

**MINUTES
SENATE COMMITTEE ON CITY, COUNTY, AND LOCAL AFFAIRS
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CITY, COUNTY, AND LOCAL AFFAIRS
MEETING JOINTLY**

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

3:00 PM

**Statehouse Convention Center, Marriott Ballroom, 101 E Markham
Little Rock, Arkansas**

Committee members present: Senators Joshua Bryant, Chair, and Jim Petty, Vice-Chair; Representatives Justin Gonzales, Chair, Bart Schulz, Vice-Chair, Wade Andrews, Karilyn Brown, Rebecca Burkes, Brad Hall, Mike Holcomb, Mindy McAlindon, Tippi McCullough, Jon Milligan, Stetson Painter, Aaron Pilkington, R. Scott Richardson, Johnny Rye, and Richard Womack

Other members present: Senators Steve Crowell, Kim Hammer, Fredrick Love, and Dan Sullivan; Representatives Joey Carr, Jon Eubanks, Denise Garner, Steve Hollowell, Jeremiah Moore, Kendra Moore, Shad Pearce, Chad Puryear, Jay Richardson, Joy Springer, Tracy Steele, and Jeremy Wooldridge

Representative Gonzales called the meeting to order.

Consideration to Approve the August 18, 2025, Meeting Minutes [Exhibit B]

Representative Painter made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Representative Schulz, and the motion carried.

Welcome Remarks

Mark Hayes, Executive Director, Arkansas Municipal League, gave welcoming remarks regarding the Arkansas Municipal League conference.

Discussion on Regulatory Rethinking and Land Use Issues

Mark Hayes, Executive Director, Arkansas Municipal League; John Wilkerson, General Counsel and Legislative Director, Arkansas Municipal League; Mike Wallace, Program Director for Community and Economic Development, National League of Cities; Duke McClarty, Executive Director, Groundwork NWA; and James Walden, Urban Planning Leader, Garver, led a discussion on current and proposed regulations and land use problems.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.