

MINUTES
JOINT PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE
Monday, October 27, 2025
10:00 AM
Room A, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas

Committee members present: Senators Terry Rice, Co-Chair; Jamie Scott, Vice-Chair; Jonathan Dismang, Jane English, Scott Flippo, Ricky Hill, John Payton, and Dan Sullivan; Representatives Bruce Cozart, Co-Chair; Tony Furman, Vice-Chair; Mary Bentley, Matt Brown, Frances Cavanaugh, Denise Garner, Jimmy Gazaway, Lane Jean, Wayne Long, Mark D. McElroy, Aaron Pilkington, David Ray, and Jim Wooten

Other members present: Senators Steve Crowell, Kim Hammer, Fredrick Love, and Dave Wallace; Representatives Fred Allen, Wade Andrews, Glenn Barnes, Stan Berry, Harlan Breaux, Nick Burkes, John P. Carr, Paul Childress, Carol Dalby, Denise Ennett, Jon Eubanks, Brian Evans, Kenneth Ferguson, Steve Hollowell, Jack Ladyman, John Maddox, Stephen Magie, Tippi McCullough, Richard McGrew, Jessie McGruder, Jon Milligan, Kendra Moore, Shad Pearce, Jay Richardson, Marcus E. Richmond, Johnny Rye, Joy Springer, Dwight Tosh, DeAnn Vaught, and Jeff Wardlaw

Representative Cozart called the meeting to order.

Consideration to Approve September 9, 2025, Meeting Minutes [Exhibit B]

Rep. Bentley made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Sen. Sullivan, and the motion carried.

Discussion of Arkansas Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program

Howard Gorter, Professional Engineer, Palmetto Engineering & Consulting; Denise Russell, Director of Regulatory Affairs, NATCO Inc.; Steven Sanders, Jr., President and General Manager, NATCO Inc.; and Glen Howie, State Broadband Director, Arkansas State Broadband Office; provided testimony on potential contractor awardees for the BEAD program and projections on construction needed to implement the program.

Discussion of Arkansas Federal Surplus Property Program

Col. Mike Hagar, Secretary of Public Safety and Director, Arkansas State Police, and Karen Perry, Chief Fiscal Officer, Arkansas Department of Public Safety, provided an overview on the decision to shut down the Federal Surplus Property Program in Arkansas.

Bill Barnes, Chief, Joplin Volunteer Fire Department, and Sammy Angel, Citizen, provided testimony on the benefits of keeping the surplus property program running and the benefits that the program would provide for smaller communities.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.