



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
APRIL 23, 2020
9:00 A.M.
APB BOARDROOM (CONFERENCE CALL)**

Board Members Present:

John Felts, Chairman, APB
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:

Brooke D. Cummings, Executive Administrator, APB
Carol Bohannon, Hearing Judge, APB
Lisa Wilkins, Hearing Judge, APB
Evelyn Gomez, Hearing Judge, APB
Hollie Wellborn, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, APB
Christie Goldman, Business Operations Manager, APB
Scott Howard, Investigator, APB
William Bowman, 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
Jerry Bradshaw, Director, ACC
Solomon Graves, Chief of Staff, DOC

Call to Order

Chairman Felts called the Board meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. A quorum was declared.

Approval of Minutes - April 9, 2020

Commissioner Carpenter 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

Chairman Felts reviewed the population reports starting with the ADC report. He said all units are over 100% capacity with the exception of Work Release. In the county jail backup, there are 76 females and 807 males with a combined total of 883. The jurisdictional count for ADC is 17,492. Of those, 17,387 are in count. There are 67 that are out to court.

Chairman Felts then reviewed the population report for ACC. They have an in count of 1,833 and a jurisdictional count of 1,834. That includes 258 in the Reentry program. Chairman Felts said there are about 300 beds in Reentry. Director Jerry Bradshaw, ACC, confirmed that. Director Bradshaw said he spoke to Carrie, and there are somewhere around 40 inmates that may need a second look at. They could pose as a public safety risk if in Reentry. Vice-Chair McCastlain invited Director Bradshaw to attend the next meeting to discuss Reentry.

Chairman Felts ended the review of the population reports by reviewing the Statewide Field Operations report for the month of March. Chairman Felts noted that there were 33,716 on Regular Probation. Specialty Court was at 2,103, Parole was 25,781, Boot Camp was 17, and the Act 539s count was 23. This gives a combined total of 61,640 persons under supervision.

Attorney General's Report

Assistant Attorney General Joe West advised the Board that the Board has not received any new APA Appeals nor has any of the active ones been disposed of. We are still sitting at 11 pending cases that have been fully briefed.

There were no questions regarding the Attorney General's 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, 2019, the Agency received funding of \$295,211 for Maintenance & Operations and Conference & Travel for fiscal year 2020. As of March 31, 2020, we've expensed \$177,757.45 (60%). At this time last year, the Board had exhausted 65% 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

Brooke D. Cummings, Executive Administrator, APB, updated the Board on revocation hearings conducted throughout the month of March 2020. The report reflects 311 waivers approved, 32 hearings held, and 96 administrative revocations. There were 439 total revocations.

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 she distributed a copy of the Control Self-Assessment to the commissioners via email yesterday. Secretary Ryals moved for approval of the Control Self-Assessment. Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion. The Control Self-Assessment was approved as presented.

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.

Adoption of Recommendations

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

Review of the Hearing Schedule

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

Other Discussion

Mr. William Bowman, Systems Coordination Analyst, APB, mentioned a couple of eOMIS changes. Defer to complete Vo-Tech and defer to complete SATP were added to Recommended Board Actions as drop-down options. He said they also have the inmate signature built in for the Record of Release Considerations.

Ms. Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, ACC, asked if anyone knows when the new standard release conditions will go into production in eOMIS. Ms. Cummings said we do not have a date yet. Ms. Ellingburg also asked that when a stipulation is removed, will the inmate be able to go to the kiosk and get the Record of Release Consideration. She asked if it will automatically update. Mr. Bowman said that it will override the previous Record of Release Consideration.

Director Jerry Bradshaw, ACC, said they have had 60 residents and staff at CAC test positive. The 60 residents are in quarantine. Director Bradshaw said he spoke to the warden there, and they are all asymptomatic and are in good spirits. The quarantine is due to end on the 28th, for some, and the 29th. They are going by the date the test results came back. Director Bradshaw said all staff are wearing masks. He said the Parole/Probation office is still seeing parolees at the window. They are doing a lot of phone office visits. They are taking action on those that are violating their parole.

Mr. Solomon Graves, Chief of Staff, DOC, said, on behalf of the secretary, he wants to extend her thanks for the numbers that the Parole Board has been reviewing. Mr. Graves said that Chairman Magness is planning to have a call tomorrow morning for the Board of Corrections for the modified 1-year EPA.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 14, 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

April 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:** Vice-Chair McCastlain

Ratification Date: April 23, 2020