



ARKANSAS SENTENCING COMMISSION

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Commission Meeting September 9, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT

Judge Gordon McCain
Judge Shannon Blatt
Mr. KenDrell Collins
Judge Carlton Jones

Mr. Michael Robbins
Mr. Nathan Smith
Ms. Diana Lowe

Mr. Bob Balfe
Mr. Daniel Shue
Mr. Pat Roberts

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Mr. Keith Rutledge

STAFF PRESENT

Tawnie Rowell

Arik Cruz

VISITORS PRESENT

Joe West (Attorney General's Office)
Audrey Weber (Extern)

Lindsay Wallace (Chief of Staff)

Jerry Bradshaw (ACC)

Judge Gordon McCain 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 with a correction to add Diana Lowe to the list of members present. The motion was approved.

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

Judge Shannon Blatt moved and KenDrell Collins seconded the motion to approve payment of stipends for non-state employees.

The Commission considered the Population Monitoring Report. The ADC jurisdictional count as of the end of August was 16,631 inmates.

Michael Robbins moved and Judge Shannon Blatt seconded the motion to approve renewal of the Professional Consulting Services Contract with JFA Associates for impact assessments and compliance reporting.

Tawnie Rowell presented the Director's report. Staff is tracking the impact of two acts from the 93rd General Assembly, Acts 946 and 1102. There are very few sentences falling under the new laws, but

staff will continue to monitor and report on the changes. The new sentencing order has been published to the Administrative Office of the Courts website. Changes to the Sentencing Order Program and Case Management are in progress. The DOC has convened a committee on time computation and release eligibility chaired by the Director of the Sentencing Commission, which will likely result in additional training of DOC records employees and a few internal policy changes.

The next meeting will be in held via Zoom on November 9, 2021. Meeting adjourned.