MINUTES OF THE  
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD  
NOVEMBER 24, 2014 @ 9:30 A.M.  
APB Boardroom**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**EXCUSED WITH VALID REASONS:**

Carol Bohannon, Hearing Judge/Attorney  
Cara Boyd-Conners, Hearing Judge/Attorney  
Jim Williams, Hearing Judge/Attorney  
Ashley Vailes, Hearing Judge/Attorney  
Meredith Rebsamen, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Solomon Graves, Administrative Services Manager, APB  
Mahogany Franklin, Fiscal Support Supervisor, APB  
Lisbeth Cross, Administrative Specialist III (Administration)  
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Specialist III (Parole Services)  
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, ACC

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Lisbeth Cross, Administrative Specialist III

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Felts called the meeting to order at 9:35 am. A quorum was declared.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 13, 2014**

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

## **AGENCY UPDATES**

Mr. Solomon Graves, Administrative Services Manager, reported to the Board that on Friday, November 21, 2014, the Legislative Council adopted the favorable recommendation of its Administrative Rules and Regulations Subcommittee. The Legislative review process is now complete. Final Board approval is required to take place prior to implementing the rule changes. Following the required 30-day notice period, the rule will take effect. The effective date of the rule will be Wednesday, December 24, 2014 Commissioner Young moved. Commissioner Mays seconded the motion.

## **POPULATION REPORT**

Chairman Felts reported that there are 15,286 inmates incarcerated in the Department of Correction. There are currently 2,473 men and women on the ADC County Jail Backup list. In review of the ACC Parole and Probation Population report there are 27,470 individuals on probation, 2,366 in drug courts, 22,285 individuals on parole, and 234 on Boot Camp release for a total of 52,355 under supervision.

In review of the ACC center jurisdiction population there is a total population of 1,723. This includes those in ACC correction centers, Omega and SE ARK TVP and on ACC's back-up list. The total ACC capacity is 1,603.

In review of the APB monthly report, Chairman Felts stated that the Board had a total of 347 approved Transfer Screenings for an overall approval rate of 89.4%. There were 44 deferred and 94 were scheduled for hearings. The Board conducted a total of 419 approved Hearings out of a total 689. The Board had a 66.3% approval rate. The Board also had 5 parole hearings and all 1 was denied. There were a total of 111 Transfer Hearings denied and 157 were deferred. The Board conducted 41 reconsideration hearings, 83 rescind screenings and 20 rescind hearings for a total of 184 actions. There were also 27 pardons, 0 firearm restorations, 31 commutation screenings and 9 commutation hearings for a total of 67 clemencies. The Board had total actions of 1,556.

## **ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE**

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

## **FISCAL REPORT**

Mrs. Mahogany Franklin reported that the Board has currently expended 35% of its annual 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. Chairman Felts stated that a total of 121 were revoked and sent back to custody in ADC, RCF or TVP. The Board discussed the revocation of offenders with minor offenses and supervision guidelines for officers. The Board also discussed absconders returning to custody.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to discuss.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to discuss.

**December 2014 SCHEDULE**

Chairman Felts stated that the December 2014 Calendar is available for review. If there are any changes that are needed to be made, the Board needs to let him and Tamara know so these can be addressed.

**FILES FOR DISCUSSION - REVIEW**

There were no questions regarding the files for review.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Felts called the Board into Executive Session at 10:00 a.m. to discuss personnel issues regarding Ms. Patricia Young and Mr. Jim Williams. The Board accepted the resignation of Ms. Patricia Young. Regarding Jim Williams, the Board has agreed to meet December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the distribution of duties within Revocation Section. Commissioner Young moved. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Chairman Felts announced that Mr. John Belken, Board Investigator, be removed from Probation. The stipulations would remain in effect. Commissioner Wallace moved to accept the Probation removal. Commissioner Mays seconded. The motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at 9:30a.m. at the Arkansas Parole Board.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 pm.

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**John Felts  
Chairman**

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**Dawne Vandiver  
Secretary**

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

**November 2014**

**UNITS:**

**RATIFIED (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, x  
ACT 290, 700'S, RECONSIDERATION, REVOCATION APPEALS,  
EPA, ETC.**

**MOTION BY: Commissioner Vandiver    SECONDED BY: Commissioner Young**

**RATIFICATION DATE: November 24, 2014**