

MINUTES

JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Monday, October 20, 2025

1:30 PM

Room A, MAC

Little Rock, Arkansas

Committee members present: Senators Ricky Hill, Co-Chair; Jonathan Dismang, Vice Chair; Mark Johnson, and Jamie Scott; Representatives Stephen Meeks, Co-Chair; Andrew Collins, Denise Jones Ennett, Julie Mayberry, Rick McClure, Steven Walker, and Jeremy Wooldridge

Alternate members present: Representatives Glenn Barnes, Lincoln Barnett, Paul Childress, Brad Hall, Jessie McGruder, and Scott Richardson

Other members present: Senators Jane English, Scott Flippo, and Clint Penzo; Representatives Fred Allen, Stan Berry, Keith Brooks, Karilyn Brown, Nick Burkes, Joey Carr, Cameron Cooper, Matt Duffield, Kenneth Ferguson, Jimmy Gazaway, Zach Gramlich, Steve Hollowell, Jack Ladyman, Wayne Long, Roger Lynch, David Ray, Johnny Rye, Joy Springer, Tracy Steele, Dwight Tosh, and Jeff Wardlaw

Representative Stephen Meeks called the meeting to order.

Consideration to Approve the April 23, 2024, Meeting Minutes [Exhibit B]

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

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

Representative Mayberry made a motion to authorize chairs to approve special expenses incurred by the committee, seconded by Representative Scott Richardson, and the motion carried.

Discussion of Cybersecurity [Exhibit D]

Jay Harton, Chief Technology Officer, Department of Shared Administrative Services (SAS); Robert McGough, Chair, AI and Analytics Center for Excellence, SAS; and Gary Vance, State Chief Information Security Officer, SAS, discussed Acts 375, 480, and 489 of 2025 regarding their application into the State's IT policy.

Discussion of the Arkansas AI and Analytics Center of Excellence (AI CoE)

Robert McGough, Chair, AI CoE, and Jay Harton, Chief Technology Officer, SAS, gave an overview of the State's approach to AI policy and putting it into governance.

Discussion of DeleteMe [Exhibit F]

Taylor Tavenner, Public Sector Account Executive, DeleteMe, discussed the benefits of the company to protect legislators and state officials.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.