



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
AUGUST 25, 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
Jim Cheek, DCC Program Administrator Parole/Probation Services, DCC
Cindy Murphy, Public Information Officer, DOC
Lasonja Evans, Accounting Operations Manager, DOC

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 – August 11, 2022

Commissioner McCastlain 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. They are at about 100% capacity except Work Release and the McPherson Unit. The county jail backup has 131 females and 1,556 males for a combined total of 1,687 individuals.

Chairman Felts then reviewed the population report for DCC. They have an in count of 1,819. There are 6 out to court. There is a total of 1,825. They are at 88.6% capacity.

Chairman Felts then reviewed the statewide field operations report. There are 23,597 individuals on parole, 22 out on Act 539, and 33,186 on probation. There is a grand total of 67,361 individuals under supervision.

Attorney General's Report

Mr. Joe West, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office, reported to the Board that the number of cases remains the same at 9. He said there will be some changes in which cases are active and will be inactive. Earlier this month the Board was served with a petition for Jamerson v. Parole Board in Pulaski County Circuit Court. The answer is due on September 1st. Mr. West said he plans to have the answer and Motion to Dismiss filed tomorrow. He also advised the Board that Judge Wright granted the Motion to Dismiss for Hardwick v. Felts. Mr. West said while there have been some changes, the number has stayed at 9.

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 July 31, 2022, we've expensed \$34,715.50 (14%) of the FY22 Maintenance & Operations and Conference & Travel Budget. At this time last year, the Board had exhausted 1% 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 July 2022. There were 365 total revocations. There were 55 administrative revocations, 35 individuals revoked at a hearing, and 275 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 that ALC is tomorrow. She will be providing the 570 Report.

Chairman Felts said that he handed out the job description to the commissioners for review.

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 9:22 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, September 15, 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**

AUGUST 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: August 25, 2022