



**MINUTES OF THE  
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD  
FEBRUARY 11, 2021  
9:00 A.M.  
CONFERENCE CALL**

**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  
Carol Bohannon, Hearing Judge, 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  
Lindsay Wallace, Chief of Staff, DOC  
Cindy Murphy, Public Information Officer, DOC

## **Call to Order**

Chairman Felts called the board meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. A quorum was declared.

## **Approval of Minutes – January 28, 2021**

Vice Chair McCastlain 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**

Chairman Felts advised the Board that the legislation that involved the relationship with the Secretary's office passed with the Senate and the committee in the House. The last step will be getting it through the House.

## **Old Business**

There was nothing to report regarding old business.

## **New Business**

Chairman Felts opened the elections for Vice-Chair and Secretary of the Board. Secretary Ryals nominated Vice Chair McCastlain to stay as the Vice Chair. Vice Chair McCastlain nominated Secretary Ryals as Vice Chair. Secretary Ryals nominated herself to stay the Secretary. The nominations were approved by the Board. Vice Chair McCastlain was elected as Vice Chair, and Secretary Ryals was elected as Secretary.

Chairman Felts advised the Board that he sent out the Act 423 releases for the Board to review.

## **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. Vice Chair McCastlain seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, February 25, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

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**John Felts  
Chairman**

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**Wendy Ryals  
Secretary**

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

**February 2021**

<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"/>
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: Vice Chair McCastlain**

**RATIFICATION DATE: February 11, 2021**