



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
JUNE 27, 2019
9:00 A.M.
APB BOARDROOM**

Board Members Present:

John Felts, Chairman
Andy Shock, Vice Chairman
Lona McCastlain, Secretary
John Belken, Commissioner
Dawne Vandiver, Commissioner
Abraham Carpenter, Commissioner
Jerry Riley, Commissioner

Excused with Valid Reason(s):

Evelyn Gomez, Hearing Judge, APB
William T. Bowman, II, Systems Coordination Analyst, APB

Others Present:

Brooke D. Cummings, Executive Administrator, APB
Carol Bohannon, Hearing Judge, APB
Lisa Wilkins, Hearing Judge, APB
Hollie Wellborn, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, APB
Christie Little, Business Operations Manager, APB
Scott Howard, Investigator, APB
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Support Supervisor, APB
Monica Adams, Administrative Support Supervisor, APB
Barry Bealer, Assistant Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, ACC
Felicia Bentley, Administrative Specialist III, APB
Seth Bradley, Administrative Specialist III, APB

Call to Order

Chairman Felts called the Board meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. A quorum was declared. All board members were noted as being present.

Approval of Minutes – June 13, 2019

Commissioner Vandiver moved for approval of the minutes. Vice-Chairman Shock 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. The report showed that ADC is at capacity with the exception of Work Release. There is a jurisdictional count of 17,869. There are 1,363 males backed up in the county jails, and there are 101 females backed up in the county jails. There is a total 1,464.

Chairman Felts then reviewed the population report for ACC. They have a jurisdictional count of 2,208. Chairman Felts stated that these include the RCF centers around the state in addition to the OMEGA Sanction Center as well as the Northeast Arkansas Community Corrections for females.

Chairman Felts ended the review of the population reports by reviewing the Statewide Field Operations report. Chairman Felts noted that probation is a large growing area that continues to grow with a count of 32,873 probationers. Specialty Court was 2,204, Parole was 25,471, Boot Camp was 40, and the Act 539's count was 18. Chairman Felts mentioned that the Boot Camp numbers will continue to decline since the program has been cancelled. This gives a combined total of 60,606 persons under supervision.

Attorney General's Report

There was nothing to report from the Attorney General's office.

Fiscal Report Update

Ms. Christie Little, Business Operations Manager, updated the Board on the Fiscal Report. Ms. Little reported that effective July 1, 2018, the Agency received funding of \$295,211 to cover Operating and Travel Expenses for fiscal year 2019. As of May 31, 2019, we've expended \$233,765.58 (79%) of the Maintenance & Operations and Travel and Conference budget. At this time last year, the Agency had also expended 89% of budgeted funds.

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

Hearing Judge's Report

Ms. Brooke Cummings, Executive Administrator, updated the Board on revocation hearings conducted throughout the month of May 2019. Ms. Cummings reported to the Board that there were 454 total actions. That number includes 101 administrative revocations, 287 waivers, and 55 individuals that were revoked at a hearing.

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

Agency Updates

Ms. Brooke Cummings mentioned that in regards to JFA and the PRI that we did receive a data file to provide to them for an evaluation.

Ms. Brooke Cummings then introduced the Parole Board's two new employees. Felicia Bentley will be working in Parole Services. Seth Bradley will be working as the receptionist.

Chairman Felts said that the Board of Corrections had a planning meeting. There was a presentation from the transformation office that Amy Fetcher is the director of. However, Chairman Felts noted that she was unable to attend the meeting. Chairman Felts also said that he met with Director Wendy Kelley, ADC in regards to the locations inside the units for the Parole Board hearings. Chairman Felts said that he also mentioned the connectivity issues with the Commissioners' laptops at the units. Chairman Felts said that Mr. William Bowman, Systems Coordination Analyst, APB, and ADC's IT have already had some meetings in person, and they should be coming to a decision for the best way to address the connectivity issues. Chairman Felts also said that he gave Director Wendy Kelley a list of solutions that the Parole Board thought would be helpful.

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.

There were no questions or comments regarding the files for review.

Adoption of Recommendations

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

Transformation Presentation

Mr. Solomon Graves, Public Information Officer, ADC, gave his presentation on the Transformation of the Department of Corrections. The Board was given handouts to go along with his presentation.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, July 11, 2019, at 9:00 a.m.

Signature on file

John Felts
Chairman

Signature on file

Lona McCastlain
Secretary

ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD

FULL BOARD RATIFICATION OF VOTES

June 2019

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 McCastlain Seconded by: Commissioner Carpenter

Ratification Date: June 27, 2019