



ARKANSAS SENTENCING COMMISSION

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Commission Meeting September 21, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT

Judge Gordon McCain
Mr. Nathan Smith
Mr. Cory Cox

Judge Shannon Blatt
Mr. Kendrell Collins
Judge Kathleen Bell

Mr. Dan Shue
Ms. Diana Lowe

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Judge Carlton Jones

Mr. Michael Robbins

Mr. Keith Rutledge

STAFF PRESENT

Tawnie Rowell

Toni Hamp

Laura Ebner

VISITORS PRESENT

Lindsay Wallace (Chief of Staff)
Joe West (ARAG)

Amber Schubert (ACC)

Solomon Graves (Secretary)

Judge Gordon McCain declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Mr. Shue moved and Judge Blatt seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the May 2022 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Collins seconded the motion to approve the quarterly expense report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Judge Blatt moved and Mr. Shue seconded the motion to approve stipend payments for non-state employees. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Commission was presented with the population monitoring report. The population is tracking well with earlier projections. A new round of projections should be incorporated on the next report.

The Commission reviewed and considered the final draft of the Impact Assessment Procedures. Judge Blatt moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to approve the Impact Assessment Procedures. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Commission considered two legislative proposals. The first clarifies who designates committee members for revisions to the sentencing order. The second proposal clarifies that it is the Sentencing Commission, not the ADC, who is responsible for preparation of impact assessments for legislative proposals. Judge Blatt moved and Mr. Shue seconded the motion to approve both legislative proposals. The motion was approved unanimously.

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Tawnie Rowell presented the Director's report. The data visualization company Recidiviz is working to develop some dashboards for the Commission. At the last Board of Corrections meeting, the statutory duty of the Commission to coordinate with the Commission came up. The biennial report to the legislature is nearly complete and will be provided at the next meeting. Staff has several upcoming trainings.

The next meeting will be on December 7, 2022, via Zoom at 8:30 am.

Meeting adjourned.