

# MINUTES OF THE ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD JUNE 23, 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 Boyce Hamlet, Commissioner, APB

# **Others Present**

Brooke D. Cummings, Executive Administrator, APB Hollie Wellborn, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, APB Scott Howard, Investigator, APB Felicia Bentley, Investigator, APB Tamara Salaam, Administrative Support Supervisor, APB Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, IRS, DCC Cindy Murphy, Public Information Officer, DOC Jerry Bradshaw, Director, DCC Jim Cheek, DCC Program Administrator Parole/Probation Services, DCC

# **Excused**

Lona McCastlain, Commissioner, APB Carol Bohannan, Hearing Judge, APB Jack Bell, Hearing Judge, APB Christie Goldman, Business Operations Manager, APB William Bowman, Systems Coordination Analyst, APB

# **Call to Order**

Chairman Felts called the Board meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. A quorum was declared. Secretary Morgan joined the meeting via telephone. Commissioner McCastlain was noted as being out on annual leave.

#### Approval of Minutes – June 9, 2022

Commissioner Shock moved for approval of the minutes. Vice Chair 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. The males are at 104.7%, and the females are at 99.8% with a combined total of 104.3%. There are 1,373 males and 102 females in the county jail backup with a combined total of 1,475. There is a jurisdictional count of 17,147, an in count of 17,041, 19 out to ORCU hospitals, 6 out to other hospitals, 3 on furlough, and 78 out to court.

Chairman Felts then reviewed the population report for DCC. They have a jurisdictional count of 1,676. The males are at 82.4% and females are at 86.0% with a combined total of 83.4%. Per request of Vice Chair Ryals, Chairman Felts asked Director Bradshaw to have Mr. Jarrod Self attend the next Full Board meeting. Director Bradshaw said that he will inform Mr. Self of the request.

Chairman Felts then reviewed the statewide field operations report. There are 23,664 individuals on parole, 23 out on Act 539, 9 on Boot Camp, and 33,106 on probation. There is a grand total of 67,247 individuals under supervision.

#### **Attorney General's Report**

Assistant Attorney General Joe West was absent, so Chairman Felts read the Attorney General's report. It reads "the number of pending APA appeals has dropped from 10 to 9. Judge Alice Gray entered an Order to dismiss Mosley v. Felts on May 31. The other 9 cases are all in Pulaski County Circuit Court and are fully briefed awaiting decisions from the Judge. This concludes the report. I'm sorry the scheduling conflict prevented me from appearing at the meeting in person and look forward to seeing everyone at the July meeting."

#### Fiscal Report Update

Ms. Brooke Cummings, Executive Administrator, APB, updated the Board on the Fiscal Report. Ms. Cummings 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 May 31, 2022, we've expensed \$174,912.71 (71.48%) of the FY22 Maintenance & Operations and Conference & Travel Budget. At this time last year, the Board had exhausted 73.47% 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 May 2022. There were 427 total revocations. There were 86 administrative revocations, 43 individuals revoked at a hearing, and 298 waivers signed.

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

#### Agency Updates

Ms. Cummings advised the Board she is still working on the biennial budget. She said the annual report will be coming up. At the end of this month, the fiscal year will be completed. She is still working department wide on Lean Six Sigma Certification. The final presentation is due around July 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### **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 Shock seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the recommendations became the official vote of the Parole Board.

#### <u>Adjournment</u>

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, July 14, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

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John Felts Chairman Brett Morgan Secretary

# ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD FULL BOARD RATIFICATION OF VOTES

# **JUNE 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: <u>Secretary Morgan</u> Seconded by: <u>Commissioner Shock</u>

Ratification Date: June 23, 2022