



**MINUTES OF THE  
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD  
DECEMBER 14, 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  
Jamol Jones, Commissioner, APB

**Others Present**

Brooke D. Cummings, Executive Administrator, APB  
Brandon Mills, Revocation Hearing Judge, APB  
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  
Barry Bealer, Assistant Area Manager, IRS, DCC  
Clayton Orr, Assistant Attorney General, AG's Office  
Jarrod Self, Parole/Probation Area Manager, DCC  
Lindsay Wallace, Chief of Staff, DOC  
Wade Hodge, ADC Assistant Director, DOC

**Excused**

Doug Smith, Commissioner, 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. Commissioner Smith was noted as being out on annual leave.

### **Approval of Minutes – November 21, 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. They have an in count of 18,388. There are 136 women and 1,517 males in the county jail backup. The Chairman said everything looks like it's at capacity or above. There is a jurisdictional count of 18,481.

Chairman Felts then reviewed the population report for DCC. They are at or close to capacity. The females are at 94.1% capacity, and the males are at 104.3% capacity.

Chairman Felts then reviewed the statewide field operations report. There are 22,912 individuals on parole and 34,137 on probation. There is a grand total of 68,781 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.

### **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 November 30, 2023, we've expensed \$79,135.70 (32.34%) of the FY24 Maintenance & Operations and Conference & Travel Budget. At this time last year, the Board had exhausted 31% 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 November 2023. There were 308 total revocations. There were 76 administrative revocations, 29 individuals revoked at a hearing, and 203 waivers.

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 registration for the APAI Conference is open.

Ms. Cummings introduced the new Revocation Hearing Judge, Brandon Mills, to the Board.

### **Old Business**

There was nothing to report regarding old business.

### **New Business**

Chairman Felts mentioned to the Board that there is a demo on the SAFE App being done on Friday at 1 in the auditorium. Commissioner Jones advised that he will attend.

### **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. Goldman reminded the Board about the ACA Panel Conference in Maryland during January 4-6. Vice Chair Morgan advised that he will not be able to go to the hearings he is assigned to at Tucker due to him being at the conference.

Mr. Jarrod Self, Parole/Probation Area Manager, DCC, advised the Board that they will see a slight push from them for the screenings.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

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**John Felts**  
**Chairman**

*Signature on file*

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**Wendy Ryals**  
**Secretary**

**ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD  
FULL BOARD RATIFICATION OF VOTES  
DECEMBER 2023**

**UNITS:**

**RATIFIED (X)**

Delta	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wrightsville	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wrightsville Hawkins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tucker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tucker Max	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cummins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Benton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TRCC/SWACC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
McPherson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
North Central	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NWA- Work Release	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
R.L. Williams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Pine Bluff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ester	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Grimes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
East Arkansas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mississippi Co. W/R/NEACC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Vарner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ouachita	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other: Pardons, Commutations, Transfer Screenings, ACT 290s, 700s, Reconsiderations, Revocation Appeals, Rescinds, Special Conditions, Etc.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Motion By: Secretary Ryals    Seconded by: Comm. McCastlain**

**Ratification Date: December 14, 2023**