

**DRAFT MINUTES
INDEPENDENT CITIZENS COMMISSION**

July 25, 2019

The Independent Citizens Commission met on Thursday, July 25, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in room 151 of the State Capitol in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Chairman Banks called the meeting to order with roll call. Commission members present Mr. Chuck Banks, Mr. Tommy May, Mr. Phillip Fletcher. Mr. Jonathon Rogers, Mrs. Annabelle Imber Tuck, and Mrs. Jan Zimmerman by phone. Also, present, Mrs. Nga Mahfouz- Assistant Attorney General with the Attorney General Office, Ms. Melanie Jenkins-commission staff with the Auditor of State's office. Chairman Banks stated that the commission will meet one or two more times to give everyone time to study the information that will be presented at the meeting today. And to give the 10-day public comment period after a resolution is drafted. Chairman Banks then announce special guest Auditor of State Andrea Lea.

Commission discussion

Auditor Andrea Lea

Auditor Lea spoke to the commission about the role of her office with the commission.

Consideration of minutes from the May 15, 2019

A motion was made by Commissioner Jonathan Rogers to adopt the minutes as written, seconded by Commissioner Imber Tuck. The motion carried without objection.

Nga Mahfouz Assistant Attorney General- Attorney General Office- Nga discussed Freedom of information act (FOI). And also commission is required to meet once a year and 90 days before the start of session. The commissioners were advised that if they were contacted directly by the public they were asked to direct them to the website or Melanie Jenkins.

Dr. Shulnett- Department of Finance and Administration- Economic Outlook Presentation-

Gave economic overview of the State. *(all handouts can be found on the website)*

Public Comment

Mr. Jeff Harper- District Judges Council- There are 55 District court judges that are full time state employees. They will add 12 more District Judges in January of 2021. They are requesting the same salary increase that all state employees received this year.

Bob McMahan- Prosecutor Attorney Office- *(Letter can be found on the website)*

Next meeting date is tentatively set for September 9, 2019 in room 151 at 10am.

There being no further business. Meeting adjourned.

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