



# ARKANSAS SENTENCING COMMISSION

A Division of the Arkansas Department of Corrections

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## Commission Meeting

August 11, 2020

08:00 A.M.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Judge Gordon Webb  
Mr. Keith Rutledge  
Judge Shannon Blatt

Mr. Bob Balfe  
Judge Mack McCain  
Mr. Nathan Smith

Mr. Daniel Shue  
Mr. Michael Robbins

### MEMBERS EXCUSED

Mr. Pat Roberts

### STAFF PRESENT

Lindsay Wallace

Tawnie Rowell

### VISITORS PRESENT

Joe West (Attorney General's Office)    Solomon Graves (DOC)    Jerry Bradshaw (ACC)

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

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

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

Keith Rutledge moved and Daniel Shue seconded the motion to approve stipend payments to non-state agency employees. The motion was approved.

The Commission considered the Population Monitoring Report. The population is down significantly, primarily due to implications of CoVID-19. The projections are forecasting a slow increase through the end of the year. Community Corrections Centers are seeing an enormous decrease in new admissions.

Lindsay Wallace presented the Control Self-Assessment. This is a process by which the staff identifies risks of fraud, waste, or inefficiencies, then assign controls. Keith Rutledge moved and Daniel Shue seconded the motion to approve the control self-assessment. The motion was approved.

Lindsay Wallace gave the Director's report. Brent Standridge resigned from the Commission and has not yet been replaced. The 2018 compliance report is almost complete. The report will look different going forward. Some less informative tables have been removed and replaced with new tables. Staff has been conducting training via web-ex, zoom, and teams in order to satisfy legislatively mandated training requirements and to assist offices in utilizing the sentencing order program. The NASC

Conference was cancelled and replaced with more targeted, round-table webinars. The legislative proposal to clean up criminal history has been submitted to the Secretary's office. Staff is moving to the Timex building, and should be moved in by the end of August. Solomon Graves has been appointed the Secretary of Corrections and asked Lindsay has been asked to serve as the Chief of Staff in a concurrent role.

The next meeting date is Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Keith Rutledge moved and Daniel Shue seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion was approved. Meeting adjourned.