



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
JANUARY 14, 2021
9:00 A.M.
RICHARD LEE RICHARDSON AUDITORIUM**

Board Members Present

John Felts, Chairman, APB
Lona McCastlain, Vice Chair, 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
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
Lindsay Wallace, Chief of Staff, DOC
Cindy Murphy, Public Information Officer, DOC

Excused

Carol Bohannon, Hearing Judge, APB
Evelyn Gomez, Hearing Judge, APB

Call to Order

Chairman Felts called the board meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. A quorum was declared.

Approval of Minutes – December 17, 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 has submitted the Annual Report for FY20. Ms. Cummings also updated the Board on the Appropriation Bill. The Parole Board's maximum number of employees was capped at 27. That number has now been reduced to 24. Ms. Cummings said out of the 24 there are some vacant. She also said that some of the appropriation was moved into the department. That is reflected in the \$65,000 for eOMIS development in maintenance and operations. There is approximately \$50,000 for IT purchases. Vice Chair McCastlain asked Ms. Cummings what positions are vacant and if we will fill them. Ms. Cummings said the vacancies are Victim Input Coordinator, Administrative Specialist II, Fiscal Support Specialist, Revocation Hearing Judge, and Administrative Specialist III.

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.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, January 28, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

Signature on File

**John Felts
Chairman**

Signature on File

**Wendy Ryals
Secretary**

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

January 2021

UNITS:

RATIFIED

Delta



Wrightsville



Wrightsville Hawkins



Tucker



Tucker Max



Cummins



Benton



TRCC/SWACC



McPherson



North Central



NWA- Work Release



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



MOTION BY: Secretary Ryals SECONDED BY: Commissioner Carpenter

RATIFICATION DATE: January 14, 2021