



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
OCTOBER 21, 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

Brooke D. Cummings, Executive Administrator, APB
Hollie Wellborn, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, APB
Christie Goldman, Business Operations Manager, 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
Cindy Murphy, Public Information Officer, DOC
Jim Cheek, Program Admin. Parole/Probation Services, DCC
Jenna Smith, Program Admin. Parole/Probation Services, DCC

Excused

Carol Bohannon, Hearing Judge, APB
Jack Bell, Hearing Judge, APB

Call to Order

Chairman Felts called the Board meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. A quorum was declared.

Approval of Minutes – October 7, 2021

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 the numbers continue to grow. All of the units outside of Work Release are hitting at 100% capacity or greater. There are 250 females and 1,703 males in the county jail back up with a combined total of 1,953. There is an in count of 16,643 and a total jurisdictional count of 16,764.

Chairman Felts then reviewed the population report for DCC. They have an in count of 1,461. There are 2 out to court. There is a combined total of 1,463. They are below capacity.

Chairman Felts ended the review of the population reports by reviewing the Statewide Field Operations report for the month of September. Chairman Felts noted that there were 32,729 on Regular Probation. Specialty Court was at 1,653, Parole was 24,820, Boot Camp was 13, and the Act 539s count was 20. This gives a combined total of 59,235 persons under supervision.

Attorney General's Report

Assistant Attorney General Joe West reported to the Board that there has been no change in the number of APA Appeals. The total is still 10. The Wood case is still pending.

Fiscal Report Update

Ms. Christie Goldman, Business Operations Manager, APB, updated the Board on the Fiscal Report. Ms. Goldman reported that effective July 1, 2021, the Agency received funding of \$244,711 for Maintenance & Operations and Conference & Travel for fiscal year 2022. As of September 30, 2021, we've expensed \$40,158.03 (16.41%). At this time last year, the Board had exhausted 11.87% 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 September 2021. There were 435 total revocations. Of those, there were 302 waivers, 82 individuals who were administratively revoked, and 51 individuals were revoked at a hearing. Carol Bohannon held 36 hearings. Out of those, 34 individuals were revoked and 2 were deferred. Jack Bell held 34 hearings. Out of those, 16 individuals were revoked, 12 were deferred, and 6 were reinstated.

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

Agency Updates

Ms. Cummings advised the Board that she will be distributing a draft of the Annual Report via email. She said she welcomes any feedback that anyone might have.

Chairman Felts updated the Board about the Board of Corrections meeting held this past Friday. A presentation was given by Ms. Wendy Ware. She does the projections for ADC. She said that Arkansas has some differences as opposed to the national averages that are going on. Chairman Felts said that he would give the Board the information if anyone is interested.

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

Other Discussion

Mr. Jim Cheek, DCC Program Administrator Parole/Probation Services, DCC, introduced Ms. Jenna Smith to the Board. She is the new DCC Program Administrator Parole/Probation Services for DCC.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, November 4, 2021, 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**

OCTOBER 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 Morgan

Ratification Date: October 21, 2021