



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
SEPTEMBER 29, 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
Doug Smith, 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
William Bowman, Systems Coordination Analyst, APB
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Support Supervisor, APB
Barry Bealer, Assistant 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

Excused

Lona McCastlain, Commissioner, APB
Carol Bohannon, Hearing Judge, APB
Jack Bell, Hearing Judge, APB
Christie Goldman, Business Operations Manager, APB

Call to Order

Chairman Felts called the Board meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. A quorum was declared. Commissioner McCastlain was noted as being out on annual leave.

Approval of Minutes – September 15, 2022

Vice Chair Ryals 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. They remain consistent and are at 100% with the exception of work release and the smaller units. Chairman Felts said that the Board of Corrections invoked a 90-day EPA last Friday. There are 1,704 males and 108 females in the county jail backup with a combined total of 1,812. There is a jurisdictional count of 17,474. There are 20 out to the ORCU hospital, 13 out to other hospitals, and 81 out to court. The male's capacity is 13,436. They are currently at 14,076 capacity which is 104.8%. The female's capacity is 1,216. They are currently at 1,205 capacity which is 99.1%. The total capacity of ADC is 14, 652. They are currently at 15,281 capacity which is 104.3%.

Chairman Felts then reviewed the population report for DCC. They are at 101.2% capacity. The males are at 98.5%, and the females are at 107.8%.

Chairman Felts then reviewed the statewide field operations report. There are 23,407 individuals on parole, 22 out on Act 539, 8 at Boot Camp, and 33,202 on probation. Chairman Felts asked Mr. Jim Cheek, DCC Program Administrator Parole/Probation Services, DCC, about the Sex Offender Extended Supervision. Mr. Cheek said that there is a law that allows the sentence to be extended. There is a grand total of 67,213 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 he filed a Motion to Dismiss on the Jamerson case since the last meeting. All the cases are fully briefed and awaiting a decision for the Motion to Dismiss.

Fiscal Report Update

Ms. Brooke Cummings, Executive Administrator, APB, updated the Board on the Fiscal Report. Ms. Cummings reported that effective July 1, 2022, the Agency received funding of \$244,711 for Maintenance & Operations and Conference & Travel for fiscal year 2023. As of August 31, 2022, we've expensed \$39,219.55 (16%) of the FY23 Maintenance & Operations and Conference & Travel Budget. At this time last year, the Board had exhausted 16% of the operating expense budget.

Chairman Felts asked if the Parole Board is going to be back up for accreditation next year. Ms. Cummings said that is correct.

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 August 2022. There were 473 total revocations. There were 92 administrative revocations, 50 individuals revoked at a hearing, and 331 waivers signed.

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

Agency Updates

Ms. Cummings said she is working on the JFA Prison Population Projection. She said she has a meeting regarding that today. Ms. Cummings also mentioned that there are budget hearings in October. Secretary Morgan asked if the next APAI Conference will be in Kansas City. Ms. Cummings advised she believes that to be correct.

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

Chairman Felts reminded the Board that the Tucker/Tucker Max hearings for October will take place on Monday, October 3rd.

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.

Other Discussion

Mr. Jim Cheek, DCC Program Administrator Parole/Probation Services, DCC, mentioned to the Board that ACA are tentatively scheduled to come in May 2023 for Field Services and the Central Office audit.

Ms. Cindy Murphy, Public Information Officer, DOC, informed the Board that there is an app that will be rolling out next week that will issue employee alerts. She said employees with state cell phones will be required to sign up. Employees without state cell phones are encouraged to sign up. Chairman Felts asked Ms. Murphy to give information about the information system that was recently put together. Ms. Murphy said they've created an online services center on their website. She said the two functions that are most important to this group are that you can search for upcoming Parole Board hearings, and you can do a search for recent Parole Board decisions. Ms. Murphy also explained about the Gov2Go app.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, October 13, 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**

SEPTEMBER 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: September 29, 2022