



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
NOVEMBER 22, 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

Others Present

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
Jerry Bradshaw, Director, DCC

Excused

Doug Smith, Commissioner, APB
Brooke D. Cummings, Executive Administrator, APB
Carol Bohannon, Hearing Judge, APB
Jack Bell, Hearing Judge, APB

Call to Order

Chairman Felts called the Board meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. A quorum was declared. Commissioner Smith was noted as being out on annual leave.

Approval of Minutes – November 10, 2022

Vice Chair Ryals moved for approval of the minutes. Commissioner McCastlain 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. There are 1,686 males and 94 females with a total of 1,780 individuals in the county jail backup. They have an in count of 17,418. They have a jurisdictional count of 17,540.

Chairman Felts then reviewed the population report for DCC. The males are 100.9%, and the females are at 102.2%. They have an in count of 2,018. They have a jurisdictional count of 2,024.

Chairman Felts then reviewed the statewide field operations report. There are 23,220 individuals on parole and 33,387 on probation. There is a grand total of 67,621 individuals under supervision. Director Bradshaw, DCC, made the comment that parole is going down, and probations is going up.

Attorney General's Report

Mr. Joe West, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office, reported to the Board that there has been no change. He said the case numbers are holding steady at 9 APA Appeals in Pulaski County Circuit Court. Motions to Dismiss have been filed in all of them, and they are awaiting the judge's ruling.

Fiscal Report Update

Ms. Christie Goldman, Business Operations Manager, APB, updated the Board on the Fiscal Report. She 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 October 31, 2022, we've expensed \$73,892.73 (30.20%) of the FY23 Maintenance & Operations and Conference & Travel Budget. At this time last year, the Board had exhausted 30.14% 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

Chairman Felts updated the Board on revocation hearings conducted throughout the month of October 2022. There were 245 laws and technical violations, 109 laws only violations, 1 no violations noted, and 13 technical only violations. There were 368 total violations.

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

Agency Updates

Chairman Felts mentioned that the ACA Accreditation will be next year in 2023.

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. Commissioner McCastlain will be doing the hearings at the McPherson Unit instead of Vice Chair Ryals. Secretary Morgan will be doing the North Central hearings via video.

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.

Other Discussion

Director Bradshaw thanked the Board for the work they do. He mentioned that they have ACA coming up at the beginning of the month for East Central and Northeast Central. Director Bradshaw also asked the Board if they would be interested in updating the Board table.

Ms. Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, IRS, DCC, advised the Board that the Governor’s Office has put a hold on Executive Clemency files, and they will not be accepting any until further notice.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, December 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**

NOVEMBER 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: November 22, 2022