

**MINUTES**  
**HOUSE SMALL BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE OF**  
**AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**Monday, October 27, 2025**  
**11:00 AM**  
**Room B, MAC**  
**Little Rock, Arkansas**

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Committee members present: Representatives Cameron Cooper, Chair; Stephen Magie, Vice-Chair; Harlan Breaux, Bruce Cozart, and Denise Garner

Other members present: Senator Steve Crowell; Representatives Alyssa Brown, Carol Dalby, Denise Ennett, Kendra Moore, Jay Richardson, Marcus Richmond, DeAnn Vaught, Joy Springer, and Steven Walker

Representative Cooper called the meeting to order.

**Discussion of Opportunities, Challenges, and Solutions of Women and Minority-Owned Small Businesses**

Representative DeAnn Vaught, District 87, Arkansas House of Representatives, and Esperanza Massana-Crane, Director, Small Business and Entrepreneurship Development, Arkansas Economic Development Commission, led a discussion on opportunities, challenges, and solutions for women and minority-owned small businesses.

**Other Business**

The Committee listened to public testimony about the economic condition of small businesses.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.