



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
JULY 23, 2020
9:00 A.M.
APB BOARDROOM**

Board Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Brooke D. Cummings, Executive Administrator, APB
Carol Bohannon, 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, DCC
Joe West, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office
Solomon Graves, Chief of Staff, DOC
Cindy Murphy, Public Information Officer, DOC
Jerry Bradshaw, Director, DCC
Carrie Williams, Assistant Director Re-Entry, DCC
Jim Cheek, Program Administrator Parole/Probation Services, DCC

Call to Order

Chairman Felts called the Board meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. A quorum was declared.

Approval of Minutes – July 9, 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

Chairman Felts reviewed the population reports starting with the ADC report. He said ADC is not bringing inmates in out of the county jails due to Corona Virus. The county jail in count is 1,124. There is a total in count of 16,414. The grand total for ADC is 16,542.

Chairman Felts then reviewed the population report for ACC. The capacity is 73.2% male and 89.4% female. They have a total in count of 1,536 and a total of 1,537. There is one that is out to the hospital.

Chairman Felts ended the review of the population reports by reviewing the Statewide Field Operations report for the month of June. Chairman Felts noted that there were 32,738 on Regular Probation. Specialty Court was at 1,937, Parole was 26,642, Boot Camp was 17, and the Act 539s count was 22. This gives a combined total of 61,356 persons under supervision.

Attorney General's Report

Assistant Attorney General Joe West advised the Board that there are two cases that have been dismissed. Barnes v. APB (2017) and Goldsmith v. Felts (2019) were both dismissed for lack of prosecution by the plaintiff. This brings the total of pending APA Appeals to 10. Mr. West said he filed a motion to dismiss on the Hernandez v. APB case on July 2nd.

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 June 30, 2020, we've expensed \$239,887.87 (81%). At this time last year, the Board had exhausted 85% 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 June 2020. The report reflects 502 total actions. There were 52 administrative revocations, 380 waivers, and 53 individuals revoked at a hearing.

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

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.

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 Carpenter seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the recommendations became the official vote of the Parole Board.

Other Discussion

Director Jerry Bradshaw, DCC, advised the Board that there are zero positive staff and zero additional positives at OMEGA.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, August 13, 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**

July 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 Carpenter

Ratification Date: July 23, 2020