



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
JANUARY 26, 2023
9:00 A.M.
RICHARD LEE RICHARDSON AUDITORIUM**

Board Members Present

John Felts, Chairman, APB
Wendy Ryals, Vice Chair, APB
Brett Morgan, Secretary, APB
Andy Shock, Commissioner, APB
Lona McCastlain, Commissioner, APB
Doug Smith, Commissioner, APB
Jamol Jones, Commissioner, APB

Others Present

Brooke D. Cummings, Executive Administrator, APB
Hollie Wellborn, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, APB
Christie Goldman, Business Operations Manager, APB
Scott Howard, Investigator, APB
Felicia Bentley, Investigator, APB
William Bowman, Systems Coordination Analyst, APB
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Support Supervisor, APB
Barry Bealer, Assistant Area Manager, IRS, DCC
Nga Mahfouz, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office
David Wilson, Public Information Manager, DOC

Excused

Jack Bell, Revocation Hearing Judge, APB
Brenton Wood, Revocation Hearing Judge, APB

Call to Order

Chairman Felts called the Board meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. A quorum was declared. Chairman Felts introduced Commissioner Jamol Jones as the new Board member replacing Jerry Riley.

Approval of Minutes – January 12, 2023

Vice Chair Ryals moved for approval of the minutes. Commissioner McCastlain seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as presented.

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

Review of Population Reports

Chairman Felts reviewed the population reports starting with the ADC report. The overall percentage for males is 105.7% and for females is 103.3%. The total percentage is 105.5%. There are 100 females and 1,668 males in the county jail backup for a combined total of 1,768. There is an in count of 17,496. There are 16 at ORCU hospital, 14 at other hospitals, 2 on furlough, and 82 that are out to court. There is a jurisdictional count of 17,610. There are 26 individuals on death row.

Chairman Felts then reviewed the population report for DCC. They have 99.7% males and 107.5% females. They have a combined total of 100.5%.

Chairman Felts then reviewed the statewide field operations report. There are 23,141 individuals on parole and 33,362 on probation. There is a grand total of 67,492 individuals under supervision.

Attorney General's Report

Ms. Nga Mahfouz, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office, reported to the Board that there are 9 pending lawsuits against the Board that are in various stages of litigation. Ms. Mahfouz said most of them have been answered with motions to dismiss.

Fiscal Report Update

Ms. Christie Goldman, Business Operations Manager, APB, updated the Board on the Fiscal Report. Ms. Goldman reported that effective July 1, 2022, the Agency received funding of \$244,711 for Maintenance & Operations and Conference & Travel for fiscal year 2023. As of December 31, 2022, we've expensed \$80,751.77 (33%) of the FY23 Maintenance & Operations and Conference & Travel Budget. At this time last year, the Board had exhausted 31.87% of the operating expense budget.

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

Ms. Goldman said she needs to know who all plans to go to the APAI Conference. She will need to register individuals and book rooms. The conference is April 16-19 in Kansas City. Ms. Goldman also informed the Board that those that aren't biometrically enrolled will need to be.

Hearing Judge's Report

Ms. Cummings updated the Board on revocation hearings conducted throughout the month of December 2022. There were 377 total actions. Of those, there were 362 total revocations. There were 249 waivers signed, 32 individuals revoked at a hearing, and 81 administrative revocations.

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

Agency Updates

Ms. Cummings advised the Board that the Annual Report has been completed and gave a presentation of the report.

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 for review.

Review of the Hearing Schedule

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

***The Board recessed at 9:39 a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:16 a.m.**

Adoption of Recommendations

Secretary Morgan moved to adopt the recommendations of the Board for the units as listed on the attached ratification list. Commissioner McCastlain seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the recommendations became the official vote of the Parole Board.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, February 9, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Signature on file

John Felts
Chairman

Signature on file

Brett Morgan
Secretary

ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
FULL BOARD RATIFICATION OF VOTES

JANUARY 2023

UNITS:

RATIFIED (X)

R.L. Williams



Pine Bluff



Ester



Grimes



East Arkansas



Mississippi Co. W/R/NEACC



Varner



Ouachita



Other: Pardons, Commutations, Transfer Screenings, ACT 290s,
700s, Reconsiderations, Revocation Appeals, Rescinds,
Special Conditions, EPAs, Etc.



Motion By: Secretary Morgan Seconded by: Commissioner McCastlain

Ratification Date: January 26, 2023