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# INDEPENDENT CITIZENS COMMISSION

# May 18, 2016

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The Independent Citizens Commission met on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in room 151 of the State Capitol in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Commission members present: Chair - Mr. Larry Ross, Mr. Mitch Berry, Ms. Barbara Graves, Ms. Brenda James, and Mr. Stuart Hill. *Vice Chair – Mr. Chuck Banks and Mr. Stephen Tipton were not present.* Also present: Ms. Nga Mahfouz, Assistant Attorney General, Mr. John Ahlen, General Counsel with the Auditor of State’s Office, and Ms. Raeanne Gardner with the Auditor of State’s office.

**Chairman Ross called the meeting to order**

Chairman Ross recognized and introduced Ms. Nga Mahfouz and Mr. John Ahlen.

**Consideration of minutes from the May 13, 2015 commission meeting**

A motion was made by Commissioner Graves to adopt the minutes as written and seconded by Commissioner James. The motion carried without objection.

**Presentation by Dr. John Shelnutt, Administrator for Economic Analysis and Tax Research, Department of Finance and Administration**

Dr. John Shelnutt presented the commission with an economic summary and revenue forecast (see handouts).

**Commission discussion**

The commission agreed to tentatively hold their next meeting on June 14th at 9:00 am in room 151 of the State Capitol.

**Approval of stipend for independent citizens commission members for the 2016 calendar year**

A motion was made by Commissioner Graves to approve a stipend for members of the independent citizens commission for the 2016 calendar year and was seconded by Commissioner Berry. The motion carried without objection.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Handouts and audio of the meeting can be found at <http://citizenscommission.ar.gov>

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