



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
NOVEMBER 18, 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
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
Jerry Bradshaw, Director, DCC
Lindsay Wallace, Chief of Staff, DCC
Janie Runkle, Public Information Specialist, DOC
Lasonja Evans, Accounting Operations Manager, DOC

Excused

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 – November 4, 2021

Vice Chair McCastlain moved for approval of the minutes. Commissioner Morgan 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 everything is pretty much full. Work Releases are going to be a little bit lower. The capacity for males is at 96.8%, and the females is at 98.1%. The total overall is 96.9%. There are 1,927 males in the county jail backup and 208 females.

Chairman Felts then reviewed the population report for DCC. The in-count total is 1,461. There are 2 out to court. There is a total of 1,463.

Chairman Felts ended the review of the population reports by reviewing the Statewide Field Operations report for the month of October. Chairman Felts noted that there were 32,916 on Regular Probation. Specialty Court was at 1,684, Parole was 24,642, Boot Camp was 12, and the Act 539s count was 21. This gives a combined total of 59,275 persons under supervision.

Attorney General's Report

Assistant Attorney General Joe West reported to the Board that the total of active APA Appeals has dropped from 10 to 9. The Nicholson v. Parole Board case was dismissed. The Wood case has been full briefed but has not been submitted to the court yet.

Fiscal Report Update

Ms. Brooke Cummings, Executive Administrator, APB, updated the Board on the Fiscal Report. Ms. Cummings 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 October 31, 2021, we've expensed \$73,760.06 (30.14%). At this time last year, the Board had exhausted 12.24% 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 October 2021. There were 392 total revocations. Of those, there were 285 waivers, 60 individuals who were administratively revoked, and 47 individuals were revoked at a hearing.

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 sent out a copy of the annual report. She is still working on the Board Manual.

Chairman Felts mentioned that the next conference will be in San Diego, CA.

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. Vice Chair McCastlain seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the recommendations became the official vote of the Parole Board.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, December 16, 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**

NOVEMBER 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: Vice Chair McCastlain

Ratification Date: November 18, 2021