



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS PAROLE BOARD
DECEMBER 15, 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

Brooke D. Cummings, Executive Administrator, APB
Carol Bohannan, Revocation Hearing Judge, APB
Brenton Wood, Revocation Hearing Judge, 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
Nara Pigeo, Administrative Specialist III, APB
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, DCC
Nga Mahfouz, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office
Jim Cheek, DCC Program Administrator Parole/Probation Services, DCC
Manda Bass, Computer Support Technician, DOC

Excused

Doug Smith, Commissioner, APB
Jack Bell, Revocation Hearing Judge, APB

Call to Order

Chairman Felts called the Board meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. A quorum was declared. Chairman Felts noted that Commissioner Smith is out on annual leave.

Approval of Minutes – November 22, 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. He said everything still shows over capacity with the exception of Work Release and Wrightsville. The males are at 105.5%, and the females are at 99.8%. Chairman Felts mentioned that the Board of Corrections will be invoking a new 90-day EPA. There are 89 females in the county jail backup and 1,704 males with a combined total of 1,793. There is a jurisdictional count of 17,577.

Chairman Felts then reviewed the population report for DCC. They have an overall percentage of 101.3%.

Chairman Felts ended the review of the population reports by reviewing the Statewide Caseload from December 11, 2022. There are 23,218 individuals on Parole and 33,443 individuals on Probation. There is a sum of 67,693 individuals under supervision.

Attorney General's Report

Senior Assistant Attorney General Nga Mahfouz advised the Board that there are 9 pending cases in various stages of litigation. Ms. Mahfouz has entered her appearance in those cases. Chairman Felts requested a list of the cases at each month's report.

Fiscal Report Update

Ms. Christie Goldman, Business Operation Manager, APB, updated the Board on the Fiscal Report. Ms. Goldman 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 November 30, 2022,

we've expensed \$75,853.38 (31%). At this time last year, the Board had exhausted 31.34% 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 November 2022. There were 334 total revocations. Of those, there were 61 individuals who were administratively revoked, 43 individuals were revoked at a hearing, and 230 waivers.

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

Agency Updates

Chairman Felts recognized Ms. Carol Bohannan, Revocation Hearing Judge, APB, for her time at the Parole Board.

Ms. Cummings introduced the Parole Board's new employees. Brenton Wood took the position of Revocation Hearing Judge. Nara Pigeo took the position of Administrative Specialist III.

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. Vice Chair Ryals 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, January 12, 2023, 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
DECEMBER 2022**

UNITS:

RATIFIED (X)

Delta	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wrightsville	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wrightsville Hawkins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tucker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tucker Max	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cummins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Benton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TRCC/SWACC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
McPherson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
North Central	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NWA- Work Release	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
R.L. Williams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Pine Bluff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ester	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Grimes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
East Arkansas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mississippi Co. W/R/NEACC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Vарner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ouachita	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other: Pardons, Commutations, Transfer Screenings, ACT 290s, 700s, Reconsiderations, Revocation Appeals, Rescinds, Special Conditions, EPAs, Etc.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Motion By: Secretary Morgan Seconded by: Vice Chair Ryals

Ratification Date: December 15, 2022