



## ARKANSAS SENTENCING COMMISSION

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### Commission Meeting January 5, 2021

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

Judge Mack McCain  
Judge Shannon Blatt  
Mr. Keith Rutledge

Mr. Michael Robbins  
Mr. Nathan Smith

Mr. Bob Balfe  
Mr. Daniel Shue

#### MEMBERS EXCUSED

Mr. Pat Roberts

#### STAFF PRESENT

Lindsay Wallace

Tawnie Rowell

Arik Cruz

#### VISITORS PRESENT

Joe West (Attorney General's Office)    Secretary Graves (DOC)

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Judge Gordon McCain declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Judge Shannon Blatt moved and Daniel Shue seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. The motion was approved.

Michael Robbins moved and Bob Balfe seconded the motion to approve the quarterly expense report. The motion was approved.

The Commission considered the Population Monitoring Report. Secretary of Corrections Solomon Graves reported that the Division of Correction is still experiencing low population because of the pandemic. Due to backlog of criminal cases, the rebound is not expected until summer.

The Commission reviewed the audit report. For FY2019, Legislative Audit found no reportable instances of noncompliance with state fiscal laws and regulations.

Lindsay Wallace gave the Director's Report. Judge Gordon Webb retired at the end of 2020. Staff expects to hear on an official appointment replacing Judge Webb as chair. He was unable to make this call, but we are all hopeful that he will be able to attend the next meeting. The next meeting will be a rankings meeting in June. The report presented as a draft at the October meeting has been finalized and sent to the legislature. Staff has continued to conduct virtual trainings for constituents.

Joe West from the Attorney General's Office gave a presentation regarding the Freedom of Information Act, statutory duties of the Sentencing Commission, and board member conduct.

The next meeting will be in North Little Rock, on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Daniel Shue moved and Judge Shannon Blatt seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion was approved.

Meeting adjourned.