

Exhibit B

Minutes of June 19, 2025, meeting

MINUTES OF ARKANSAS CODE REVISION COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, June 19, 2025

3:00 P.M.

Room B, MAC Little Rock, Arkansas

Commission members and others present: Representative Matthew Shepherd, Chair; Representative Jimmy Gazaway; Senator Joshua Bryant; Senator Clarke Tucker; Commissioner Julie Mullenix; Commissioner Vaughan Hankins; Commissioner Ryan Owsley; Matthew Miller, Assistant Director for Legal Services of the Bureau of Legislative Research; Kevin Koon, Arkansas Code Revisor; Jill Thayer, Chief Legal Counsel for the Bureau; Jennifer Davis, Department of Transformation and Shared Services; Brian Kennedy, Head of Government Relations, LexisNexis; Sharon Strong, Executive Director of the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery; Representative Lincoln Barnett; Representative Howard Beaty; Representative Karilyn Brown; Representative Cameron Cooper; Representative Tippi McCullough; Representative David Ray; and Representative Johnny Rye.

Chair Shepherd called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the October 17, 2024, Meeting – ItemB/Exhibit B

Senator Tucker moved to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2024, meeting, and Ms. Mullenix seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

Consideration of authorization of expense reimbursement for official Commission duties by Commissioners pursuant to § 25-16-902 – ItemC/Exhibit C

Chair Shepherd introduced Item C and asked Mr. Koon to provide background on this item. Mr. Koon explained that § 25-16-902 allowed non-legislative members to receive expense reimbursement for official commission duties and was required to be adopted at the first meeting of the calendar year.

Senator Tucker moved to approve the authorization of expense reimbursement, and Mr. Hankins seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

Discussion of Publishing Contract with Lexis – Item D/Exhibit D

Chair Shepherd introduced Item D and recognized Ms. Jill Thayer, Chief Legal Counsel for the Bureau, to speak on the renewal of the publishing contract with Lexis. Ms. Thayer provided information on the original bid process in 2018, stated that the contract terminates this year on December 31, 2025, and explained that the contract provides for two renewal terms up to seven years each. Ms. Thayer further explained that if the commission approved the renewal of the contract, the Bureau would take the commission's approval to the Legislative Council for the final approval. Senator Tucker had questions concerning if there had been any issues with Lexis and if there was anyone else who would apply for the contract. Mr. Koon responded that there had been no issues with Lexis and that he did not know if anyone else was interested in applying for the contract. Chair Shepherd recognized Mr. Brian Kennedy, Head of Government Relations and Content Acquisition for LexisNexis. Mr. Kennedy stated that Lexis was looking forward to working with the State of Arkansas and was in favor of extending the contract.

Mr. Hankins moved to approve the exercise of the first option to extend the contract with LexisNexis, and Senator Tucker seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

Discussion of Publication Options for Title 19 – Item E/Exhibit E

Chair Shepherd introduced Item E and recognized Mr. Brian Kennedy. Mr. Kennedy stated that he met with the editorial and manufacturing team at Lexis, and Lexis believes that the best option for customers is to replace the Title 19 volumes with hard bound volumes during the supplement season. Chair Shepherd asked how many volumes were involved, and Mr. Kennedy answered two volumes, 19A and 19B. Mr. Matthew

Miller asked about pricing, and Mr. Kennedy stated the volumes would be priced as replacement volumes. There was discussion about whether the commission needed to take action on this item, and there was further discussion on the supplement/replacement volume process. Chair Shepherd inquired whether the Title 19 volumes could be substituted for other scheduled 2025 replacement volumes, and Mr. Kennedy stated that this could be done. There was further discussion of which volumes were scheduled to be replaced and that the pricing for 2025 had already been set. Mr. Kennedy stated that Lexis would honor the 2025 pricing for the Title 19 replacement volumes.

Senator Bryant moved to approve two new replacement volumes for Title 19 that would substitute for two scheduled 2025 replacement volumes, subject to staff and LexisNexis determining which two scheduled 2025 replacement volumes would be substituted for, and with pricing to stay the same, and Ms. Mullenix seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

2025 Act Errors and Issues – Item F/Exhibit F

Chair Shepherd introduced Item F and explained the process of how staff reviews the acts from a session and brings issues with those acts to the commission's attention. Chair Shepherd then recognized Mr. Koon to discuss the items identified by staff from the 2025 Regular Session.

A. Manifest Reference Errors.

Mr. Koon introduced items A1 – A7. On item A1, there were questions on the suggested language, and Mr. Koon explained that changes to the law from a 2024 act were omitted from the 2025 act. On item A2, Chair Shepherd recognized Ms. Jennifer Davis from the Department of Transformation and Shared Services to explain the suggested correction, and she stated that the words should be “forty-six minutes” to match the numbers. There was further discussion on item A2 of whether the words or the numbers should control. On item A3, Mr. Miller stated that Representative Jay Richardson, lead sponsor of the act, agreed with the suggested correction. On item A4, there was discussion of the Bureau's drafting and codification process. On item A5, there was discussion on whether Subchapter 3 was part of a comprehensive chapter. On item A6, Chair Shepherd asked for Representative Gazaway's thoughts as the lead sponsor, and Representative Gazaway stated he agreed with the suggested correction. On item A7, there were discussions about whether the references to rulemaking were referring to the same thing. Chair Shepherd requested that item A7 be held out and that staff contact the sponsors.

Senator Tucker moved to approve the suggested corrections for items A1 – A6, and Representative Gazaway seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

B. Grammatical Errors.

Mr. Koon introduced items B1 and B2. On item B1, there was discussion of secure disposal and targeted disposal. On item B2, Chair Shepherd recognized Representative Karilyn Brown, lead sponsor of the act, and she stated that she agreed with the suggested correction.

Representative Gazaway moved to approve the suggested corrections for items B1 and B2, and Senator Tucker seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

Chair Shepherd recognized Representative Karilyn Brown as lead sponsor of Act 501 to discuss a potential issue with Acts 340/341 and Act 501. Representative Brown discussed a proposed incorporation of the Purple Star School designation provisions of Acts 340/341 with the Purple Star School program provisions of Act 501. Chair Shepherd, as lead sponsor of Acts 340/341, shared his thoughts on the permissive provisions of Acts 340/341 and the mandatory provisions of Act 501. Chair Shepherd requested that staff contact the Department of Education and Representative Brown on this issue and report back at the next commission meeting.

The commission took no action on this item.

C. Other Errors and Issues.

Mr. Koon introduced items C1 – C7. On item C3, Chair Shepherd questioned whether the language was from a uniform act, and Mr. Koon stated he did not believe it was. On item C4, Chair Shepherd asked for further clarification of the suggested correction, and Mr. Koon explained that the section was for appointment of guardians in general, not emergency guardians. On item C5, there was discussion about the entities referenced in the section and their relation to individuals who are deaf and the need for input from the sponsors and the relevant department. Chair Shepherd requested that item C5 be held out and that staff contact the sponsors and relevant department. On item C6, Chair Shepherd stated that he had talked with Representative McAlindon, lead sponsor of the act, and requested that this item be held out for further research. On item C7, there was discussion of the language displaced by the engrossing error and the need to correct designations and references after the language of the amendment was correctly codified.

Senator Tucker moved to approve the suggested corrections for items C1 – C4 and C7, and Mr. Hankins seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

D. Conflicts Involving the Repeal of a Provision.

Mr. Koon introduced items D1 – D9. On items D1 and D9, there was discussion on the commission's historical practice of treating repealing acts as controlling over amending acts. On item D2, Chair Shepherd recognized Ms. Sharon Strong, Executive Director of the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery, who spoke on the purpose behind Act 429 and the conflict with Act 341. Ms. Strong stated there would be no practical issues with the repealing act controlling. On item D8, there was discussion that the language in Act 762 appeared broader than the language in Act 755. On item D9, Senator Tucker stated he had concerns with the repealing act controlling, and Senator Bryant requested that staff contact Mr. David Potter at Alcohol Beverage Control. Chair Shepherd requested that item D9 be held out.

Senator Tucker moved to approve the suggested corrections for items D1 – D8, and Senator Bryant seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

E. Conflicts Involving the Amendment of a Provision.

Mr. Koon introduced items E1 – E4. On item E1, Chair Shepherd recognized the primary sponsors of the two acts, Representative David Ray (Act 288) and Representative Howard Beaty (Act 944), who both indicated that they agreed with the suggested correction. On item E2, Chair Shepherd asked for clarification that the suggested correction would include a corresponding change from “department” to “board” in § 2-40-106(b)(2)(B), and Mr. Koon stated it would. On item E3, Chair Shepherd asked for clarification that the suggested correction would be to reinsert the “Department of Health”, and Mr. Koon stated that was correct. On item E4, Chair Shepherd asked for clarification that the suggested correction would be to codify the later act, and Mr. Koon stated that was correct.

Representative Gazaway moved to approve the suggested corrections for items E1 – E4, and Senator Tucker seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

Report of Code Revisor — Item G/Exhibit G

Mr. Koon advised the commission that his report could wait until the next meeting.

Chair Shepherd, with no further business before the Commission, adjourned the meeting.