



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
JULY 15, 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
Andy Shock, Commissioner, APB
Jerry Riley, Commissioner, APB
Boyce Hamlet, Commissioner, APB
Brett Morgan, Commissioner, APB

Others Present

Brooke D. Cummings, Executive Administrator, APB
Hollie Wellborn, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, APB
Scott Howard, Investigator, APB
Felicia Bentley, Investigator, APB
Christie Goldman, Business Operations Manager, APB
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Support Supervisor, APB
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, DCC
Jim Cheek, Program Administrator Parole/Probation Services, DCC
Lindsay Wallace, Chief of Staff, DOC
Cindy Murphy, Public Information Officer, DOC

Excused

Carol Bohannon, Hearing Judge, APB
Jack Bell, Hearing Judge, APB
William T. Bowman, II, Systems Coordination Analyst, APB

Call to Order

Chairman Felts called the board meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was declared. Chairman Felts noted that Vice Chair McCastlain is attending the meeting telephonically.

Approval of Minutes – June 24, 2021

Commissioner Morgan moved for approval of the minutes. Commissioner Shock 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, said that she recently sent the proposed changes and requested review and suggestions on the Board Manual. She asked the Board to let her know their thoughts once they review it.

Ms. Cummings advised the Board that they received the links from the presentations at the APAI Conference.

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 Shock seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Other Discussion

Secretary Ryals asked about the COVID cases in the units. Ms. Lindsay Wallace, Chief of Staff, DOC, said the cases are mainly from intake at Ouachita. She said they are working on having a phone call with the

Department of Health and some counties to try to keep those numbers down. Ms. Wallace said the individual units where they are seeing numbers pop up are from inmates going out to county for court and coming back in. She said most of it is from intake. Commissioner Shock asked about continuing to go out to prisons for hearings. Chairman Felts said he would talk to Secretary Graves about it. Commissioner Hamlet said it's fair to the inmates for them to go there.

Chairman Felts asked Mr. Jim Cheek, Program Administrator Parole/Probation Services, DCC, about the positive cases at OMEGA. Mr. Cheek said they go straight to a quarantine cell for 15 days.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, July 29, 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**

July 2021

<u>UNITS:</u>	<u>RATIFIED</u>
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"/>
OTHER: Pardons, Commutations, Transfer Screenings, ACT 290s, Reconsiderations, Revocation Appeals, Rescinds, Special Conditions, EPAs, Etc.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

MOTION BY: Secretary Ryals SECONDED BY: Commissioner Shock

RATIFICATION DATE: July 15, 2021