



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
OCTOBER 26, 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
Doug Smith, Commissioner, APB
Jamol Jones, Commissioner, APB

Others Present

Brooke D. Cummings, Executive Administrator, 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
Clayton Orr, Assistant Attorney General, AG's Office
Courtney Nosari-Wall, General Counsel, DOC

Excused

Andy Shock, Commissioner, APB
Brenton Wood, Revocation Hearing Judge, APB
Hollie Wellborn, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, APB

Call to Order

Chairman Felts called the Board meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. A quorum was declared. Commissioner Smith joined the meeting via telephone. Commissioner Shock was noted as being out on annual leave.

Approval of Minutes – October 12, 2023

Vice Chair Morgan 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

Chairman Felts reviewed the population reports starting with the ADC report. He said almost every unit is over 100%. The overall total for males is 108.5%, and females is 107.5%. There is a total percentage of 108.4%. There is a total unit count of 16,177 including males and females. The total jurisdictional count is 18,536.

Chairman Felts then reviewed the population report for DCC. They are all over 100% with the exception of NW AR CCC. They are at 99.1%. They have a total of 1,885 with a capacity of 1,794. There is a total of 146 waiting to come in from the county jail backup.

Chairman Felts then reviewed the statewide field operations report. There are 22,790 individuals on parole and 33,707 on probation. There is a grand total of 68,002 individuals under supervision.

Attorney General's Report

Mr. Clayton Orr, Assistant Attorney General, AG's Office, went over the list of lawsuits that was provided to the Board. He said more cases have been moved to the dismissed column. Number 5's MTD was granted. Number 7 was dismissed. Number 10 has a MTD still hanging out there. Number 13's MTD was granted. Numbers 15 and 16 are new cases. Number 16 is a Claims Commission suit. He said there is one new APA case. It is number 8.

Fiscal Report Update

Ms. Christie Goldman, Business Operations Manager, APB, updated the Board on the Fiscal Report. Ms. Goldman reported that effective July 1, 2023, the Agency received funding of \$244,711 for

Maintenance & Operations and Conference & Travel for fiscal year 2024. As of September 30, 2023, we've expensed \$48,947.10 (20%) of the FY24 Maintenance & Operations and Conference & Travel Budget. At this time last year, the Board had exhausted 16.74% 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 September 2023. There were 311 total revocations. There were 218 waivers, 27 individuals revoked at a hearing, and 66 administrative revocations.

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

Agency Updates

Ms. Cummings said there is a Revocation Hearing Judge position that is posted.

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.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, November 9, 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

OCTOBER 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: Comm. McCastlain

Ratification Date: October 26, 2023