



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS POST-PRISON TRANSFER BOARD
FEBRUARY 26, 2026
9:00 A.M.
RICHARD LEE RICHARDSON AUDITORIUM**

Board Members Present

Boyce Hamlet, Chairman, PPTB
Brett Morgan, Vice Chairman, PPTB
Doug Smith, Secretary, PPTB
Wendy Ryals, Commissioner, PPTB
Willie Robinson, Commissioner, PPTB
Lona McCastlain, Commissioner, PPTB

Others Present

Kevin Smith, Board Administrator, PPTB
Brandon Mills, Revocation Hearing Judge, PPTB
Hollie Wellborn, Executive Assistant, PPTB
Christie Goldman, Business Operations Manager, PPTB
Scott Howard, Investigator Supervisor/Expert, PPTB
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Coordinator, PPTB
Shirley Ellingburg, Community Supervision Manager, Institutional Release Services, DCC
William Puddephatt, Assistant Attorney General II, Office of the Attorney General
Jim Cheek, Corrections Division Director, DCC

Excused

Charlotte Moore, Revocation Hearing Judge, PPTB
Julie Norman, Revocation Hearing Judge, PPTB
Felicia Bentley, Investigator Supervisor/Expert, PPTB

Call to Order

Chairman Hamlet called the Board meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. A quorum was declared.

Approval of Minutes – February 12, 2026

Vice Chairman Morgan moved for approval of the minutes. Secretary Smith 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

Vice Chairman Morgan reviewed the population reports. The ADC report shows they have a total count of 19,163.

The ACC report shows they have a total of 2,168.

Vice Chairman Morgan reviewed the statewide field operations report. There are 22,206 individuals on parole and 36,551 on probation. There is a grand total of 72,118 individuals under supervision.

A copy of the population reports was included in each board member's packet for review.

Attorney General's Report

Mr. William Puddephatt, Assistant Attorney General II, Office of the Attorney General, went over the list of lawsuits that was provided to the Board.

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

Fiscal Report Update

Ms. Christie Goldman, Business Operations Manager, PPTB, updated the Board on the Fiscal Report.

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

Agency Updates

Mr. Kevin Smith, Executive Administrator, PPTB, updated the Board on agency updates.

A copy of the agency updates was included in each board member's packet for review.

Commissioner McCastlain made a motion for Chairman Hamlet to find funding to send Kevin Smith to the APAI Conference. There was not a second. The motion failed.

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 final Board actions for the Victim Input Hearings was included.

Review of the Hearing Schedule

A copy of the hearing schedule was included in each board member’s packet for review.

Adoption of Final Board Actions

Secretary Smith moved to adopt the final actions of the Board for the units as listed on the attached ratification list. Vice Chairman Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the final board actions became the official vote of the Post-Prison Transfer Board.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Signature on file

Boyce Hamlet
Chairman

Signature on file

Doug Smith
Secretary

ARKANSAS POST-PRISON TRANSFER BOARD

FULL BOARD RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS

FEBRUARY 2026

UNITS:

RATIFIED (X)

R.L. Williams



Pine Bluff



Ester



Grimes



East Arkansas



Mississippi Co. W/R



Varner



Ouachita



Other: Pardons, Commutations, Transfer Screenings, ACT 290s, 700s, Reconsiderations, Revocation Appeals, Rescinds, Special Conditions, Etc.



Motion By: Secretary Smith **Seconded by:** Vice Chairman Morgan

Ratification Date: February 26, 2026