



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
SEPTEMBER 24, 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, Investigator, 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
Jerry Bradshaw, Director, DCC
Solomon Graves, Secretary, DOC
Carrie Williams, Assistant Director Re-Entry, DCC

Call to Order

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

Approval of Minutes - September 10, 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 that the percent to capacity of beds is 92.5%. The males are at 92.5%, and the females are at 80.2% with a combined total of 91.5%. There are 195 females and 1,616 males in the county jail backup with a combined total of 1,801.

Chairman Felts then reviewed the population report for ACC. He said ACC's in count is 1,036 with 1 out to court. This gives a total of 1,037.

Chairman Felts ended the review of the population reports by reviewing the Statewide Field Operations report for the month of August. Chairman Felts noted that there were 32,590 on Regular Probation. Specialty Court was at 1,848, Parole was 26,564, Boot Camp was 17, and the Act 539s count was 22. This gives a combined total of 61,041 persons under supervision.

Attorney General's Report

Assistant Attorney General Joe West advised the Board that last month there were 10 appeals in Circuit Court. Since the last Board meeting, the Board has been served with a new inmate appeal. He said this brings the total up to 11 active APA Appeals. Mr. West said the other 10 are fully briefed. He said he's received the certified record from Ms. Wellborn and will be working on the response to the new case.

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

Fiscal Report Update

Ms. Brooke Cummings, Executive Administrator, APB, updated the Board on the Fiscal Report. Ms. Cummings reported that effective July 1, 2020, the Agency received funding of \$295,211 for Maintenance & Operations and Conference & Travel for fiscal year 2021. As of August 31, 2020, we've expensed \$34,719.01 (9.7%). At this time last year, the Board had exhausted 13% 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

Ms. Cummings updated the Board on revocation hearings conducted throughout the month of August 2020. The report shows there were 460 total actions. There were 441 revocations. She said the majority of those were waivers. There were 35 administrative revocations.

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

Agency Updates

Ms. Cummings said that she has completed a draft of the Annual Report for FY20 and will be distributing it for review by the Board within the next week.

Ms. Cummins said one other development would be the implementation of the new updated Revocation Hearing Disposition in eOMIS. She said she's in the process of getting an overview of that to present to the Board.

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.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, October 8, 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

SEPTEMBER 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: September 24, 2020