



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
June 28, 2018
9:00 A.M.
APB BOARDROOM**

Board Members Present:

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

Excused with Valid Reason(s):

Carol Bohannon, Hearing Judge, APB
Lisa Wilkins, Hearing Judge, APB
Evelyn Gomez, Hearing Judge, APB
Christie Little, Business Operations Manager, APB
Lindsey Rindahl, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, APB

Others Present:

Brooke D. Cummings, Executive Administrator, APB
Scott Howard, Investigator, APB
Monica Adams, Administrative Support Supervisor, APB
Lakeshia Swanigan, Administrative Specialist III, APB
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Support Supervisor, APB
Rachel Butler, Fiscal Support Specialist, APB
William T. Bowman, II, Systems Coordination Analyst, APB
Nga Mahfouz, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, ACC
Solomon Graves, Public Information Officer, ADC
Hollie Wellborn, Administrative Analyst, APB

Call to Order

Chairman Felts called the board meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was declared.

Approval of Minutes - June 14, 2018

Secretary Shock moved for approval of the minutes. Vice-Chairman Belken seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as presented.

Report Updates

Chairman Felts observed that the Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC) is above capacity. Chairman Felts reported that there is a grand total end count of 17,929 inmates incarcerated in the Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC). These are individuals that are not only behind ADC facility walls but also with the Arkansas State Police, the state and county jail 309s, and the county jail back-up. Chairman Felts estimated there are around 1,531 inmates on the ADC County Jail Back-up List.

Chairman Felts reported that the Arkansas Community Correction (ACC) population report has a larger number of inmates than previously reported. The reason being is because ACC has included in their count the sanction centers that they have for men and women. There are 87 women in sanction at East Central Arkansas Community Corrections, and there are 298 men at the Omega Supervision Sanction Center. Chairman Felts stated that ACC has a combined capacity of 2,006.

Chairman Felts observed the numbers from the Statewide Field Operation Report that gives information on individuals on parole and probation. The count for regular probationers totaled 31,509. There are 2,672 in Specialty Courts. These include Drug Court, Veteran Court, and Mental Health Court. There are 24,777 individuals on parole. There are 76 individuals in Boot Camp release. Chairman Felts stated that the numbers will continue to drop since the Boot Camp program has been suspended. There are 12 of the ACT 539s that have been released.

There were no further questions or comments regarding the report updates at this time.

Attorney General's Report

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

Fiscal Report Update

Ms. Rachel Butler, Fiscal Support Specialist, updated the Board on the Fiscal Report. Ms. Butler reported that the Board, as of May 31, 2018, has expended 89% of the maintenance, operations and travel budget. Ms. Butler stated that at this time last year the Board had spent 82% of the operating expense budget. There was an attachment included in the board member's packets for review.

There were no further questions or comments regarding the Fiscal Report.

Hearing Judge's Report

Ms. Brooke Cummings, Executive Administrator, updated the Board on revocation hearings conducted throughout the month of May 2018. Ms. Cummings reported to the Board that there were a total of 321 waivers and 95 offenders revoked, totaling 416 administrative revocations. Ms. Cummings stated that the majority of those are for the 90-day program, so the number is a little misleading. The largest percentage of actions the hearing judges reviewed were waivers.

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

There were no comments or questions regarding the Hearing Judge Report.

Agency Updates

Ms. Cummings discussed that the information gathered regarding the number of parole hearings and revocations was provided to Wendy Ware from JFA. Ms. Cummings stated that those numbers are significantly lower than what we've seen. Information from 2014 up through the end of 2017 was provided to get the numbers. Those are the numbers that were provided from 2017, and once that report comes out that information will be in there.

Ms. Cummings also reported that the legislative audit has been concluded. The final exit conference will take place on July 6th.

Mr. Felts pointed out that Ms. Ware indicated that looking at some of the data that parole returns are definitely down in 2017. The majority seemed to be technical parole violators.

There were no further comments or questions regarding Agency Updates.

Old Business

There was nothing to report regarding Old Business.

New Business

There was nothing to report regarding New Business.

Files for Review

Mr. Felts pointed out that the individuals up for parole that had protestors are in the board meeting packets. There were no other questions or concerns regarding the Files for Review.

Adoption of Recommendations

Secretary Shock moved to adopt the recommendations. Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Other Discussion

Mr. Solomon Graves, Public Information Officer, thanked the Board for their support and positive comments regarding the Think Legacy Program presentations. Mr. Graves also mentioned that the Cummins Modular Unit would be reopening soon.

Mr. Felts pointed out that the July hearing schedule would be different than normal due to the holiday.

Mr. William Bowman, Systems Coordination Analyst, stated that he will be meeting about the offline app for the iPADS.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, July 12, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.

Signature on File

John Felts
Chairman

Signature on File

Andy Shock
Secretary

ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
FULL BOARD RATIFICATION OF VOTES

June 2018

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 Shock **Seconded by:** Commissioner Carpenter

Ratification Date: June 28, 2018