MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF THE

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (ALC)

November 20, 2026

The Arkansas Legislative Council met at 9:00 a.m., Friday, October 16, 2026, in Committee Room A of the Big MAC Building, Little Rock, Arkansas. Senate Co-Chair Senator Justin Boyd called the meeting to order and recognized a quorum of members present. Representative DeAnn Vaught was recognized for the morning prayer.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Co-Chair Boyd referred members to the minutes of the last Legislative Council meeting held on September 18, 2026 (Exhibit C) and asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

Representative DeAnn Vaught moved that the minutes of the September 18, 2026, meeting of the Legislative Council be adopted. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Revenue Report

Co-Chair Boyd recognized Dr. Carlos Silva, Legislative Economist, Bureau of Legislative Research (BLR), to present the September 2026 General Revenue Report (Exhibit D). Dr. Silva reported that the collections of Gross General Revenues, year-to-date, are approximately $2.16 billion, an increase of $146.7 million, or 7.3% above the $2.02 billion collected last fiscal year-to-date. The Net General Revenue available for distribution of $1.91 billion, increased $147.3 million, or 8.4% from the $1.76 billion available for distribution in September 2025.

Dr. Silva further reported that as of September 2026 the August 2026 Unemployment Rate (AR) is at 3.9% and the August 2026 Labor Force Participation (AR) is at 59.1%. He stated that the Cumulative Deviation of the Net General Revenue Available for Distribution was approximately $104.5 million above the forecast but noted that the original forecast did include a surplus.

Dr. Silva gave other updates as he responded to questions from members. After questions, this concluded the October 2026 General Revenue report.

Point of Personal Privilege

Co-Chair Boyd recognized Senator Ronald Caldwell to present a Senate Citation to Mr. Alan McVey, Deputy Director/Chief of Staff, Department of Finance & Administration (DF&A), for his retirement on October 16, 2026. Mr. McVey dedicated 30 years of exceptional public service to the State of Arkansas.

Standing Subcommittee Presentations

Administrative Rules Subcommittee

Co-Chair Boyd recognized Senator Tyler Dees to present the report of the Administrative Rules Subcommittee (Exhibit F.1). Senator Dees reported that the Administrative Rules Subcommittee met on Thursday, October 15, 2026, and reviewed rules from the Arkansas Ethics Commission and the Department of Human Services (DHS) - Division of Medical Services (DMS). All rules were reviewed and approved as noted in the report. This concluded the report of the Administrative Rules Subcommittee, and there were no questions.

Senator Tyler Dees moved that the report of the Administrative Rules Subcommittee be adopted. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) Subcommittee

Co-Chair Boyd recognized Representative Jon S. Eubanks to present the report of the Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) Subcommittee (Exhibit F.11). Representative Eubanks reported that the PEER Subcommittee met on Monday, October 12, 2026. The Subcommittee received reports, reviewed requests, and approved the following: Various Temporary Appropriations; American Rescue Plan Act Appropriations; and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Appropriation requests. This concluded the report of the PEER Subcommittee, and there were no questions.

Representative Jon S. Eubanks moved to adopt the report of the Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) Subcommittee. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Review Subcommittee

Co-Chair Boyd recognized Representative Stetson Painter to present the report of the Review Subcommittee (Exhibit F.12). Representative Painter reported that the Review Subcommittee met on Monday, October 12, 2026, and reviewed items identified as imminent for review in October, including: one (1) Method of Finance; one (1) Discretionary Grant; two (2) Ratifications; and services contracts. This concluded the report of the Review Subcommittee, and there were no questions.

Representative Stetson Painter moved that the report of the Review Subcommittee be adopted. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Review of Communications

Co-Chair Boyd referred members to the communications listed on the agenda as Items H.01 - H.10 and noted that these items are received but no action by Legislative Council is needed. There were no questions or requests from members on Items H.01-H.10.

Adjournment

At 9:16 a.m., the meeting was adjourned as there was no further business to come before the Legislative Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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Senator Justin Boyd
Co-Chair, Senate

ATTEST:

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Marty Garrity
Executive Secretary