

MINUTES
SENATE AND HOUSE COMMITTEES ON JUDICIARY
Meeting Jointly
Tuesday, September 30, 2025
10:00 AM
Room A, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas

Committee members present: Senator Terry Rice, Chair; Representatives Carol Dalby, Chair; Nicole Clowney, Andrew Collins, Justin Gonzales, Ashley Hudson, Tippi McCullough, Shad Pearce, R. Scott Richardson, Joy Springer, and Dwight Tosh

Other members present: Senators Bryan King and Jamie Scott; Representatives Fred Allen, Glenn Barnes, Stan Berry, Joey Carr, Kenneth Ferguson, Mike Holcomb, Aaron Pilkington, and Jay Richardson

Representative Dalby called the meeting to order.

Consideration to Approve September 30, 2024, Meeting Minutes (Senate) [Exhibit B]

Senator Rice made a motion to approve the minutes, and without objection, the motion carried.

Consideration to Approve July 10, 2025, Meeting Minutes (House) [Exhibit C]

Representative Springer made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Representative Scott Richardson and the motion carried.

Consideration of a Motion to Authorize Senate Chair to Approve Special Expenses Incurred by the Committee

Senator Rice made a motion to authorize the Senate chair to approve special expenses incurred by the committee, and without objection, the motion carried.

Discussion of Arkansas Commission on Children, Youth, and Families

The Honorable Rhonda K. Wood, Associate Justice, Arkansas Supreme Court (ASC), provided background into the work the Arkansas Commission on Children, Youth, and Families has accomplished along with an update on the Commission's projects currently in place.

Discussion of Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) - Juvenile Division [Exhibits F1-F2]

Brooke Steen, Director, Juvenile Division, AOC; the Honorable Earnest Brown, Jr., Judge, Division 6, 11th West Judicial Circuit; and the Honorable Rhonda K. Wood, Associate Justice, ASC; provided an update on AOC's Juvenile Division and the recent caseloads of juvenile courts in Arkansas.

Discussion of Group Violence Intervention Initiative in Jefferson County [Exhibit G]

The Honorable Earnest Brown, Jr., Judge, Division 6, 11th West Judicial Circuit, and Brooke Steen, Director, Juvenile Division, AOC, gave an update on the current outputs and outcomes of the Group Violence Intervention Initiative in Jefferson County, Arkansas.

Kristin Clark, Director, Legal Services Division, AOC, provided an update regarding the AOC's current implementation of Act 371 of 2025.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.