



**MINUTES OF THE  
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD  
MARCH 11, 2021  
9:00 A.M.  
PAROLE BOARD LOBBY**

**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  
Lindsay Wallace, Chief of Staff, DOC  
Cindy Murphy, Public Information Officer, DOC  
Jim Cheek, Program Administrator Parole/Probation Services, DCC  
Carrie Williams, Assistant Director Re-Entry, DCC

**Excused**

Carol Bohannon, Hearing Judge, APB  
Evelyn Gomez, Hearing Judge, APB  
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Support Supervisor, APB

Minutes Prepared by: Hollie Wellborn, Executive Assistant to the Chairman

## **Call to Order**

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

## **Approval of Minutes – February 25, 2021**

Vice Chair McCastlain moved for approval of the minutes. Commissioner Carpenter 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**

Vice-Chair asked if the Parole Board's legislation passed. Chairman Felts advised her that it did pass.

## **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**

Ms. Cindy Murphy, Public Information Officer, DOC, advised the Board that by the next meeting the new intranet system should be up and running. It is called DOC Connect.

Ms. Carrie Williams, Assistant Director Re-Entry, DCC, advised the Board that they are not at capacity. She said they are looking to open another female facility.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 25, 2021, 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**

**March 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: March 11, 2021**