



**MINUTES OF THE
ARKANSAS POST-PRISON TRANSFER BOARD
NOVEMBER 21, 2024
9:00 A.M.
RICHARD LEE RICHARDSON AUDITORIUM**

Board Members Present

Lona McCastlain, Chairwoman, PPTB
Brett Morgan, Vice Chairman, PPTB
Wendy Ryals, Secretary, PPTB
Andy Shock, Commissioner, PPTB
John Felts, Commissioner, PPTB
Doug Smith, Commissioner, PPTB
Willie Robinson, Commissioner, PPTB

Others Present

Kevin Smith, Executive Administrator, PPTB
Brandon Mills, Revocation Hearing Judge, PPTB
Charlotte Moore, Revocation Hearing Judge, PPTB
Hollie Wellborn, Executive Assistant to the Chairman, PPTB
Christie Goldman, Business Operations Manager, PPTB
Scott Howard, Investigator, PPTB
Felicia Bentley, Investigator, PPTB
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Support Supervisor, PPTB
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, ACC
Michael Bynum, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office
Jim Cheek, Director, ACC
Kris Honey, DCC Program Administrator Parole/Probation Services, ACC

Excused

Brenton Wood, Revocation Hearing Judge, PPTB

Call to Order

Chairwoman McCastlain called the Board meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was declared. Commissioner Smith joined the meeting via telephone.

Approval of Minutes – November 7, 2024

Vice Chairman Morgan moved for approval of the minutes. Commissioner Felts 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

Chairwoman McCastlain reviewed the population reports starting with the ADC report. They have a total count of 19,066.

Chairwoman McCastlain then reviewed the population report for ACC. They have a total of 2,005.

Chairwoman McCastlain then reviewed the statewide field operations report. There are 22,590 individuals on parole and 35,217 on probation. There is a grand total of 70,148 individuals under supervision.

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

Attorney General's Report

Mr. Michael Bynum, Assistant Attorney General, AG's Office, went over the list of lawsuits that was provided to the Board. He advised that new cases have slowed down. He highlighted a case noting there was an appeal filed of the inmate's denial based on APA. The inmate also filed an appeal with the Supreme Court.

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. Ms. Goldman reported that effective July 1, 2024, the Agency received funding of \$244,711 for Maintenance & Operations and Conference & Travel for fiscal year 2025. As of October 31, 2024, we've expensed \$49,584 (20.26%) of the FY25 Maintenance & Operations and Conference & Travel Budget. At this time last year, the Board had exhausted 26.14% of the operating expense budget.

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.

Old Business

There was nothing to report regarding old business.

New Business

There was nothing to report regarding new business.

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 Ryals moved to adopt the recommendations 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-Release Transfer Board.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, December 19, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Signature on file

Lona McCastlain
Chairwoman

Signature on file

Wendy Ryals
Secretary

ARKANSAS POST-PRISON TRANSFER BOARD

FULL BOARD RATIFICATION OF VOTES

November 2024

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, Etc.



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

Ratification Date: November 21, 2024