



ARKANSAS SENTENCING COMMISSION

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Commission Meeting March 16, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT

Judge Gordon McCain
Mr. Nathan Smith
Mr. Kendrell Collins

Judge Carlton Jones
Mr. Daniel Shue
Mr. Pat Roberts

Judge Shannon Blatt
Mr. Keith Rutledge
Mr. Michael Robbins

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Mr. Bob Balfe

Ms. Diana Lowe

STAFF PRESENT

Tawnie Rowell

Laura Ebner

VISITORS PRESENT

Lindsay Wallace (Chief of Staff)

Amber Schubert (ACC)

Lamont Wimbley (DOC-CFO)

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

Judge McCain requested that the Commission consider appointing a vice-chair. Daniel Shue moved and Keith Rutledge seconded a motion to add this consideration to the agenda. The motion was approved. Daniel Shue moved and Nathan Smith seconded the motion to appoint Judge Shannon Blatt as Vice-Chair. The motion was approved.

Judge Blatt moved and Daniel Shue seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the November 2021 meeting. The motion was approved.

Daniel Shue moved and Judge Blatt seconded the motion to approve the quarterly expense report. The motion was approved.

The Commission considered the Population Monitoring Report as presented by Tawnie Rowell. County jail back up has seen a considerable decrease. Lindsay Wallace provided details on what drove the decrease.

Lamont Wimbley presented the Department of Corrections Audit Report. There were no findings specific to the Sentencing Commission.

Tawnie Rowell presented the Sentencing Commission Control-Self Assessment (CSA). The CSA was significantly shorter this year than in previous years because Shared Services functions are now located

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in the CSA for the Cabinet-Level Department of Corrections. Judge Blatt moved and Nathan Smith seconded the motion to approve the CSA. The motion was approved.

Tawnie Rowell presented the Director's report. Work continues to keep positions filled. The first round of new Guidelines manuals have been sent out. Sentencing data from 2020 is being entered. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued for population projections and the resulting proposed contract will be presented at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be on May 25, 2022, at DOC Headquarters in North Little Rock.

Meeting adjourned.