



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
MARCH 24, 2022
9:00 A.M.
RICHARD LEE RICHARDSON AUDITORIUM**

Board Members Present

John Felts, Chairman, APB
Wendy Ryals, Vice Chair, APB
Brett Morgan, Secretary, APB
Andy Shock, Commissioner, APB
Jerry Riley, Commissioner, APB
Lona McCastlain, Commissioner, APB

Others Present

Hollie Wellborn, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, APB
Christie Goldman, Business Operations Manager, APB
Scott Howard, Investigator, APB
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Support Supervisor, APB
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, IRS, DCC
Joe West, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office
Jenna Smith, DCC Program Administrator Parole/Probation Services, DCC

Excused

Boyce Hamlet, Commissioner, APB
Brooke D. Cummings, Executive Administrator, APB
Carol Bohannon, Hearing Judge, APB
Jack Bell, Hearing Judge, APB
Felicia Bentley, Investigator, APB
William Bowman, Systems Coordination Analyst, APB

Call to Order

Chairman Felts called the Board meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. A quorum was declared. Chairman Felts noted that Commissioner Hamlet is out on sick leave.

Approval of Minutes – March 10, 2022

Vice Chair Ryals moved for approval of the minutes. Commissioner McCastlain 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 that ADC has brought in a lot of people from the county jails. The overall count of ADC is 103.1%. There are 13,842 males (103.1%) and 1,251 females (102.9%). The overall jurisdictional count is 17,046. That count includes those that are at hospitals, out on furlough, and out to court.

Chairman Felts then reviewed the population report for DCC. He said they are working to build their numbers back up. They are at 84.3%. They have 998 males and 376 females with a total of 1,374.

Chairman Felts then reviewed the statewide field operations report. There are 24,051 individuals on parole, 22 out on Act 539, 10 out for Boot Camp, and 32,764 on probation. There is a grand total of 67,046 individuals under supervision.

Attorney General's Report

Assistant Attorney General Joe West reported to the Board that there were 10 active APA Appeals last month. The number remains the same at 10. A Motion to Dismiss was filed for the Duckett v. APB case.

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 February 28, 2022, we've expensed \$115,516.92 (47.21%) of the FY22 Maintenance & Operations and Conference &

Travel Budget. At this time last year, the Board had exhausted 42.92% 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

Chairman Felts updated the Board on revocation hearings conducted throughout the month of February 2022. For totals by hearing outcome, Brooke Cummings had 78, Carol Bohannon had 150, and Jack Bell had 147. There were 359 total revocations. There were 73 administrative revocations, 42 individuals revoked at a hearing, and 244 waivers were signed.

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

Agency Updates

Ms. Goldman said that the APAII trip is set. The flights are scheduled, hotels are booked, and fees are paid. She will be handing out booklets with information.

Chairman Felts asked Ms. Goldman about training hours. Ms. Goldman informed the Board that they need 40 hours of training.

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 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.

Other Discussion

Chairman Felts noted that the Board of Corrections invoked a new 90-day EPA.

Ms. Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, IRS, DCC, advised the Board that Record Supervisor Ms. Lucinda Vent is no longer with DCC. Ms. Karla Wieland was promoted to Record Supervisor.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 14, 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**

MARCH 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: Comm. McCastlain

Ratification Date: March 24, 2022