



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
MAY 25, 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
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
Felicia Bentley, Investigator, APB
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Support Supervisor, APB
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, IRS, DCC
Nga Mahfouz, Senior Assistant Attorney General, AG's Office
Courtney Cooper, Parole/Probation Assistant Area Manager, DCC

Excused

John Felts, Chairman, APB
Andy Shock, Commissioner, APB
Brooke D. Cummings, Executive Administrator, APB
Jack Bell, Revocation Hearing Judge, APB
Brenton Wood, Revocation Hearing Judge, APB

Call to Order

Vice Chairman Morgan called the Board meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was declared. Commissioner Smith joined by phone. Chairman Felts and Commissioner Shock were noted as being out on annual leave.

Approval of Minutes – May 11, 2023

Secretary 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. He said all units with the exception of NAWAR are over 100% capacity. There is a jurisdictional count of 18,315.

Vice Chairman Morgan then reviewed the population report for DCC. The males are at 1,229, and the females are at 527 with a combined total of 1,756. The females are at 113.6% capacity, and the males are at 93.2% capacity with a total average of 98.5%. The grand total is 2,099.

Vice Chairman Morgan then reviewed the statewide field operations report. There are 22,811 individuals on parole and 32,949 on probation. There is a grand total of 66,973 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. She said all pending cases are briefed and are waiting on the judges to make a ruling.

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 April 30, 2023, we've

expensed \$160,983.30 (65.79%) of the FY23 Maintenance & Operations and Conference & Travel Budget. At this time last year, the Board had exhausted 68.58% 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

Vice Chairman Morgan updated the Board on revocation hearings conducted throughout the month of April 2023. There were 376 total revocations. There were 271 waivers signed, 37 individuals revoked at a hearing, and 68 administrative revocations.

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

Agency Updates

Ms. Goldman reminded the Board that eOMIS V5 will go live on Tuesday. She said all violation reports that are pending votes need to be done by the end of the week.

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 Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the recommendations became the official vote of the Parole Board.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, June 8, 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

MAY 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 Jones

Ratification Date: May 25, 2023