



**MINUTES OF THE  
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2021  
9:00 A.M.  
RICHARD LEE RICHARDSON AUDITORIUM**

**Board Members Present**

John Felts, Chairman, APB  
Lona McCastlain, Vice Chair, APB  
Wendy Ryals, Secretary, APB  
Andy Shock, Commissioner, APB  
Jerry Riley, Commissioner, APB  
Boyce Hamlet, Commissioner, APB  
Brett Morgan, Commissioner, APB

**Others Present**

Hollie Wellborn, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, APB  
Scott Howard, Investigator, APB  
Felicia Bentley, 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  
Lindsay Wallace, Chief of Staff, DOC  
Cindy Murphy, Public Information Officer, DOC  
Jim Cheek, Program Admin. Parole/Probation Services, DCC  
Lasonja Evans, Accounting Operations Manager, DOC

**Excused**

Brooke D. Cummings, Executive Administrator, APB  
Carol Bohannon, Hearing Judge, APB  
Jack Bell, Hearing Judge, APB  
Christie Goldman, Business Operations Manager, APB

## **Call to Order**

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

## **Approval of Minutes - September 9, 2021**

Commissioner Morgan 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 the ADC population is at or over capacity. The females are at 94.7%, and the males are at 97.9%. There are 1,529 males in the county jail backup and 223 females in the county jail backup for a combined total of 1,762. The Chairman noted that the October 309's will be interviewed by telephone.

Chairman Felts then reviewed the population report for DCC. They have an in count of 1,483. There are 2 that are out to court giving a total of 1,487. Their male capacity is at 66.4%, and the female capacity is at 76.3%.

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 32,608 on Regular Probation. Specialty Court was at 1,636, Parole was 24,916, Boot Camp was 13, and the Act 539s count was 20. This gives a combined total of 59,193 persons under supervision.

## **Attorney General's Report**

Assistant Attorney General Joe West reported to the Board that last month there were 10 APA Appeals in Pulaski County Circuit Court. That number has remained steady. There is the case before the Supreme Court Wood v. APB et al. AG West said that Mr. Wood filed his reply in brief a couple of weeks ago, so that will need to be submitted to the court at some point in the near future. It should be fully briefed unless Mr. Wood decides he wants to add something.

## **Fiscal Report Update**

Chairman Felts advised the Board that Ms. Christie Goldman, Business Operations Manager, APB, is out on sick leave.

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

### **Hearing Judge's Report**

Chairman Felts advised the Board that Ms. Brooke D. Cummings, Executive Administrator, APB, is at another meeting this morning. The total hearing by outcome shows that Brooke had 90, Carol has 186, and Jack had 174. The total by violation type shows 324 law and technical, 109 laws only, and 17 technical only. The total by hearing outcome is 450. There were 429 total revocations. There were 292 (68%) waivers, 79 (18%) administrative revocations, and 58 (14%) hearings.

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

### **Agency Updates**

Chairman Felts said that Ms. Cummings wanted him to remind the Board that she has not received any feedback regarding the policy manual. Vice Chair McCastlain said that she has gone through it and has some feedback.

### **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 Shock seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the recommendations became the official vote of the Parole Board.

**Other Discussion**

Ms. Lindsay Wallace, Chief of Staff, DOC, said, regarding the issue of COVID in county jails, that there is a pool of money that is about 9 million dollars that is directly for confinement facilities. The money should be available at the first of the year.

Mr. William Bowman, Systems Coordination Analyst, APB, advised the Board that the iPADS are in.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, October 7, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

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**John Felts**  
**Chairman**

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**Wendy Ryals**  
**Secretary**

**ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD**  
**FULL BOARD RATIFICATION OF VOTES**

**SEPTEMBER 2021**

**UNITS:**

**RATIFIED (X)**

**R.L. Williams**



**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 Shock**

**Ratification Date: September 23, 2021**