



ARKANSAS SENTENCING COMMISSION

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Commission Meeting July 19, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT

Judge Gordon McCain
Mr. Dan Shue
Mr. Kendrell Collins

Judge Kathleen Bell
Mr. Nathan Smith

Ms. Diana Lowe
Judge Carlton Jones

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Mr. Michael Robbins

Judge Shannon Blatt

Mr. Keith Rutledge

STAFF PRESENT

Tawnie Rowell

Toni Hamp

Laura Ebner

VISITORS PRESENT

Jerry Bradshaw (ACC Director)

Michael Lewis (Attorney General's Office)

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

Mr. Shue moved, and Judge Bell seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the May 2023 meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Mr. Smith moved, and Mr. Shue seconded the motion to approve stipend payments for non-state employees.

The Commission was presented with Population Monitoring report. The ADC population has rebounded and is tracking closely with earlier projections.

Director Tawnie Rowell presented the Time Computation Report for the first quarter of 2023. The Time Computation Report is prepared in accordance with the DOC Secretarial Directive and contains the statistical results of the commission staff's review of time entry.

Ms. Rowell presented the Director's report. The DOC Secretary's office has signed off on the rules voted on at the Commission's May meeting. We anticipate a few weeks as a turn-around time for approval from the Governor's office. All DOC attorneys met with the Bureau of Legislative Research to identify rules to repeal. Since the Commission only has one rule, there is an exception process to the repeal-two-rules requirement. The Attorney General issued an opinion regarding Act 683 concerning convictions for residential burglary convictions. There will be a review of sentences for those affected

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by this new interpretation of parole eligibility. The ADC is continuing to work on easing the county jail backup. The Commission has more funding this biennium to cover training and other changes that come with the implementation of the Protect Act.

The next meeting will be held in-person and the date is to be determined.

Meeting adjourned.