Meeting Minutes of the Arkansas Motor Vehicle Commission

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

June 17, 2026

MEETING ATTENDANCE

COMMISSION CHAIR:	Joy Blankenship
COMMISSION MEMBERS:	Michael Johnson Jerel Saeler Scott Wood Jimmy Jones Michael Moix
AR. MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION DIRECTOR:	Daniel Pace
AR. MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION STAFF:	Alexus Dunlap Margie Sexton John Aquilino
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:	Aaron Lowrey Kym Armstrong – Investigator Sydney Sexton – Investigator Jay Baaylock - Investigator
VISITOR:	Mark Phillips – ADLL IT: Support Analyst Heidi Massey – ADLL Hearing Officer Jesse Waid – Waid Reporting (Court Reporter) Greg Kirkpatrick – Visitor – AADA John Gentry – Constituent – NLR Honda Yamaha Pres. Virgil Young – Visitor - NLR Honda Yamaha Attorney 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 June 17, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. by Commission Chair Joy Blankenship. Commissioner Clay Maxey was not present at the meeting and was not previously excused.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the Wednesday, May 20, 2026, Commission Meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved by the Commission, following a proper motion by Michael Johnson and a second by Jerel Saeler.

REPORTS AND ACTIVITY

Director Pace presented the Financial Revenue and Expenditure Reports for fiscal year 2026. Fiscal year 2026 reflects a revenue deposit total of $425,182.78 to date, with an additional $882.00 in funds pending deposit. Following a proper motion by Scott Wood and a second by Jimmy Jones, the Commission unanimously approved the Financial Revenue and Expenditure Reports for fiscal year 2026.

Director Pace presented the Monthly License Activity Report, New License Applicant Worksheets, License Renewal Report, Manufacturer & Distributor License Renewal Summary, Late Fee Invoice Report, and Pending Voluntary License Surrender Report. Director Pace noted the addition of twenty-five (25) new licenses (listed below) issued since May 20, 2026. Additionally, Director Pace noted one Off-Premise Display Request (listed below) that has been approved since May 20, 2026. AMVC staff are working to ensure all licenses are properly renewed for the 2025-2026 licensing period.

Issued Licenses May 20, 2026 – June 12, 2026			
Business Name	**License Type**	**License #**	**County - State**
Tractor Supply Co. 1912	New Franchise Dealer – Cycle	F4613	Mississippi - AR
Tractor Supply Co. 1376	New Franchise Dealer – Cycle	F4614	Pulaski - AR
Tractor Supply Co. 158	New Franchise Dealer – Cycle	F4615	Craighead - AR
Tractor Supply Co. 2073	New Franchise Dealer – Cycle	F4616	Greene - AR
Tractor Supply Co. 1330	New Franchise Dealer – Cycle	F4617	Crawford - AR
Tractor Supply Co. 1217	New Franchise Dealer – Cycle	F4618	Washington - AR
DCD Vehicle Corp.	Manufacturer	M10534	Orange County - FL
AUDI of America, LLC	Distributor	D10475	Fairfax - VA
Tractor Supply Co. 1373	New Franchise Dealer – Cycle	F4619	Benton - AR
Tractor Supply Co. 595	New Franchise Dealer – Cycle	F4620	Faulkner - AR
Tractor Supply Co. 1863	New Franchise Dealer – Cycle	F4621	Jackson - AR
Tractor Supply Co. 2364	New Franchise Dealer – Cycle	F4622	Lonoke – AR
Tractor Supply Co. 2051	New Franchise Dealer – Cycle	F4623	Little River - AR

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Issued Licenses May 20, 2026 – June 12, 2026 (Continued)			
Business Name	**License Type**	**License #**	**County - State**
Tractor Supply Co. 2129	New Franchise Dealer – Cycle	F4624	Lawrence - AR
Tractor Supply Co. 365	New Franchise Dealer – Cycle	F4625	Benton - AR
Tractor Supply Co. 2033	New Franchise Dealer – Cycle	F4626	Independence - AR
Tractor Supply Co. 2628	New Franchise Dealer – Cycle	F4627	Grant - AR
Tractor Supply Co. 1374	New Franchise Dealer – Cycle	F4628	Garland - AR
Tractor Supply Co. 2874	New Franchise Dealer – Cycle	F4629	Poinsett - AR
Tractor Supply Co. 3110	New Franchise Dealer – Cycle	F4630	Benton - AR
Tractor Supply Co. 1722	New Franchise Dealer – Cycle	F4631	Jefferson - AR
Tractor Supply Co. 381	New Franchise Dealer – Cycle	F4632	Boone - AR
Tractor Supply Co. 2306	New Franchise Dealer – Cycle	F4633	Conway - AR
Art's Marine Sports LLC	New Franchise Dealer – Cycle	F4634	Pulaski - AR
TMG Inc – David's Fire Equipment	New Franchise Dealer – Cycle	F4635	Lonoke - AR

Off-Premise & Out of State Permit Requests: May 20, 2026 – June 12, 2026			
Business Name	**Event / Site**	**Dates**	**County**
Ryburn Motor Company	Pink Tomato Festival	06.12 – 06.13.2026	Bradley

The Investigation Summary Reports compiled by Investigators Margie Sexton and John Aquilino included the timeframe of May 2026 through June 2026. There have been investigations into title issues, unlicensed dealers, warranty disputes, and advertising complaints. In addition, 13 dealer visits have been conducted from May 2026 through June 2026. The Commission has received 91 complaints (Formal & Non-Formal) since January 1, 2026. Director Daniel Pace, as well as Investigators Margie Sexton and John Aquilino, each provided brief explanations to the Commissioners regarding the Investigation Summary Reports and notable pending Complaint investigations.

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 proposed establishment of a new Yamaha dealer within the relevant market area of Arkansas Yamaha. A formal Hearing was scheduled for August 26, 2026, to address the protest dispute. Both parties provided written requests to the Commission requesting dismissal. Yamaha Motor Corporation confirmed the withdrawal of the proposed dealer relocation that is the subject of the protest complaint. Arkansas Yamaha confirmed that they wish to dismiss the protest complaint, in light of Yamaha's decision to withdraw the proposed dealer relocation. Following a brief explanation of the communication between both parties by Arkansas Yamaha's Attorney, Virgil Young; a proper motion was made by Michael Johnson and seconded by Jerel Saeler to cancel the scheduled Hearing for H#26-012, Arkansas Yamaha vs.

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Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA, and dismiss the formal protest complaint filed by Arkansas Yamaha. The motion was then unanimously approved by the Commission.

Assistant Attorney General Aaron Lowrey provided an update on C#26-008 AMVC vs. Sherwood Tractor. The Commission approved for Sherwood Tractor to be presented with a Consent Agreement at a previous Commission Meeting. The owner, Bart Sherwood, accepted and signed the consent agreement as proposed, and he is in the process of correcting his advertising to comply with the terms of the consent agreement. The consent agreement was approved at the May 20, 2026, Commission meeting and as of the June 12, 2026, due date, Mr. Sherwood paid the assessed monetary penalty in full to the Commission, as required under the consent agreement.

Assistant Attorney General Aaron Lowrey provided an update on NF# 25-165 AMVC vs. Lone Star Golf Cars. The Commission approved for the dealer to be presented with a Consent Agreement at the April 15, 2026, Commission meeting following repeated instances of advertising and selling unlicensed Dach LSVs (low-speed vehicles) to the public from their licensed North Little Rock location. Lone Star Golf Cars CFO, Austin Halpern, responded to the proposed Consent Agreement with an email message rejecting the proposed Consent Agreement and asserting that the vehicles in question were not LSVs. Director Pace and Assistant Attorney General Aaron Lowrey provided additional analysis and information to Commissioners at the May 20, 2026, Commission Meeting. After the meeting, in accordance with the Commission's instructions, Director Pace sent the consent agreement to Lone Star Golf Cars again, with an accompanying letter that included the statutory definition of Low-Speed Vehicles (LSVs). The Commission has yet to receive an additional response from Lone Star Golf Cars on this matter.

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Director Pace, Investigator Aquilino, and Investigator Sexton collectively provided background and a detailed summary of NF# 26-062 AMVC vs. Furniture Express Deals (Forrest City), an investigation into the sale of regulated vehicles (new ATVs) by an unlicensed business. Following an open discussion of the Commission Staff Investigation findings, Commissioner Scott Wood made a proper motion to present the owner of Furniture Express Deals (Forrest City) with a consent agreement and a fine of $1,000.00, which was seconded by Jimmy Jones. After additional discussion between the Commissioners addressing the terms of the consent agreement, Scott Wood amended the proper motion to include the requirement that Furniture Express Deals (Forrest City) must immediately cease and desist all sales of new motor vehicles at the current store location. Furniture Express Deals is also required to obtain a license from the Commission at an alternate location that complies with Commission facility requirements if they would like to sell new vehicles in the future. Commissioner Jimmy Jones seconded the amended proper motion, and the Commission unanimously approved the amended proper motion.

Director Pace presented six (6) Voluntary License Surrender Agreements (VLSAs) from 6 license holders no longer conducting business in the state of Arkansas (listed under Section 6B on the agenda). The listed license holders requested that the licenses presented be terminated, and they acknowledged that if they wish to engage in business in the state of Arkansas after the license has been terminated, they must apply for a new license through the Arkansas Motor Vehicle Commission. A proper motion to approve all six (6) Voluntary License Surrender Agreements (listed under Section 6B on the agenda) was made by Michael Moix and seconded by Michael Johnson. The Commission then unanimously approved of the proper motion.

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Director Pace provided an update to the Commission with respect to the rule promulgation process for the AMVC Rule 4 Amendment – 23 CAR § 410-403 & AMVC Rule 5 Amendment - 23 CAR § 410-501.

Director Pace provided an update to the Commission on the Automotive Technologist Education Grant Program (ATEGP). The Commission approved twelve (12) programs to receive funding for Fiscal Year 2026, and the total amount of approved funding was $250,000, which was split between all 12 programs. The Grant warrants have been issued to all 12 programs approved for funding and Commission staff confirmed that all 12 programs have received the grant funds awarded by the Commisssion.

HEARING

The Commission conducted Hearing H#26-030 AMVC vs. Superior RV Sales and Service pursuant to the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act. Neither Chris Block (Respondent) or Respondent's legal counsel were present for the Hearing, despite receiving proper notice.

Hearing Officer Heidi Massey commenced the hearing and opened the record June 17, 2026, at 10:39 A.M. The Commission Hearing Exhibits Packet was entered into evidence and Commission Director Daniel Pace and Investigator John Aquilino were sworn in and offered witness testimony to the Commission for the record. No other witnesses were called for this Hearing. After deliberations by the Commissioners, a proper motion was made by Michael Moix and seconded by Michael Johnson, finding the allegations of fact presented to the Commissioners, F1 through F31, were determined to be true. The proper motion was unanimously approved by the Commission. Additionally, a proper motion was made by Scott Wood and seconded by Jimmy Jones, finding that charges C1 through C4 were determined to be true. The Commission unanimously approved the proper motion. A proper motion was made by Michael Moix and seconded by Jerel Saeler, to immediately revoke Superior RV Sales & Service's Franchise RV Dealer license and issue a fine of $1,000.00 per charge determined to be true, for a total fine of $4,000.00. The Commission unanimously approved the proper motion. Hearing Officer Heidi Massey concluded the hearing and closed the record June 17, 2026, at 11:34 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Following a proper motion by Scott Wood and a second by Michael Johnson, Commission Chair Joy Blankenship thanked everyone for their attendance and adjourned the meeting at 11:36 A.M. on June 17, 2026, and the Commission unanimously approved the motion.

Minutes Submitted By:

Alexus Dunlap & Daniel Pace — 21st August 2026

Alexus Dunlap and Daniel Pace — Date

Minutes Approved By:

Joy Blankenship — 21st August 2026

Commission Chair Joy Blankenship — Date