



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
MAY 26, 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
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
Lindsay Wallace, Chief of Staff, DOC
Cindy Murphy, Public Information Officer, DOC
Jim Cheek, DCC Program Administrator Parole/Probation Services, DCC

Excused

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

Call to Order

Chairman Felts called the Board meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. A quorum was declared. All Commissioners were noted as present.

Approval of Minutes – May 12, 2022

Commissioner McCastlain 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 that everything is being brought up to capacity and over. There is an in count of 17,078. There are 16 out to ORCU hospital, 9 at other hospitals, 1 on furlough, and 83 are out to court. There is a jurisdictional count of 17,187. The male population is 104.4%, and the female population is 100.5%. There is a total of 104.0%

Chairman Felts then reviewed the population report for DCC. They have an in count of 1,769. They have a jurisdictional count of 1,775. Of those individuals, 6 are out to court. Their overall percentage for males is 94.6% and for females is 87.5%. There is a combined total of 92.6%.

Chairman Felts then reviewed the statewide field operations report. There are 23,751 individuals on parole, 23 out on Act 539, 9 on Boot Camp, and 33,008 on probation. There is a grand total of 67,156 individuals under supervision.

Attorney General's Report

Assistant Attorney General Joe West reported to the Board that there has been no change in the number of active APA Appeals. The number stays at 10. They are all in Pulaski County Circuit Court, and they are all fully briefed. Mr. West said that an Order to Dismiss is being prepared for the Mosley v. Felts 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 April 30, 2022, we've expensed \$167,816.58 (68.58%) of the FY22 Maintenance & Operations and Conference & Travel Budget. At this time last year, the Board had exhausted 66.47% 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 April 2022. There were 410 total revocations. There were 289 waivers signed, 43 individuals revoked at a hearing, and 78 administrative revocations.

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 agency did post the Administrative Specialist III position that will assist in Parole Services.

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, June 9, 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

MAY 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: Commissioner McCastlain

Ratification Date: May 26, 2022