



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
JANUARY 27, 2022
9:00 A.M.
RICHARD LEE RICHARDSON AUDITORIUM**

Board Members Present

John Felts, Chairman, APB
Lona McCastlain, Vice Chair, APB
Wendy Ryals, Secretary, APB
Jerry Riley, 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
Barry Bealer, Assistant Area Manager, IRS, 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

Excused

Andy Shock, Commissioner, APB
Boyce Hamlet, Commissioner, APB
Carol Bohannon, Hearing Judge, APB
Jack Bell, Hearing Judge, APB

Call to Order

Chairman Felts called the Board meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. A quorum was declared. Chairman Felts noted that Commissioner Shock is out on sick leave, and Commissioner Hamlet is out on annual leave.

Approval of Minutes - January 13, 2022

Vice-Chair McCastlain 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 there was a Board of Corrections meeting the other day, and bed capacity at the Tucker Unit has been reduced. The report shows that the men are at 99% capacity. The men's total is 13,296 with a capacity of 13,424. The women are at 97% capacity. The women's total is 1,129 with a capacity of 1,164. The combined total is 14,425. The in count is 17,066. There are 22 out to the ORCU hospital, 7 at other hospitals, and 58 out to court. The total is 17,153.

Chairman Felts then reviewed the population report for DCC. They have an in count of 1,377, and the total is 1,377. Their capacity for males is at 60.9%, and females is at 64.4%. The combined total is 61.9%.

Chairman Felts ended the review of the population reports by reviewing the Statewide Supervision Status report. As of January 4, 2022, there are 24,292 individuals on parole. There are 32,974 on probation. The combined total is 67,420 individuals under supervision.

Attorney General's Report

Assistant Attorney General Joe West reported to the Board that there have been no changes to the number of APA Appeals. There are still 9 pending APA Appeals in Pulaski County Circuit Court. They are all fully briefed and awaiting a decision. Wood v. Parole Board 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 December 31, 2021, we've expensed \$78,000.57 (31.87%) of the FY22 Maintenance & Operations and Conference & Travel Budget. At this time last year, the Board had exhausted 19.32% 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 December 2021. There were 384 total revocations. Of those, 59 individuals were administratively revoked, 43 were revoked at a hearing, and 282 waived. For the calendar year of 2021, total revocations were at 5,368. Of those, 15% were administrative totaling 798, 11% were revoked at a hearing totaling 612, and 74% waived totaling 3,958.

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 the annual report was submitted. She said they are working on the control self-assessment/risk assessment along with DOC.

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. Commissioner Riley asked if they will be going to the units. Ms. Lindsay Wallace, Chief of Staff, DOC, said the units are still locked down for the time being. The topic will be revisited at a later date.

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 9:27 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, February 10, 2022, 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**

JANUARY 2022

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: January 27, 2022