

AGENDA
Joint Budget Committee – Pre-Fiscal Session Budget Hearings

Wednesday, March 4, 2026
9:00 AM
Room A, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas

Sen. Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair
Sen. Joshua Bryant, Vice-Chair
Sen. Stephanie Flowers
Sen. Missy Irvin
Sen. Ronald Caldwell
Sen. Jane English
Sen. Alan Clark
Sen. Jimmy Hickey, Jr
Sen. Bart Hester
Sen. Scott Flippo
Sen. Blake Johnson
Sen. Breanne Davis
Sen. Ricky Hill
Sen. Mark Johnson
Sen. Greg Leding
Sen. Kim Hammer
Sen. Dan Sullivan
Sen. Clarke Tucker
Sen. Bryan King
Sen. Matt McKee
Sen. Clint Penzo
Sen. Steve Crowell
Sen. Tyler Dees
Sen. John Payton
Sen. Terry Rice, ex officio
Sen. Dave Wallace, ex officio
Sen. Ben Gilmore, ex officio
Sen. Jim Petty, ex officio

Rep. Lane Jean, Co-Chair
Rep. Lee Johnson, Vice-Chair
Rep. Matthew J. Shepherd
Rep. Stephen Magie
Rep. Mike Holcomb
Rep. Marcus E. Richmond
Rep. Frances Cavanaugh
Rep. Roger D. Lynch
Rep. Aaron Pilkington
Rep. Les Warren
Rep. Jim Wooten
Rep. Denise Garner
Rep. Nicole Clowney
Rep. Andrew Collins

Rep. Brian S. Evans
Rep. Tippi McCullough
Rep. Joy Springer
Rep. Ashley Hudson
Rep. Jon Milligan
Rep. Steven Walker
Rep. Jeremiah Moore
Rep. Zack Gramlich
Rep. R. Scott Richardson
Rep. Nick Burkes
Rep. Jeff Wardlaw, ex officio
Rep. Les D. Eaves, ex officio
Rep. Robin Lundstrum, ex officio
Rep. Jimmy Gazaway, ex officio

A. Call to Order

B. Consideration of JBC Rules

C. Executive Balanced Budget for Fiscal Year 2027 Presentation

--Mr. Jim Hudson, Secretary, Department of Finance and Administration

D. Institutions of Higher Education Overview

--Dr. Ken Warden, Commissioner, Department of Education-Division of Higher Education

E. Division of Higher Education

1. Letter Requesting to Amend Various Authorized Positions

2. Letter Requesting name change for North Arkansas College of the University of Arkansas

--Mr. Nicholas Fuller, Assistant Director of Finance

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F. Summary of Institutions of Higher Education Budget Requests for FY2027

--Mr. Henry Rice, Legislative State Budget Analyst

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G. Department of Corrections

--Ms. Lindsay Wallace, Secretary

1. Letter from OPM regarding Act 769 of 2025 – Recidivism Reduction System Act

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--Mr. Dexter Payne, Director				
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--Mr. Jim Cheek, Director				
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- Mr. Boyce Hamlet, Chairman			
Post Prison Transfer Board Operations	44		
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- Ms. Elaine Lee, Director			
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H. Reports and Communications

1. Department of Shared Administrative Services – Letter requesting realignment of positions for various state agencies permitted by Act 499 of 2025
2. Department of Shared Administrative Services – Letter requesting inclusion of position changes made during the interim for various state agencies
3. Department of Shared Administrative Services - Letter requesting additional positions at the Department of Shared Administrative Services and elimination of positions at various state agencies for the Arkansas Forward Initiative.

I. Other Business

J. Adjournment

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