

**REPORT OF THE  
EXECUTIVE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE  
ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**August 25, 2023**

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Senator Terry Rice, Co-Chair  
Senator Ben Gilmore, Vice Co-Chair  
Senator Missy Irvin  
Senator Bart Hester

Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chair  
Representative Bruce Cozart, Vice Co Chair  
Representative Matthew J. Shepherd  
Representative Kenneth B. Ferguson

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**August 24, 2023 Meeting**

We, the Executive Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council, met Thursday, August 24, 2023, in Room B of the Big MAC Building, Little Rock, Arkansas. Co-Chair Jeff Wardlaw called the meeting to order and saw a quorum of members present. Representative Matthew Shepherd, Speaker, House of Representatives, joined the meeting via "call-in".

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Ms. Jill Thayer, Chief Legal Counsel, Bureau of Legislative Research (BLR), and Senator Ricky Hill to present the draft procedures for the Firearms and Concealed Carry Laws study. After the presentation, Co-Chair Wardlaw requested a motion.

**Senator Missy Irvin made a motion to adopt the procedures for the Arkansas Firearms and Concealed Carry Laws Study to be conducted by the Game & Fish/State Police Subcommittee of Legislative Council. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.**

Co-Chair Wardlaw asked Ms. Thayer to continue, moving on to present the update on the Education Facilities Property Insurance Consulting Services RFP.

Co-Chair Wardlaw then recognized Ms. Marty Garrity, Director, Bureau of Legislative Research, to discuss the Secure Walkway Construction Contract authority. After discussion, Co-Chair Wardlaw requested a motion.

**Representative Bruce Cozart made a motion to authorize BLR to enter into a contract for construction services related to a secure walkway between the State Capitol building and the MAC building and to bring that contract to the ALC Policy-Making Subcommittee at its meeting scheduled for next Tuesday, August 29, 2023, and that the Legislative Council grant the Policy-Making Subcommittee final approval authority of the contract. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.**

Co-Chair Wardlaw asked Ms. Garrity to continue, moving on to the Director's Report. Ms. Garrity reported on the Code of Arkansas Rules, a project to codify all agency rules and create a website that would reflect the rules.

**Representative Kenneth Ferguson made a motion that the Legislative Council would authorize a completion date by December 31, 2024, for the Code of Arkansas Rules, pursuant to its authority under Act 64 of 2021. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.**

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Terry Rice and Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Executive Subcommittee Co-Chairs

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