

AGENDA
Charitable, Penal, and Correctional Institutions Subcommittee
of the
Arkansas Legislative Council

Thursday, July 10, 2025
3:00 PM
Room A, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas

Sen. Matt McKee, Co-Chair
Sen. Alan Clark, Vice-Chair
Sen. Gary Stubblefield
Sen. Bart Hester
Sen. Blake Johnson
Sen. Clarke Tucker
Sen. Joshua Bryant
Sen. Tyler Dees
Sen. Ben Gilmore, ex officio
Sen. Justin Boyd, ex officio

Rep. Howard M. Beaty, Jr., Co-Chair
Rep. Andrew Collins, Vice-Chair
Rep. Dwight Tosh
Rep. Justin Gonzales
Rep. Kenneth B. Ferguson
Rep. Jimmy Gazaway
Rep. Cindy Crawford
Rep. Ryan A. Rose
Rep. Les D. Eaves, ex officio
Rep. Jack Ladyman, ex officio

A. Call to Order

B. Review of Communications:

1. **Arkansas Public Defender Commission**, Monthly report on public defender attorney positions, funding, and caseloads as of June 2025 (*Jan., Feb., Mar., Apr., May 2025 reports are retained in the file*) **[Exhibit B]**

C. Investigation and Review of Prisoner Escape from Calico Rock and Review of Arkansas Department of Corrections' (DOC) Policies and Protocols Regarding Security

1. Overview of Prisoner Escape from Calico Rock
 - a. Thomas Hurst, Warden, North Central Unit
2. Division-Level Discussion of Prisoner Escape from Calico Rock
 - a. Dexter Payne, Director, Division of Correction, DOC
3. Department-Level Discussion of Prisoner Escape from Calico Rock
 - a. Lindsay Wallace, Secretary, DOC
 - b. Tawnie Rowell, Chief Legal Counsel, DOC
4. Presentation of Investigation Related to Prisoner Escape from Calico Rock
 - a. Colonel Mike Hagar, Secretary of Public Safety and Director, Arkansas State Police
5. Review of DOC Policies and Protocols Regarding Security
 - a. Lindsay Wallace, Secretary, DOC
 - b. Tawnie Rowell, Chief Legal Counsel, DOC
6. Arkansas Board of Corrections (BOC) Discussion of DOC Policies and Procedures Regarding Security
 - a. Benny Magness, Chairman, BOC
 - b. Dr. William "Dubs" Byers, Secretary, BOC

Note: All exhibits for this meeting are available by electronic means and are accessible on the General Assembly's website at www.arkleg.state.ar.us

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- c. Lee Watson, Member, BOC
- d. Pastor Alonza Jiles, Member, BOC
- e. Brandon Tollett, Member, BOC
- f. Lona McCastlain, Member, BOC
- g. Grant Hodges, Member, BOC

D. Next Steps and Follow-Up Actions

E. Other Business

F. Adjournment