

Meeting Minutes of the Arkansas Motor Vehicle Commission

Business Meeting
900 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 400
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

February 18, 2026

MEETING ATTENDANCE

COMMISSION CHAIR:	Joy Blankenship
COMMISSION MEMBERS:	Michael Johnson Jerel Saeler Scott Wood Jimmy Jones Michael Moix Clay Maxey (Virtual)
AR. MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION DIRECTOR:	Daniel Pace
AR. MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION STAFF:	Alexus Dunlap Margie Sexton John Aquilino
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:	Aaron Lowrey
VISITOR:	Jay Blaylock – Arkansas AG Investigator (Virtual) Sydney Sexton – Arkansas AG Investigator (Virtual) Kenneth Gentry – Gentry Chevrolet Owner (Virtual) Bill White – Bill White Ford Owner (Virtual) Michael Justice – Bill White Ford GM (Virtual) Trevor Hawkins – Visitor Bobbie Johnson – Visitor

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CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Arkansas Motor Vehicle Commission was called to order on February 18, 2026, at 9:27 a.m. by Commission Chair Joy Blankenship.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the Wednesday, January 21, 2026, regularly scheduled Commission meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved by the Commission, following a proper motion by Michael Johnson and a second by Scott Wood.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION

Director Pace presented the Financial Revenue and Expenditure Reports for fiscal year 2026. Fiscal year 2026 reflects a revenue deposit total of \$388,796.46 to date. Following a proper motion by Jimmy Jones and a second by Michael Moix, the Commission unanimously approved the Financial Revenue and Expenditure Reports for fiscal year 2026.

Director Pace presented the Monthly License Activity Report, License Renewal Report, Manufacturer & Distributor License Renewal Summary, Late Fee Invoice Report, and Voluntary License Surrender Report. Director Pace noted the addition of seven new licenses (listed below) since January 21, 2026. Additionally, Director Pace noted five Off-Premise Requests (listed below) that have been approved since January 1, 2026. AMVC staff are working to ensure all licenses are properly renewed for the 2025-2026 licensing period.

New Licenses Issued: January 21, 2026 – February 18, 2026			
Business Name	License Type	License #	County
Textron E-Z-GO LLC	Manufacturer	M10527	Richmond - GA
Hertz Local Edition	Lessor Branch	725-13	Pulaski
Hertz Local Edition	Lessor Branch	725-14	Saline
Carco National Lease	Lessor Branch	735-4	Benton
Hoco Turf	New Franchise Dealer – Cycle	F4603	Pulaski
Tractor Supply Company 2031	New Franchise Dealer – Cycle	F4604	Sebastian
Venom EV LLC	Manufacturer	M10528	Green - WI

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Off-Premise Requests: January 1, 2026 – February 18, 2026			
Business Name	Event / Site	Dates	County
D&G Attractions	Arkansas Marine Expo	1.9.26 – 1.11.26	Pulaski
D&G Attractions	Arkansas RV Show	2.20.26 – 2.22.26	Pulaski
D&G Attractions	Hot Springs Boat, Tackle & RV Show	02.27.26 – 3.1.26	Garland
Arkansas Big Buck Classic Inc.	Arkansas Big Buck Classic	01.23.26 – 01.25.26	Pulaski
Greeson, Inc	First Baptist Church of Hot Springs	2.28.26 – 2.28.26	Garland

The Investigation Summary Reports compiled by Investigators Margie Sexton and John Aquilino included the time frame of January 2026 through February 2026. There have been investigations into title issues, unlicensed dealers, warranty disputes, and advertising complaints. In addition, 11 dealer visits have been conducted from January 2026 through February 2026. The Commission has received 22 complaints (Formal & Non-Formal) since January 1, 2026.

Director Pace provided the Commission with a brief explanation of several open and closed, Formal and Non-Formal Complaints. He discussed complaint investigations NF#26-015, C#26-004, and C#26-006, and the potential for additional complaints to be filed against Superior RV Sales & Service with respect to current business practices. These complaints include nonpayment of trade-in liens, issuance of fraudulent checks, non-sufficient fund “hot” checks, and non-compliance with licensing requirements. The Commission staff have been working with the Arkansas Attorney General’s Office in an effort to obtain responses and resolutions to the numerous complaints filed against Superior RV Sales & Service, and the Commission is still working on completing a comprehensive investigation.

Director Pace provided an update to NF#25-167, a non-formal complaint against Walmart in **Batesville**, which involved the sale of regulated vehicles at an unlicensed location. Following a site visit by Investigator Aquilino, all regulated vehicles have been removed from the store.

Investigator Aquilino, provided the Commission with a briefing into NF#26-007, a non-formal complaint filed against Main Street Outlet regarding the sale of regulated vehicles at an unlicensed location. The location has removed all products and is working with AMVC staff to obtain a license.

Director Pace and Investigator Sexton provided the Commission with an update on NF#25-165 AMVC vs Lone Star Golf Cars regarding the sale of regulated vehicles, manufactured by an unlicensed Manufacturer, Dach EV, at a licensed location. Licensing Supervisor Alexis Dunlap also provided information to the Commission on her communications with Dach EV, regarding Commission license requirements and license application information. Dach EV has not submitted a proper application for a Manufacturer license as of today’s meeting date. Investigator Sexton confirmed that Lone Star Golf Cars is still actively advertising and selling Dach EV products, despite Commission staff requesting that they remove the unlicensed products from the store on multiple occasions. Director

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Pace explained that Commission staff will report back to the Commission in a future meeting after the investigation is complete.

Director Pace provided insight into C#26-008, a formal complaint against Sherwood Tractor regarding longstanding advertising issues which have been addressed on a non-formal basis with the dealer on several previous occasions. Sherwood Tractor is only authorized to advertise and sell CF Moto products at the Rose Bud store; they are not authorized to advertise and sell CF Moto products at the Atkins store. The dealership is currently engaged in misleading and deceptive advertising online, on streaming platforms, and on television, as the advertisements give the impression that CF Moto products are available at the Atkins store. Commission staff will continue working on completing their investigation and a final report will be presented to Commissioners in the future to determine any additional action that may be warranted.

Investigator Aquilino, provided the Commission with a brief update on his work on C#26-002, a formal complaint filed by Tedder Equipment against American Landmaster regarding dealer termination and repurchase of product inventory. American Landmaster has agreed to repurchase all products, parts, and materials in compliance with A.C.A §23-112-403.

Investigator Aquilino, provided the Commission with a brief update C#26-005, a formal complaint filed by Smackover Motors, Inc. against Ford Motor Company regarding the Ford Commitment Program (FCP). Commission staff will continue working on this complaint investigation and the complaint will be referred to the Commission Ad-Hoc Committee once the investigation process is complete.

LEGAL BRIEFINGS

Assistant Attorney General Aaron Lowrey provided an update on H#26-012 Arkansas Yamaha vs. Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA, a dispute regarding the establishment of a new Yamaha dealer into the relevant market area of Arkansas Yamaha. A Formal Hearing was set for February 18, 2026, corresponding with the regularly scheduled meeting date. Both parties involved in the hearing provided the Commission with a joint continuance request, which waived the right to have a hearing within 180 days of the protest complaint being filed. Following a proper motion by Scott Wood and a second by Michael Moix, the Commission unanimously approved the motion to accept the joint continuance request from both parties, and the Formal Hearing was rescheduled to May 20, 2026.

Assistant Attorney General Aaron Lowrey provided an update to the hearing conducted for H#26-011 AMVC vs. White River ATV, at the January 21, 2026, Meeting. Mr. Holifield, the respondent, was presented with a final order and letter of reprimand and has until February 20, 2026, to comply with all provisions set forth in the final order and letter of reprimand. Investigator Aquilino will conduct a follow-up compliance visit to the dealership after the deadline to ensure compliance with the final order.

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Director Daniel Pace explained the background to the current licensing status of Gentry Chevrolet and Commission staff explained the investigation information provided to Commissioners for review.

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Following an extensive fire on September 3, 2025, at Gentry Chevrolet in Dequeen, the dealership was deemed inoperable and unsafe due to the fire damage to a significant portion of the building. Kenneth Gentry, the owner, has submitted a Franchise Auto license renewal application for the dealership in order to remain in operation. Based on the extensive information obtained by Commission staff from Mr. Gentry, an on-site inspection, and other investigative inquiries, Director Pace provided his assessment that the current dealership facilities are not in compliance with the AMVC Act requirements or Commission Rule 4. Assistant Attorney General Aaron Lowrey provided an overview of AMVC Act facility requirements for the Commissioners. Mr. Kenneth Gentry was also given an opportunity to address the Commission and explain the current status of his dealership and business operations. Following questioning of Mr. Gentry by Commissioners and lengthy discussion of the renewal application, a proper motion was made by Michael Moix and a second by Jerel Saeler, to deny the license renewal application from Gentry Chevrolet due to non-compliance with Commission facility requirements. The Commission unanimously approved the motion. Director Pace informed Mr. Gentry that the Commission staff would send him a letter explaining the Commission's decision to deny his license renewal application.

Director Daniel Pace presented the commission with a relocation request from Bill White Ford to move their current dealership location in Booneville to a new location in Mansfield. Mr. White requested a Voluntary License Surrender Agreement for the Booneville location and submitted an application for the new proposed location, as Mansfield is in a different county than the current licensed location. This request was presented to the Commission due to the unique temporary modular building in Mansfield that Bill White Ford will conduct business operations from during the next 18 months as the existing permanent building is remodeled to meet Ford specifications. Investigator Aquilino completed a site visit of the temporary facility at the proposed location February 12, 2026, and found that the temporary facilities are in compliance with Rule 4 Facility Requirements and A.C.A § 23-112-302. Bill White (Owner) briefly addressed the Commission to explain the relocation from Booneville to the Mansfield location. Following a proper motion by Scott Wood and a second by Michael Johnson, the Commission unanimously approved the motion to approve the New Franchise Auto Dealer License Application for Bill White Ford at the new Mansfield location.

Director Pace and Licensing Supervisor Dunlap presented background on the current license status of Stark Future USA LLC. Stark Future has had an inactive license since June 30, 2024, and has not renewed as of the time of the meeting, resulting in statutory license renewal fees of \$1,800.00 and statutory late fees of \$8,550.00. Stark Future has been in communication with AMVC staff since January 2025, six months after their license initially expired regarding their intent to renew. The AMVC has received a signed Voluntary License Surrender Agreement for Stark Future's inactive license, a written request for waiver of late fees, and they intend to apply for a new Distributor license. After discussion, the Commission voted on two motions. A proper motion was made by Michael Moix and seconded by Jimmy Jones to approve the Voluntary License Surrender Agreement for Stark Future USA LLC, and the Commission unanimously approved the motion. A proper motion was made by Jimmy Jones and seconded by Michael Moix to waive the original amount of late fees owed and reset the total late fees owed to the Commission from Stark Future USA LLC to \$4500.00. The Commission unanimously approved the motion.

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remaining funds to the installation of an Exhaust System, however due to funding constraints they were unable to utilize the funds for that project. South Ark. College has returned to the commission and submitted a request to the Commission reallocate these remaining funds to purchase laptops for the program. Following a proper motion by Michael Moix and a second by Scott Wood, the Commission unanimously approved South Ark College to allocate the remaining grant funds to the requested supplies.

Director Pace presented the previous 2025 Automotive Technologist Education Grant Program (ATEGP) application packet to assist the commission in revising and finalizing the 2026 ATEGP application packet. After discussion, Commissioner Michael Johnson made a proper motion to utilize the 2025 ATEGP application packet as a base for the 2026 ATEGP application packet after adding the requirement for a Detailed Financial Statement be provided with each Accounting Report, changing the program application submission deadline to March 31, 2026, as well as setting the deadline dates for the accounting reports and detailed financial statements to be due the second Sunday of September 2026 and the second Sunday of January 2027. The Motion was seconded by Michael Moix and unanimously approved by the Commission.

The Commission reviewed the sample MSO and information sheet for the FIAT Topolino LSV Conversion Kit provided by FCA US LLC.

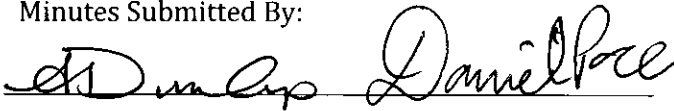
TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

Director Pace discussed with the potential interest of lobbyists to address portions of the AMVC Rule that addresses the mph threshold of regulated scooters, mini-bikes and other two wheeled motorized vehicles to align with the "3-Class" categorization approach.

ADJOURNMENT

Following a proper motion by Michael Johnson and a second by Michael Moix, Commission Chair Joy Blankenship thanked everyone for their attendance and adjourned the meeting at 11:43 A.M. on February 18, 2026, and the Commission unanimously approved the motion.

Minutes Submitted By:



Alexis Dunlap and Daniel Pace

15 April 2026

Date

Minutes Approved By:



Commission Chair Joy Blankenship

15 April 2026

Date