

MEETING MINUTES
Legislative Recidivism Reduction Task Force

Monday, January 22, 2024
1:00 PM
Room 171, Arkansas State Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Members present:

Sen. Ben Gilmore	Sheriff Tommy Sturgeon
Sen. Clarke Tucker	Ms. Kim Clifton
Rep. Jimmy Gazaway	Ms. Elizabeth Taylor
Rep. Carol Dalby (via Zoom)	Mr. Scott McLean
Hon. Melissa Richardson	
Attorney General Tim Griffin (Ryan Cooper)	
Mr. John Felts (Brooke Cummings)	

Members absent:

Ms. Tabitha Branch	Mr. Benny Magness
Mr. Chris Chapmond	Ms. Elizabeth Pulley
Ms. Tammy Harris	Mr. Jerry Riley

A. Call to Order

Sen. Ben Gilmore called the meeting to order.

B. Adoption of Minutes

Sen. Clarke Tucker moved to adopt the minutes from the November 13, 2023, meeting of the Task Force. Mr. Ryan Cooper seconded the motion. The Task Force unanimously approved the motion.

C. Presentation by Dr. Tabrina Bratton – Department of Corrections

Dr. Bratton presented information on the programs available to inmates and offenders through the Division of Correction and the Division of Community Correction.

D. Presentation by Mr. Jim Bell – Hidden Creek re-entry facility

Mr. Bell presented information about his work with the re-entry program for incarcerated persons. He discussed the program goals and shared information with task force members on the process of working with the Department of Corrections to fill the beds in re-entry facilities.

E. Meeting Adjourned