



MINUTES
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
December 15, 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
Carol Bohannon, Hearing Examiner/Attorney

EXCUSED WITH VALID REASONS:

Jim Williams, Hearing Examiner/Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT

Solomon Graves, Administrative Services Manager, APB
Norma Gillerson, Fiscal Support Manager, APB
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Support Specialist, APB
Mahogany Brown, Administrative Assistant II, APB
Dan Roberts, Deputy Director Parole/Probation Services, DCC
Steve Arnold, Assistant Director, Parole/Probation, DCC
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, DCC
Wade Hodge, Attorney Specialist, DCC
Rhonda Sharp, Public Information Manager, DCC

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 22, 2011

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

POPULATION REPORT

Chairman Felts reported that there are 14,929 inmates in the Department of Correction. There are 15,043 inmates on furlough. He also stated that there are 547 inmates on the County Jail backup list.

In review of the DCC population report there are 1,432 inmates currently incarcerated. There are 256 inmates in the Omega Technical Violators Program and 43 inmates are on the waiting list for Omega. It was also reported that there are 29,844 individuals on Probation and 23,307 individuals on Parole.

Chairman Felts reported that the Board's monthly report shows 447 approved screenings and 337 approved hearings for the month of November. There were 1,351 total actions completed by the Board for the month of November, this number includes totals for Clemencies and Pardons.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

Arnie Jochums was not present and had nothing to report to the board.

FISCAL REPORT

Norma Gillerson reported that as of November 30, 2011 the Board as expended 45% of the FY 2012 budget. She also informed the Board that employees may be taxed at the end of the year because of their assigned State vehicle. There were no questions.

HEARING EXAMINERS REPORT

Chairman Felts reported that there were a total of 60 hearings conducted. Of the total 38 were revoked to ADC, 13 were revoked to TVP, 2 were not revoked, 5 were deferred, 2 compact hearing and no transfer hearings were held.

OLD BUSINESS

Act 570 Monthly Report for December

Solomon Graves reported that the requirement for the monthly report went into effect on October 1, 2011. All parties who are supposed to receive the report are aware that the Board was not reporting all items required because the risk assessment has yet to be implemented. He also reported that the new report is on the agenda for the upcoming Legislative Council meeting.

Risk Assessment Training

Mr. Graves stated that the risk assessment training will be held in Pine Bluff, AR on December 16, 2011.

Agency Statistical Report

Mr. Graves reported that the Board is approving 68% of hearings and 92% of screenings so far for this Fiscal Year.

NEW BUSINESS

Act 570 Implementation Funding

Chairman Felts reported that ADC and DCC will split the cost for eomis development. He also stated that the Board is going to request additional funding so that the Board can purchase equipment to make hearings easier for the Commissioners. Mr. Felts also wants to hold a retreat for all Board members and Senior staff.

Update on Office Rent and Maintenance

Mr. Felts reported that he had a meeting with the building management team about the problems in the building and the building management team has agreed to take care of the problems. Mr. Felts also informed the Board that the building management team has also agreed to paint and clean the carpet.

January 2012 Schedule

Chairman Felts stated that if any Commissioners have any adjustment to please let him know as soon as possible so that changes can be made. There were no questions.

FILES FOR DISCUSSION - REVIEW

Chairman Felts reported that there has been a change to Inmate John Cooley's file and to see Commissioner Mays for that change.

Mr. Felts also stated that he appreciates the Board for all the work done during the Month of December.

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 Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 9:30a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Signature on File

John Felts
Chairman

Signature on File

Richard L. Mays, Jr.
Secretary

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

DECEMBER 2011

<u>UNITS:</u>	<u>RATIFIED (X)</u>
BENTON	X
CACCC	X
CUMMINS	X
DELTA	X
DIAGNOSTIC	X
EAST AR	X
GRIMES	X
MCPHERSON	X
MISSISSIPPI CO.	X
NEACCC	X
NORTH CENTRAL	X
NORTH WEST/WASH. CO.	X
OUACHITA RIVER CORR.	X
PINE BLUFF	X
R. L. WILLIAMS CORR.	X
SEARC	X
SWARC	X
TRCC	X

TUCKER/MAX

X

VARNER

X

WRIGHTSVILLE

X

**OTHER: PARDONS, CLEMENCIES, TRANSFER SCREENINGS,
ACT 290, 700'S, RECONSIDERATION, REVOCATION APPEALS, EPA, ETC.**

X

MOTION BY: Commissioner Mays SECONDED BY: Commissioner Carpenter

RATIFICATION DATE: December 15, 2011