

DRAFT MINUTES
JOINT PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE
Thursday, June 22, 2023
10:00 AM
Room A, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas

Committee members present: Senators Kim Hammer, Co-Chair; Jonathan Dismang, Reginald Murdock, Terry Rice, and Dan Sullivan; Representatives David Ray, Vice-Chair; Mary Bentley, Rebecca Burkes, Bruce Cozart, Cindy Crawford, Les D. Eaves, Tony Furman, Kendra Moore, Marcus E. Richmond, Jamie Scott, Tara Shephard, Joy Springer, and Jim Wooten

Other members present: Senators Linda Chesterfield, Jim Dotson, Bryan King, Fredrick Love, and John Payton; Representatives Stan Berry, Harlon Breaux, Cameron Cooper, Jon Eubanks, Kenneth Ferguson, Vivian Flowers, Jack Fortner, Austin McCollum, Aaron Pilkington, Jay Richardson, Johnny Rye, DeAnn Vaught, and Jeff Wardlaw

Senator Hammer called the meeting to order

Consideration to Approve the May 24, 2023, Meeting Minutes [Exhibit B]

Representative Bentley made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Representative Springer, and the motion carried.

Update on Arkansas Auctioneers Licensing Board [Handout 1, 2 and 3]

Daryl Bassett, Cabinet Secretary, Department of Labor and Licensing and Steve Guntharp, Chief of Staff, Department of Labor and Licensing, gave an update on the Arkansas Auctioneers Licensing Board hearing on June 19, 2023 regarding the licensing of Gaylen McGee. The Board concluded that there was sufficient evidence to level a civil penalty against Mr. McGee. Mr. Bassett has enacted new policies and procedures for future licensing.

Mr. Doug Erwin, Lonoke County Judge, presented his complaint that his auctioneer's license was unfairly revoked for non-renewal by the Department of Labor and Licensing.

Discussion of Baxter County Election Audit [Handout 4]

Canda Reese, Baxter County Clerk & County Circuit Clerk, presented her findings from the volunteer ballot audit that was conducted. She explained the process they used hand counting ballots and how they were unable to balance totals using that method.

Kathryn Grace, Citizen, discussed setting up uniform auditing procedures for counting votes.

Daniel Schults, Director, Arkansas State Board of Election Commissioners, discussed the state wide audit of randomly selected ballots and the results from that audit.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.