

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (ALC)

November 21, 2025

The Arkansas Legislative Council met at 9:00 a.m., Friday, October 17, 2025, in Committee Room A of the Big MAC Building, Little Rock, Arkansas. Senate Co-Chair Ben Gilmore called the meeting to order and recognized a quorum of members present. Representative Wade Andrews was recognized for the morning prayer.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Co-Chair Gilmore referred members to the minutes of the last Legislative Council meeting held on September 26, 2025 (Exhibit C) and asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

Representative DeAnn Vaught moved that the minutes of the September 26, 2025, meeting of the Legislative Council be adopted. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Revenue Report

Co-Chair Gilmore recognized Dr. Carlos Silva, Legislative Economist, Bureau of Legislative Research (BLR), to present the September 2025 General Revenue Report (Exhibit D). Dr. Silva reported that the collections of Gross General Revenues year-to-date are approximately \$2.02 billion, an increase of \$13 million, or 0.6% above the \$2.00 billion collected last fiscal year-to-date. The Net General Revenue available for distribution of \$1.76 billion, increased \$27.1 million, or 1.6% from the \$1.74 billion available for distribution in September 2024. Dr. Silva further stated that the Cumulative Deviation is at a slight decline of \$1.8 million dollars, which is standard for this month, but is still above forecast at \$73.9 million for the first quarter of 2025. He then gave updates on additional items. This concluded the September 2025 General Revenue report. Co-Chair Gilmore recognized members for questions. He also recognized Mr. Jim Hudson, Secretary, Department of Finance & Administration (DF&A) to respond.

Standing Subcommittee Presentations

Administrative Rules Subcommittee

Co-Chair Gilmore recognized Senator Tyler Dees to present the report of the Administrative Rules Subcommittee (Exhibit F.1). Senator Dees reported that the Administrative Rules Subcommittee met on Thursday, October 16, 2025. The Subcommittee approved agency requests for exclusion from the reporting requirements for 2025 rulemaking, with one (1) request held until the Subcommittee's next meeting. The Subcommittee also received agency updates on outstanding rulemaking from the 2023 Regular Session and filed agencies monthly written updates on rulemaking from the 2025 Regular Session. One (1) rule was pulled from consideration prior to the meeting at the agency's request, and all other rules were reviewed and approved as noted in the report. This concluded the report of the Administrative Rules Subcommittee, and there were no questions.

Senator Tyler Dees moved that the report of the Administrative Rules Subcommittee be adopted. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Game & Fish/State Police Subcommittee

Co-Chair Gilmore recognized Representative Dwight Tosh to present the report of the Game & Fish/State Police Subcommittee (Exhibit F.4). Representative Tosh reported that the Game & Fish/State Police Subcommittee met on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at the Game and Fish Headquarters in Little Rock, AR. The Subcommittee heard testimony regarding the waterways in Arkansas and the technology used to monitor water levels, and geographic information systems mapping of rivers and streams in communities in affected areas. This concluded the report of the Game & Fish/State Police Subcommittee, and there were no questions.

Representative Dwight Tosh moved that the report of the Game & Fish/State Police Subcommittee be adopted. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

During a subsequent part of the meeting, Senator Missy Irvin made comments regarding the recent bear attacks in Newton County and Franklin County, expressing appreciation to those who responded and assisted with the issue. Additionally, Senator Irvin informed members that the Game and Fish Commissioners previously met on November 20 to discuss an emergency order related to a temporary 120-day emergency order, effective immediately to reduce daily trout possession limits in the state's four (4) major cold-water fisheries due to a significant loss in trout production. Senator Irvin stated she would disseminate the information to all members, via BLR staff.

Hospital, Medicaid, and Developmental Disabilities Study Subcommittee

Co-Chair Gilmore recognized Senator Jane English, to present the report of the Hospital, Medicaid, and Developmental Disabilities Study Subcommittee (Exhibit F.7). Senator Jane English reported that the Hospital, Medicaid, and Developmental Disabilities Study Subcommittee met on Monday, October 13, 2025, to hear updates from the Department of Human Services (DHS) concerning the Division of County Operations and the reimbursement rates under the Living Choices Assisted Living Waiver. The Subcommittee approved a motion to adopt the Preliminary Report concerning the comprehensive review of DHS, as required by Act 1004 of 2025, Section 13.

The Subcommittee met again on Thursday, October 16, 2025, to discuss testimony related to Benefit Cliffs and Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE). This concluded the report of the Hospital, Medicaid, and Developmental Disabilities Study Subcommittee, and there were no questions.

Senator Jane English moved that the report of the Hospital, Medicaid, and Developmental Disabilities Study Subcommittee be adopted. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Lottery Oversight Subcommittee

Co-Chair Gilmore recognized Senator Ricky Hill to present the report of the Lottery Oversight Subcommittee (Exhibit F.8). Senator Hill reported that the Lottery Oversight Subcommittee met on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, and reviewed the Intralot and Scientific Games Contracts. The subcommittee heard testimony on the Arkansas Lottery Director Report and reports from the Arkansas Division of Higher Education. This concluded the report of the Lottery Oversight Subcommittee, and there were no questions.

Senator Ricky Hill moved that the report of the Lottery Oversight Subcommittee be adopted. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Medical Marijuana Oversight Subcommittee

Co-Chair Gilmore recognized Representative RJ Hawk to present the report of the Medical Marijuana Oversight Subcommittee (Exhibit F.9). Representative Hawk reported that the Medical Marijuana Oversight Subcommittee met on Monday, October 13, 2025. The Subcommittee had discussion regarding the implementation of the two (2) remaining medical marijuana licenses. This concluded the report of the Medical Marijuana Oversight Subcommittee. Co-Chair Gilmore recognized members for questions. He also recognized Mr. Jim Hudson, Secretary, Department of Finance & Administration (DF&A) to respond.

Representative RJ Hawk moved that the report of the Medical Marijuana Oversight Subcommittee be adopted. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Occupational Licensing Review Subcommittee

Co-Chair Gilmore recognized Senator David Wallace to present the report of the Occupational Licensing Review Subcommittee (Exhibit F.10). Senator Wallace reported that the Occupational Licensing Review Subcommittee met on Thursday, October 16, 2025, to discuss the final report for the occupational authorization entities in Group 6. This concluded the report of the Occupational Licensing Review Subcommittee, and there were no questions.

Senator David Wallace moved that the report of the Occupational Licensing Review Subcommittee be adopted. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) Subcommittee

Co-Chair Gilmore recognized Senator Jonathan Dismang to present the report of the Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) Subcommittee (Exhibit F.11). Senator Dismang reported that the PEER Subcommittee met on Tuesday, October 14, 2025. The Subcommittee received reports, reviewed requests, and approved the following: Various Temporary Appropriations; American Rescue Plan Act Appropriations; and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Appropriations. This concluded the report of the PEER Subcommittee, and there were no questions.

Senator Jonathan Dismang moved to adopt the report of the Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) Subcommittee. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Review Subcommittee

Co-Chair Gilmore recognized Representative Frances Cavanaugh to present the report of the Review Subcommittee (Exhibit F.12). Representative Cavanaugh reported that the Review Subcommittee met on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, and reviewed the methods of finance, discretionary grants, one (1) RFQ approval request, and service contracts. All items presented were reviewed. The Subcommittee also approved one (1) member disclosure. This concluded the report of the Review Subcommittee, and there were no questions.

Representative Frances Cavanaugh moved to adopt the report of the Review Subcommittee. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Review of Communications

Co-Chair Gilmore referred members to the communications listed on the agenda as Items H.01 - H.12 and noted that action by Legislative Council was needed for Items H.01, H.02, H.03, and H.09(b).

H.01 - Arkansas Judicial Retirement System (AJRS), Request to review investment summaries, submitted pursuant to A.C.A. §19-11-1302 (Act 1211 of 2009).

- a. BlackRock MSCI ACWI ex-US ex-China ex-Hong Kong

Representative RJ Hawk moved to file the request for the Arkansas Judicial Retirement System (AJRS) as reviewed. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

H.02 - Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (APERS), Request to review investment summaries, submitted pursuant to A.C.A. §19-11-1302 (Act 1211 of 2009).

- a. BlackRock MSCI ACWI ex-US ex-China ex-Hong Kong

Representative RJ Hawk moved to file the request for the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (APERS) as reviewed. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

H.03 - Arkansas Teacher Retirement System (ATRS), Request for the Legislative Council's review of partial equity ownership agreements submitted pursuant to A.C.A. §19-11-1302.

- a. Xtremis, Inc.
- b. State Street MSCI ACWI IMI ex China ex Hong Kong Index Securities Lending Fund
- c. Arrowstreet Developed Market Alpha Extension Trust Fund
- d. Voya Absolute Alpha Trust Fund
- e. ISQ Global Infrastructure Fund IV (UST), L.P.
- f. Raith Real Estate Fund IV, L.P.
- g. Realty Income U.S. Core Plus Fund, L.P.
- h. BVIP Fund XII, L.P.
- i. Constellation Wealth Capital Fund II, L.P.

Representative RJ Hawk moved to file the request for the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System (ATRS) as reviewed. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

H.09(b) - Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, Division of State Parks, Request to approve a long-term lease agreement between Division of State Parks and the Conway County Fire Department, submitted pursuant to A.C.A. § 22-4-105.

Representative RJ Hawk moved to approve the request for the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, Division of State Parks. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Supplemental Agenda

Senator Ricky Hill moved to suspend the ALC rules to take up the supplemental agenda. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Co-Chair Gilmore recognized Representative DeAnn Vaught and Senator Clark Tucker to present Interim Resolution 2025-004, requesting that the Legislative Council respectfully urge President Donald J. Trump to implement targeted relief for Arkansas farmers in 2025.

Representative DeAnn Vaught moved to adopt Interim Resolution 2025-004. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Interim Study Proposal 2025-081, by Senator Steve Crowell, is to prohibit insurance companies and appraisers from requiring an insured to use certain facilities to repair or replace damaged motor vehicle safety glass; and to provide penalties for violations.

Representative RJ Hawk moved to refer Interim Study Proposal 2025-081 to the Senate Insurance and Commerce Committee. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Interim Study Proposal 2025-082, by Senator Steve Crowell, is to establish the requirements for a public school district that initiates and maintains a four-day school week; and to declare an emergency.

Representative RJ Hawk moved to refer Interim Study Proposal 2025-082 to the Senate Education Committee. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Adjournment

At 9:48 a.m., the meeting was adjourned as there was no further business to come before the Legislative Council.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Senator Ben Gilmore
Co-Chair, Senator

Marty Garrity
Executive Secretary