

MINUTES
ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND DEMENTIA ADVISORY COUNCIL
Thursday, July 9, 2026
1:00 PM
Room B, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas

Committee members present: Senators Clint Penzo, Co-Chair; Representatives Les Warren, Co-Chair

Non-legislative members present: Naomi Atkinson (Non-Voting), Dr. Gohar Azhar, Mindy Briganci, Rachel Bunch, David Cook, Jennifer Hallum, Jay Hill (Non-Voting), Dr. Kerry Jordan (Virtual), Kimberly Kinder, Dr. Amyleigh Overton-McCoy, Cristy Sellers (Non-Voting), Jodiane Tritt, and Dr. Jeanne Wei

Other members present: Representatives Harlan Breaux, Nick Burkes, Steven Walker, and Jeff Wardlaw

Senator Penzo Called the meeting to order.

Introduction of Advisory Council Members

Committee Members and other Legislative Members present introduced themselves.

Consideration to Adopt Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Advisory Council Rules of Procedure [Exhibit C]

Motion to adopt Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Advisory Council rules of procedure made by David Cook, seconded by Dr. Jeanne Wei. The motion carried.

Consideration to Approve Minutes from September 15, 2025, Meeting [Exhibit D]

Dr. Jeanne Wei made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Amyleigh Overton – Mccoy. The motion carried.

Consideration of a Motion to Authorize the Co-Chairs to Approve Special Expenses Incurred by the Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Advisory Council

Motion to authorize the Co-Chairs to approve Special Expenses Incurred by the Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Advisory Council made by David Cook, seconded by Dr. Jeanne Wei. The motion carried.

Discussion of the Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Arkansas State Plan [Exhibit F]

David Cook, Director of Government Affairs, Alzheimer's Association, Arkansas Chapter, presented Handout 2, and made a motion to adopt the 4 points from the last slide as an outline for the state plan. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jeanne Wei. The motion carried.

Discussion of Future Agenda Items and Meeting Date

Senator Penzo suggested a meeting in August with the presence of Dr. Michelle Gray, if possible, for her study of Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia and the effects exercise has on it. Senator Penzo mentioned a discussion on Legislative changes. The Advisory Council showed interest in discussing more funding.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned around 2:00 p.m.