

MEETING MINUTES
Legislative Recidivism Reduction Task Force

Monday, October 16, 2023
2:00 PM
Room 171, Arkansas State Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Members present:

Sen. Ben Gilmore	Sheriff Tommy Sturgeon
Sen. Clarke Tucker	Mr. Chris Chapmond
Rep. Jimmy Gazaway	Ms. Kim Clifton
Rep. Carol Dalby	Mr. Jerry Bradshaw
Hon. Melissa Richardson	Ms. Elizabeth Pulley
Attorney General Tim Griffin (Ryan Cooper)	Mr. Scott McLean
Secretary Joe Profiri	Ms. Tammy Harris
Mr. John Felts (Brooke Cummings)	Mr. Benny Magness (Mark Colbert)

Members absent:

Ms. Tabatha Branch	Mr. Jerry Riley
Mr. Nathan Smith	

A. Call to Order

Sen. Ben Gilmore called the meeting to order.

B. Adoption of Minutes

Rep. Carol Dalby moved to adopt the minutes from the August 28, 2023, organizational meeting of the Task Force. Rep. Jimmy Gazaway seconded the motion. The Task Force unanimously approved the motion.

C. Discussion of Preliminary Report

Members of the Task Force were presented with a draft preliminary report. After review and discussion, Rep. Dalby moved to approve the draft preliminary report and Secretary Joe Profiri seconded the motion. The Task Force unanimously approved the motion.

D. Presentation by Criminal Justice Legal Foundation

Michael Rashford and Elizabeth Berger, members of the Criminal Justice Legal Foundation, appeared by Zoom. They introduced their organization and shared their report containing recommendations for the Task Force. Sentencing Commission Director Tawnie Rowell updated the Task Force concerning the DOC data sharing agreement for CJLF and CSG. Both are with chief legal counsel for review. Once those are finalized, they anticipate proceeding with the projects.

E. Other Business

Chairman Sen. Gilmore asked members to be open to meeting with the two entities for helping with the goals of the Task Force. Director Rowell will act as liaison between the Task Force and the data agencies.

F. Next Meeting Date

Sen. Gilmore proposed November 13, 2023, as a tentative date for the next meeting.

G. Meeting Adjourned