

MINUTES HOUSE AND SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

**Tuesday, December 5, 2023
10:00 AM
Room A, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas**

Committee members present: Senators Gary Stubblefield, Chair; Stephanie Flowers, Vice-Chair; Alan Clark, Bart Hester, and Matt McKee; Representatives Carol Dalby, Chair; Stan Berry, Vice-Chair; Andrew Collins, Cameron Cooper, Jimmy Gazaway, Ashley Hudson, Tippi McCullough, Jon Milligan, Milton Nicks, Jr., Jay Richardson, Jamie Scott, Kendon Underwood, and Danny Watson

Other members present: Senators Fredrick Love and Reginald Murdock; Representatives Jack Ladyman, Stetson Painter, Bart Schulz, and Joy Springer

Senator Stubblefield called the meeting to order.

Consideration to Approve the November 1, 2023, Meeting Minutes [Exhibit B]

Senator Flowers made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Representative Richardson, and the motion carried.

Discussion of Act 38 of 2023: An act to require a legislative study of financial matters related to the court system; to require the consideration of any legislative changes necessary to address issues identified during the study of financial matters related to the court system; and for other purposes. [Exhibit C]

John Wilkerson, General Counsel and Legislative Director, Arkansas Municipal League, and Mark Whitmore, Chief Legal Counsel, Association of Arkansas Counties, gave an overview of the Arkansas court system and discussed the requirements of Act 38 of 2023.

Future Meeting Dates and Times [Handout D]

Representative Dalby presented the tentative timeline of future meeting dates for the legislative study. Representative Dalby and Senator Stubblefield stated the chairs are open to suggestions on legislative study topics from the members of the committee.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.