REVISED AGENDA
Administrative Rules Subcommittee
of the
Arkansas Legislative Council

Thursday, November 19, 2026
10:00 AM
Room A, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas

Sen. Tyler Dees, Co-Chair
Sen. Kim Hammer, Vice-Chair
Sen. Missy Irvin
Sen. Alan Clark
Sen. Bart Hester
Sen. Terry Rice
Sen. Blake Johnson
Sen. Breanne Davis
Sen. Justin Boyd, ex officio

Rep. Matthew J. Shepherd, Co-Chair
Rep. Lane Jean, Vice-Chair
Rep. Jon S. Eubanks
Rep. Mary Bentley
Rep. DeAnn Vaught
Rep. Steve Hollowell
Rep. Brian S. Evans
Rep. Stetson Painter
Rep. Les D. Eaves, ex officio
Rep. Jack Ladyman, ex officio

A. Call to Order

B. Reports on Administrative Directives Pursuant to Act 1258 of 2015, for Quarter Ending September 30, 2026

C. Rules Filed Pursuant to Arkansas Code § 10-3-309

1. Arkansas Department of Transportation, State Highway Commission (Michelle Davenport)

a. Utility Accommodation Rules, 27 CAR pt. 91 (p.1)

2. Arkansas Teacher Retirement System (Mark White, Jennifer Kelly)

a. Arkansas Teacher Retirement System Rules, Retirement and Benefits, 24 CAR § 10-601 et seq. (p.8)

3. Department of Agriculture, Arkansas Forestry Commission (Kyle Cunningham, Matthew Ford, Darren Spinks)

a. Rules of the Arkansas Forestry Commission for Registration of Foresters, 17 CAR pt. 20 (p.10)

4. Department of Agriculture, Arkansas Natural Resources Commission (Chris Colclasure, Matthew Ford)

a. Oversight of Retail Water, Wastewater, and Sewer Providers, 14 CAR pt. 2 (p.11)

b. Water Authorities, 4 CAR pt. 1 (p.13)

Note: All exhibits for this meeting are available by electronic means and are accessible on the General Assembly's website at www.arkleg.state.ar.us.

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5. **Department of Agriculture, State Plant Board (Corey Seats, Matthew Ford, items a-c; Mike Stage, item a)**

   a. Official Standards for Seed Certification in Arkansas, 2 CAR pt. 34 (p.15)

   b. Arkansas Feed Rules, 2 CAR pt. 25 (p.16)

   c. Fertilizer Rules, 2 CAR pt. 26 (p.20)

6. **Department of Commerce, Arkansas Economic Development Commission (Brian Black)**

   a. Arkansas Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Matching Grant Program, 15 CAR pt. 141 (p.21)

7. **Department of Education, Division of Higher Education (Dr. Ken Warden, Daniel Shults)**

   a. Student Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program Rules, 6 CAR pt. 396 (p.22)

   b. Rules Governing the Arkansas Future Grant Program, 6 CAR pt. 400 (p.23)

   c. Arkansas Direct Admissions Program, 6 CAR pt. 376 (p.24)

   d. Arkansas Heroes Scholarship, 6 CAR pt. 409 (p.25)

   e. Rules Governing the Military Dependents' Scholarship Program, 6 CAR pt. 393 (p.26)

8. **Department of Finance and Administration, Arkansas Racing Commission (Tim Frith)**

   a. Rules Governing Horse Racing in Arkansas, 23 CAR § 357-401. Jockeys (p.27)

9. **Department of Health (Craig Smith, items a-h; Terry Paul, item a; Charles Bedell, item b; Paula Day, items c-e; Shane David, item f; Laura Bailey, item g; Jeff Jackson, item h)**

   a. Rules Pertaining to General Sanitation, 20 CAR pt. 131 (p.29)

   b. Rules for the State Kidney Disease Program, 20 CAR pt. 260 (p.29)

   c. Rules for Freestanding Birthing Centers in Arkansas, 20 CAR pt. 44 (p.30)

   d. Rules for Conducting Criminal History Record Checks for Home Health, Hospice, and Private Care Agencies in Arkansas, 20 CAR pt. 42 (p.30)

   e. Rules for In Vitro Fertilization, 20 CAR pt. 48 (p.31)

   f. Public Access to Epinephrine, 20 CAR pt. 201 (p.32)

   g. Arkansas Rules for Breath Alcohol Ignition Interlock Devices, 5 CAR pt. 21 (p.32)

   h. Rules for Food Establishments (Concerning 20 CAR pts. 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197) (p.33)

D. Agency Updates on the Status of Outstanding Rulemaking from the 2023 Regular Session Pursuant to Act 595 of 2021

1. Department of Education

Rules Outstanding as of November 1, 2026, as Reported and Updated by the Agency

Arkansas State Library

- Rules Governing the Standards for State Aid to Public Libraries (Act 566 of 2023, § 11)
    - Rulemaking regarding Act 566 of 2023 was temporarily suspended due to the passage of Act 903 of 2025. The rule has completed a second round of public comment and will be considered for final approval at the November 13, 2026 meeting of the State Library Board.

Division of Career and Technical Education

- Rules Governing Grading and Course Credit (Act 654 of 2025, § 4)
    - This rule has completed a third round of public comments and will be considered for final approval at the November 12, 2026 meeting of the State Board of Education.

Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

- Rules Governing School District Waivers (Act 347 of 2023, § 1)
    - The agency has redrafted this rule due to the enactment of Act 304 of 2025. The State Board of Education will consider releasing this rule for public comment at its November 12, 2026 meeting.
- Rules Governing Grading and Course Credit (Act 654 of 2023, §§ 2, 4)
    - This rule has completed a third round of public comments and will be considered for final approval at the November 12, 2026 meeting of the State Board of Education.

State Board of Education

- Rules Governing Public Charter Schools (Act 237 of 2023, § 49)
    - The agency has redrafted this rule due to the enactment of Act 800 of 2025. The State Board of Education will consider releasing this rule for public comment at its November 12, 2026 meeting.

E. Agency Updates on the Status of Outstanding Rulemaking from the 2025 Regular Session Pursuant to Act 595 of 2021[1]

1. Arkansas Department of Transportation

2. Arkansas Public Service Commission

3. Department of Agriculture

4. Department of Commerce, Arkansas Economic Development Commission*

[1] An asterisk (*) denotes that no written November 1 update was received.

5. **Department of Commerce, State Insurance Department**
6. **Department of Corrections**
7. **Department of Education**
8. **Department of Energy and Environment**
9. **Department of Finance and Administration**
10. **Department of Health**
11. **Department of Human Services**
12. **Department of Labor and Licensing**
13. **State Board of Finance**

F. Adjournment