



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
APRIL 27, 2023
9:00 A.M.
RICHARD LEE RICHARDSON AUDITORIUM**

Board Members Present

John Felts, Chairman, APB
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

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
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, IRS, DCC
Nga Mahfouz, Senior Assistant Attorney General, AG's Office
Jarrod Self, Parole/Probation Area Manager, DCC
Jim Cheek, DCC Program Administrator Parole/Probation Services, DCC
Manda Bass, Computer Support Technician, DOC
Lasonja Evans, Accounting Operations 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 9:01 a.m. A quorum was declared. All commissioners were noted as being present.

Approval of Minutes – April 13, 2023

Vice Chairman Morgan 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. He said ADC's population continues to grow. The county jail back up has 2,027 males and 168 females with a combined total of 2,195. There is an in count of 18,076, 16 at ORCU hospital, 7 at other hospitals, 2 out on furlough, and 70 are out to court. There is a grand total of 18,171.

Chairman Felts then reviewed the population report for DCC. They have a total percentage of 103.2%. There was a Board of Corrections meeting in Batesville this past Tuesday. Chairman Felts said that the Secretary discussed with the Board the areas they will be looking at to increase bedding space.

Chairman Felts then reviewed the statewide field operations report. There are 22,845 individuals on parole and 32,938 on probation. There is a grand total of 66,868 individuals under supervision.

Attorney General's Report

Ms. Nga Mahfouz, Senior Assistant Attorney General, AG's Office, advised the Board that there has been no change since her last report.

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 March 31, 2023, we've expensed \$124,802.70 (51%) of the FY23 Maintenance & Operations and Conference &

Travel Budget. At this time last year, the Board had exhausted 47.52% of the operating expense budget.

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

Hearing Judge's Report

Ms. Brooke D. Cummings, Executive Administrator, APB, updated the Board on revocation hearings conducted throughout the month of March 2023. There were 446 total revocations. There were 334 waivers signed, 29 individuals revoked at a hearing, and 83 administrative revocations.

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

Agency Updates

Ms. Brooke D. Cummings, Executive Administrator, APB, said she's received instructions for the annual operations plan. She said she will begin that process soon. It is planning for FY24.

Chairman Felts mentioned that ACA will be done in July.

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. Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, IRS, DCC, asked if there were any changes with the Residential Burglary charge during legislation. Chairman Felts said they are still waiting for Shared Services to do a presentation with the changes.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 11, 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

APRIL 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: April 27, 2023