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# INDEPENDENT CITIZENS COMMISSION

# August 25, 2021

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The Independent Citizens Commission met on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 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. Phillip Fletcher. Mr. Jonathon Rogers, Mrs. Annabelle Imber Tuck, and Mrs. Jan Zimmerman Tommy May and Nathan Evers by phone. Also, present, Mrs. Nga Mahfouz- Attorney General Office Ms. Melanie Jenkins- Auditor of State’s office.

**Consideration of minutes from the November 18, 2020**

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

**Presentations:**

**Dr. Shelnutt- Department of Finance and Administration- Economic Outlook Presentation-**

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

**Kay Barnhill- Director of The State Office of Personal Management-**

Review of Salaries from hybrid states and Review of state employee raises (*handouts can be found on the website)*

**Discussion & Questions:**

**Chief Justice Kemp- Supreme Court**

Reviewed status of the Courts during pandemic.

Requesting 3% increase. (*Letter can be found on the website)*

**Judge Singleton- Arkansas Judicial Council-**

 Requesting 3% increase. (*Letter can be found on the website)*

**Judge Harrison-Court of Appeals**

Requesting 3% increase. Answer questions for the Commissioners

**Bob McMahan- Prosecutor Coordinator-**

Requesting increase (*Letter can be found on the website)*

**Roy Ragland- Chief of Staff for House of Representatives**

Review of Milage, Per Diam and other expenses.

Chairman Banks asked audience if anyone had any further comments or presentations. Then he asked the commission to go over all the information presented at the meeting today and tentatively set next meeting for September 8, 2021, in room 151 at 10am. Motion to adjourn by Tuck. Seconded by Zimmerman, motion passed. There being no further business meeting adjourned.

**Handouts and complete audio of the meeting can be found at** [**http://citizenscommission.ar.gov**](http://citizenscommission.ar.gov)