



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
MARCH 23, 2023
9:00 A.M.
RICHARD LEE RICHARDSON AUDITORIUM**

Board Members Present

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

Others Present

Hollie Wellborn, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, APB
Christie Goldman, Business Operations Manager, APB
Scott Howard, Investigator, APB
William Bowman, Systems Coordination Analyst, APB
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Support Supervisor, APB
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, IRS, DCC
Elizabeth Taylor, Assistant Director Parole/Probation, DCC
Manda Bass, Computer Support Technician, DOC

Excused

John Felts, Chairman, APB
Brooke D. Cummings, Executive Administrator, APB
Jack Bell, Revocation Hearing Judge, APB
Brenton Wood, Revocation Hearing Judge, APB
Felicia Bentley, Investigator, APB

Call to Order

Vice Chairman Morgan called the Board meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. A quorum was declared. Vice Chairman Morgan noted that Chairman Felts is out on sick leave.

Approval of Minutes – March 9, 2023

Vice Chair Ryals moved for approval of the minutes. Commissioner Jones 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

Vice Chairman Morgan reviewed the population reports starting with the ADC report. They have an in count of 17,949 and a jurisdictional count of 18,052.

Vice Chairman Morgan then reviewed the population report for DCC. They have an in count of 1,916 and a total of 1,920.

Vice Chairman Morgan then reviewed the statewide field operations report. There are 22,938 individuals on parole and 33,039 on probation. There is a grand total of 67,052 individuals under supervision.

Attorney General's Report

Ms. Nga Mahfouz, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office, was absent.

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 February 28, 2023, we've expensed \$116,965.34 (47.80%) of the FY23 Maintenance & Operations and Conference & Travel Budget. At this time last year, the Board had exhausted 47.21% of the operating expense budget.

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

Vice Chairman Morgan asked for an update for the APAI conference.

Commissioner McCastlain asked when the photos would be updated on the website.

Hearing Judge's Report

Vice Chairman Morgan updated the Board on revocation hearings conducted throughout the month of February 2023. There were 362 total revocations. There were 258 waivers signed, 65 administrative revocations, and 39 individuals revoked at a hearing.

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

Agency Updates

Mr. William Bowman, Systems Coordination Analyst, APB, informed the Board that they are working with IRS to automate clemencies.

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.

Adoption of Recommendations

Secretary Ryals 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.

Other Discussion

Ms. Elizabeth Taylor, Assistant Director Parole/Probation, DCC, advised the Board that jails are full. They are having a hard time locking up absconders.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 13, 2023, 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**

MARCH 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 Ryals Seconded by: Commissioner McCastlain

Ratification Date: March 23, 2023