



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
FEBRUARY 27, 2020
9:00 A.M.
APB BOARDROOM**

Board Members Present:

Lona McCastlain, Vice Chairman, APB
Wendy Ryals, Secretary, APB
Abraham Carpenter, Commissioner, APB
Jerry Riley, Commissioner, APB
Andy Shock, Commissioner, APB
Boyce Hamlet, Commissioner, APB

Others Present:

Evelyn Gomez, Hearing Judge, APB
Hollie Wellborn, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, APB
William T. Bowman, II, Systems Coordination Analyst, APB
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Support Supervisor, APB
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, ACC
Joe West, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office
Cindy Richardson, Assistant Director of Parole/Probation, ACC

Excused with Valid Reason(s):

John Felts, Chairman, APB
Brooke D. Cummings, Executive Administrator, APB
Carol Bohannon, Hearing Judge, APB
Lisa Wilkins, Hearing Judge, APB
Christie Goldman, Business Operations Manager, APB
Scott Howard, Investigator, APB

Call to Order

Vice-Chair McCastlain called the Board meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. A quorum was declared. Vice-Chair McCastlain noted that Chairman Felts was out on annual leave.

Approval of Minutes – February 13, 2020

Commissioner Shock moved for approval of the minutes. Secretary Ryals 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-Chair McCastlain reviewed the population reports starting with the ADC report. She said they have a total of 18, 153 in population. There is an in count of 17, 999. She said there are 154 out to the hospital at Ouachita, other hospitals, and court. This gives a total of 18, 153.

Vice-Chair McCastlain then reviewed the population report for ACC. They have a total of 2,186 that are in custody at the centers and including sanctions and treatment facilities. She said there are 221 backed up in the county jails.

Vice-Chair McCastlain ended the review of the population reports by reviewing the Statewide Field Operations report for the month of January. Vice-Chair McCastlain noted that there were 33,692 on Regular Probation. Specialty Court was at 2,143, Parole was 25,481, Boot Camp was 34, and the Act 539s count was 23. This gives a combined total of 61,373 persons under supervision. Ms. Cindy Richardson, Assistant Director of Parole/Probation, ACC, advised the Board that they did some memos this week to move some more Boot Campers, so that number should go down some more.

Attorney General's Report

Assistant Attorney General Joe West advised the Board that there are still 11 APA appeals pending. He said there are no dispositions.

Vice-Chair McCastlain confirmed with Mr. West that after the meeting there would be FOIA training. Mr. West advised the Board that that was correct.

There were no questions regarding the Attorney General's report.

Fiscal Report Update

Secretary Ryals updated the Board on the Fiscal Report. Secretary Ryals reported that effective July 1, 2019, the Agency received funding of \$295,211 for Maintenance & Operations and Conference & Travel for fiscal year 2020. As of January 31, 2020, we've expensed \$139,089.82 (47%). At this time last year, the Board had exhausted 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

Vice-Chair McCastlain updated the Board on revocation hearings conducted throughout the month of January 2020. Vice-Chair McCastlain reported to the Board that there was a total of 562 actions.

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

Agency Updates

There was nothing to report regarding agency updates.

Old Business

Vice-Chair McCastlain asked the Board if they got to review the report she was given showing a graph with a breakdown of results. She said she would pass it around for everyone to look at.

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.

Adoption of Recommendations

Secretary Ryals moved to adopt the recommendations of the Board for the units as listed on the attached ratification list. Commissioner Shock seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the recommendations became the official vote of the Parole Board.

Other Discussion

Ms. Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, ACC, advised the Board that the new 90-day EPA goes into effect on March 2nd.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2020 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

February 2020

UNITS:

RATIFIED (X)

R.L. Williams/SEC



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 Shock

Ratification Date: February 27, 2020