



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
FEBRUARY 24, 2022
9:00 A.M.
CONFERENCE CALL**

Board Members Present

John Felts, Chairman, APB
Lona McCastlain, Vice Chair, APB
Brett Morgan, Secretary, APB
Andy Shock, Commissioner, APB
Jerry Riley, Commissioner, APB
Wendy Ryals, Commissioner, APB
Boyce Hamlet, 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, IRS, DCC
Joe West, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office
Jarrod Self, Acting Assistant Director Re-Entry, DCC

Excused

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

Call to Order

Chairman Felts called the Board meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. A quorum was declared.

Approval of Minutes - February 10, 2022

Commissioner Ryals moved for approval of the minutes. Secretary 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 they are over capacity. All the units that are under capacity are the Work Release facilities. The male population is at 100.4%, and the female population is at 97.2%. In the County Jail Backup, there are 141 females and 1,881 males with a combined total of 2,022. There is a grand total of 17,102.

Chairman Felts then reviewed the population report for DCC. They're overall at 69%. The males are at 70.5%, and the females are at 65.3%.

Attorney General's Report

Assistant Attorney General Joe West reported to the Board that the number of APA Appeals changed from 9 to 10. The Board was served two weeks ago with Duckett v. Parole Board. He is working on the necessary pleading to file. The other 9 are fully briefed. With the Supreme Court case, the court made a ruling on the Wood case and affirmed Jude Fox's decision.

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 January 31, 2022, we've expensed \$114,861.16 (46.94%) of the FY22 Maintenance & Operations and Conference & Travel Budget. At this time last year, the Board had exhausted 36.31% 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. Brooke D. Cummings, Executive Administrator, APB, updated the Board on revocation hearings conducted throughout the month of January 2022. There were 387 total actions. There were 371 total revocations. Of those, 59 individuals were administratively revoked, 45 were revoked at a hearing, and 267 waived.

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 some 90-day inmates have been moved to OMEGA.

Ms. Cummings said that the rooms for the APAI Conference have been booked. All that is left to do is book the flights.

Ms. Cummings anticipates that the Control Self-Assessment will be completed this week.

Ms. Cummings said they will begin discussing paroling inmates from the county jails. Chairman Felts said these are individuals with 2 years or less of a sentence, and they are non-violent.

Old Business

Vice Chair McCastlain resigned as the Vice Chair and nominated Commissioner Ryals as Vice Chair. Secretary Morgan seconded Vice Chair McCastlain's nomination. The nomination was approved by the Board, and Commissioner Ryals was elected as the Vice Chair.

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 McCastlain asked Chairman Felts if the Commissioners will start going back to the units for hearings. Chairman Felts said they will start March 1st.

Adoption of Recommendations

Secretary Morgan moved to adopt the recommendations of the Board for the units as listed on the attached ratification list. Vice Chair Ryals seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the recommendations became the official vote of the Parole Board.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 10, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

Signature on file

John Felts
Chairman

Signature on file

Brett Morgan
Secretary

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

FEBRUARY 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 Morgan Seconded by: Vice Chair Ryals

Ratification Date: March 10, 2022