

# **EXHIBIT C1**

## **MINUTES**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT**

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT**

**MEETING JOINTLY**

**Tuesday, May 20, 2025**

**2:30 PM**

**Robinson Event Center, Ballroom C, 426 W Markham Street, Little Rock  
Little Rock, Arkansas**

---

Committee members present: Senators Ronald Caldwell, Chair, Matt Stone, Vice-Chair, Jamie Scott; Representatives Roger D. Lynch, Chair, Harlan Breaux, Denise Garner, Lane Jean, Ron McNair, Kendra Moore, Marcus E. Richmond, Tracy Steele, DeAnn Vaught, and Carlton Wing;

Other members present: Representatives Howard Beaty, Jr., Dolly Henley, Steve Hollowell, Jack Ladyman, and Johnny Rye.

Senator Caldwell called the meeting to order

**Consideration of a Motion to Ratify Special Expenses Incurred in Conjunction with the  
May 20, 2025, House and Senate Agriculture, Forestry, and Economic Development  
Committees Meeting**

Without objection, the special expenses were approved.

**Consideration of a Motion to Authorize Chairs to Approve Special Expenses Incurred by  
the Committee**

Without objection, the special expenses were approved.

**Consideration to Approve the Minutes from the December 5, 2024, Meeting [Exhibit E]**  
Without objection, the minutes were approved.

**Presentation Regarding Arkansas Economic Development Commission's Success and  
Impact [Exhibit F]**

Becca Caldwell, Director of Rural Services, Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC), gave a presentation entitled "The Power of Rural", giving an overview of AEDC's success and impact in Arkansas. Hugh McDonald, Secretary, Arkansas Department of Commerce, gave closing comments.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.