



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
JULY 28, 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
Elizabeth Taylor, Assistant Director Parole/Probation, DCC
Jim Cheek, DCC Program Administrator Parole/Probation Services, DCC
Jarrod Self, Parole/Probation Area Manager, DCC
Savannah Cantrell, Parole/Probation Officer I, DCC

Excused

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

Call to Order

Chairman Felts called the Board meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was declared. All Commissioners were noted as present.

Approval of Minutes – July 14, 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 the population is at or above 100% except Work Release. There are 103 females and 1,463 males in the county jail backup with a combined total of 1,566. The jurisdictional count is 17,110, in count is 17,015, 20 are in the ORCU hospital, 9 are in other hospitals, and 66 are out to court.

Chairman Felts then reviewed the population report for DCC. They have an in count of 1,774, 1 is at other hospitals, and 3 are out to court. There is a combined total of 1,778. They have a capacity of 1,165 males and 464 females. There are 1,005 males and 406 females. They are at 86.6% capacity. Ms. Elizabeth Taylor, Assistant Director Parole/Probation, DCC, advised the Board that Ms. Syrna Bowers is the new Deputy Director of Residential Services. Vice Chair Ryals asked Mr. Jarrod Self, Parole/Probation Area Manager, DCC, how things are going with Reentry. Mr. Self said that their count as come up, and they are starting to see a lull in their available candidate pool. He said that everything is going as good as it can.

Chairman Felts then reviewed the statewide field operations report. There are 23,704 individuals on parole, 22 out on Act 539, and 33,068 on probation. There is a grand total of 67,313 individuals under supervision.

Attorney General's Report

Mr. Joe West, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office, reported to the Board that there has been no change since his last report. There are still 9 active APA Appeals in Pulaski County Circuit Court waiting on a ruling. They are all fully briefed. He said no new cases have been served to the Board.

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 June 30, 2022, we've expensed \$177,982.73 (72.73%) of the FY22 Maintenance & Operations and Conference & Travel Budget. At this time last year, the Board had exhausted 82.41% 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 June 2022. There were 429 total actions. Of those, there were 409 total revocations. There were 70 administrative revocations, 45 individuals revoked at a hearing, and 294 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 has been working on the Annual Report.

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.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, August 11, 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

JULY 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 Shock

Ratification Date: July 28, 2022