



**MINUTES OF THE  
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD  
NOVEMBER 5, 2020  
9:00 A.M.  
RICHARD LEE RICHARDSON AUDITORIUM**

**Board Members Present**

John Felts, Chairman, APB  
Lona McCastlain, Vice Chairperson, APB  
Wendy Ryals, Secretary, APB  
Abraham Carpenter, Commissioner, APB  
Andy Shock, Commissioner, APB  
Jerry Riley, Commissioner, APB  
Boyce Hamlet, Commissioner, APB

**Others Present**

Brooke D. Cummings, Executive Administrator, APB  
Evelyn Gomez, Hearing Judge, APB  
Hollie Wellborn, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, APB  
Scott Howard, Investigator, APB  
William T. Bowman, II, Systems Coordination Analyst, APB  
Christie Goldman, Investigator, APB  
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Support Supervisor, APB  
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, DCC  
Carrie Williams, Assistant Director Re-Entry, DCC  
Cindy Murphy, Public Information Officer, DOC

**Excused**

Carol Bohannon, Hearing Judge, APB

### **Call to Order**

Chairman Felts called the board meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. A quorum was declared.

### **Approval of Minutes – October 22, 2020**

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

A copy of the minutes was included in each board member's file for review.

### **Agency Updates**

Ms. Brooke D. Cummings, Executive Administrator, APB, advised the Board that she and Chairman Felts recently attended the budget hearing and received the executive recommendation there. She said there will be more information forthcoming. Ms. Cummings said it is a biennial budget they've been working on for FY 22 & 23.

Chairman Felts said that he, Commissioner Shock, and Ms. Cummings attended the Sheriff's Association Meeting yesterday. Chairman Felts said he believes some things will come about from that meeting.

### **Old Business**

There was nothing to report regarding old business.

### **New Business**

There was nothing to report regarding new business.

### **Files for Review**

A copy of the files for review was included in each board member's packet.

### **Adoption of Recommendations**

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

**Other Discussion**

Chairman Felts advised the Board that as a result of the response that ADC received concerning the protocol we have with our inmates concerning Coronavirus due to the State of Texas not meeting our protocol; the Board of Corrections decided to remove those inmates from Bowie County. Those inmates will be brought back to Arkansas. They are being received at the Ouachita River Correctional Unit.

Vice Chair McCastlain mentioned to Ms. Carrie Williams, Assistant Director Re-Entry, DCC, that there are individuals the Board has approved for Re-Entry months ago that are still sitting in the units. Ms. Williams said that it may be that they were approved during COVID, and they have not circled back. Vice Chair McCastlain said the Board will send her an email if they see them. Ms. Williams said if they still have time, they want them because their numbers are low.

Ms. Christie Goldman, Investigator, APB, said that she sent out emails regarding training. Everyone needs to get their hours in.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, November 19, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

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**John Felts  
Chairman**

***Signature on File***

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**Wendy Ryals  
Secretary**

**Arkansas Parole Board  
FULL BOARD RATIFICATION OF VOTES**

**November 2020**

<b><u>UNITS:</u></b>	<b><u>RATIFIED</u></b>
Delta	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wrightsville	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wrightsville Hawkins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tucker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tucker Max	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cummins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Benton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TRCC/SWACC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bowie County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
McPherson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
North Central	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NWA- Work Release	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>OTHER: Pardons, Commutations, Transfer Screenings, ACT 290s, Reconsiderations, Revocation Appeals, Rescinds, Special Conditions, EPAs, Etc.</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**MOTION BY: Secretary Ryals    **SECONDED BY: Commissioner Carpenter****

**RATIFICATION DATE: November 5, 2020**