Meeting Minutes of the Arkansas Motor Vehicle Commission

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

September 16, 2026

MEETING ATTENDANCE

COMMISSION CHAIR:	Joy Blankenship
COMMISSION MEMBERS:	Michael Johnson Jerel Saeler Scott Wood Jimmy Jones Michael Moix Clay Maxey
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:	David Spradling – ADLL IT: User Support Coordinator Michael Muskheli – Visitor – Mitchell, Blackstock PLLC. William Geise – Visitor – Baker & Hostetler LLP Alexis Jones – Visitor – Mitchell, Williams, Selig, Gates & Woodyard, P.L.L.C. Bobbie Johnson – Visitor – Consumer Melissa Piper – Visitor – American Honda Motor Co. Rep* Tim Pederson – Visitor – American Honda Motor Co. Rep*

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* Zoom Participant

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CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Arkansas Motor Vehicle Commission was called to order on September 16, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. by Commission Chair Joy Blankenship.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the Wednesday, August 26, 2026, Commission Meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved by the Commission, following a proper motion by Jerel Saeler and a second by Michael Johnson.

REPORTS AND ACTIVITY

Director Pace presented the Financial Revenue and Expenditure Reports for fiscal year 2027. Fiscal year 2027 reflects a revenue deposit total of $311,809.50 to date, with an additional $592.00 in funds pending deposit. Following a proper motion by Scott Wood and a second by Michael Moix, the Commission unanimously approved the Financial Revenue and Expenditure Reports for fiscal year 2027.

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 eight (8) new licenses (listed below) issued since August 22, 2026. Additionally, Director Pace noted five (5) Off-Premise Display Requests (listed below) that have been approved since August 22, 2026. AMVC staff are working to ensure all licenses are properly renewed for the SFY 2027 licensing period.

Issued Licenses August 22, 2026 – September 16, 2026

Business Name	License Type	License #	County - State
PartzMonkey LLC	New Franchise Dealer – Cycle	F4645	Greene – AR
Tractor Supply Co. 3070	New Franchise Dealer – Cycle	F4646	Carroll – AR
Tractor Supply Co. 1687	New Franchise Dealer – Cycle	F4647	Crittenden – AR
Tractor Supply Co. 3152	New Franchise Dealer – Cycle	F4648	Washington – AR
Tractor Supply Co. 3170	New Franchise Dealer – Cycle	F4649	Stone - AR
Tractor Supply Co. 376	New Franchise Dealer – Cycle	F4650	White - AR
Forest River Bus, LLC - Division 552	Manufacturer	M10538	Iredell - NC
Tractor Supply Co. 3241	New Franchise Dealer – Cycle	F4651	Hempstead – AR

Off-Premise & Out of State Permit Requests: August 22, 2026 – September 16, 2026

Business Name	Event / Site	Dates	County
Crain Hyundai of Little Rock	Arkansas State Fair	10.16 – 10.25.2026	Pulaski
Crain Chevrolet of Little Rock	Arkansas State Fair	10.16 – 10.25.2026	Pulaski
Crain Ford of Little Rock	Arkansas State Fair	10.16 – 10.25.2026	Pulaski
Gulf States Toyota, Inc.	Donald W. Reynolds Razorback Stadium	9.19, 10.10, 11.28 (2026)	Washington
Moix RV – McGaugh Outpost	RV Road Hog Park	9.18 – 9.20.2026	Washington

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The Investigation Summary Reports submitted by Investigators Margie Sexton and John Aquilino included a timeframe of August 2026 through September 2026. There have been investigations into title issues, unlicensed dealers, warranty disputes, and advertising complaints. In addition, 12 dealer visits have been conducted from August 2026 through September 2026. The Commission has received 132 total complaints (Formal & Non-Formal) since January 1, 2026. Director Daniel Pace, as well as Investigators Margie Sexton and John Aquilino, each provided a brief explanation 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#26-033 Smackover Motors vs. Ford Motor Company, a dispute in which the Dealership (Smackover Motors) alleges the Manufacturer (Ford Motor Co.) executed an unlawful chargeback of funds from their account in violation of the AMVC Act. James Langley, owner of Smackover Motors, presented the Commission with a request for withdrawal of Smackover Motors' complaint with prejudice and cancellation of the scheduled Hearing. Commissioner Michael Moix made a proper motion to dismiss Smackover Motors' complaint against Ford Motor Company with prejudice and cancel the scheduled Hearing, and Michael Johnson seconded the proper motion. The Commission then unanimously approved of the proper motion.

Assistant Attorney General Aaron Lowrey provided an update on H#26-038 - Arkansas Automobile Dealers Association (AADA) vs. Tesla, Inc. & Arkansas Motors and Service LLC, which was scheduled for a Commission Hearing on October 21, 2026. Commission staff received a written request for a continuance of the Hearing from Tesla, Inc., submitted by legal counsel representing Tesla. Following a brief discussion among Commissioners and remarks addressed to the Commission from William Geise (representing Tesla & Arkansas Motors and Service LLC), and Michael Muskheli (representing AADA), the Commission unanimously approved two motions pertaining to H#26-038. Michael Moix made a proper motion to allow Director Daniel Pace to issue subpoenas on behalf of the Commission for H#26-038, and the motion was seconded by Scott Wood. The Commission then unanimously approved of the proper motion to allow Director Daniel Pace to issue subpoenas on behalf of the Commission for H#26-038. Scott Wood then made a proper motion to reschedule the Hearing from the current date of October 21, 2026, and establish November 18, 2026, as the new Hearing Date for H#26-038, and the motion was seconded by Jerel Saeler. The Commission then unanimously approved of the proper motion to reschedule the Hearing from the current date of October 21, 2026, and establish November 18, 2026, as the new Hearing Date for H#26-038.

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Director Pace and Licensing Supervisor Alexus Dunlap presented the commission with a Late Fee Penalty Waiver Request from Melissa Piper, Distributor Representative for American Honda Motor Co., Inc. Following a brief explanation and a brief statement from Melissa Piper via Zoom, Commissioner Michael Moix made a proper motion to amend the current amount of penalties and license fees due from Melissa Piper to the Commission to a total amount of $800.00, and Clay Maxey seconded the proper motion. The Commission then unanimously approved of the proper motion.

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

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Fiscal Year 2026, and the total amount of approved funding was $250,000, which was split between all 12 programs. The first ATEGP Accounting Report & Detailed Financial Statement was due for submission to the Commission on September 13, 2026, for all 12 programs that were awarded funding. The Accounting Reports & Detailed Financial Statements from all 12 programs will be presented to the Commission for review at the upcoming October 21 Meeting.

Director Pace provided an update to the Commission with respect to planned Regulatory Licensing and Permitting (RLP) system updates to implement the AMVC Rule 4 Amendment requirements with respect to Service Provider Agreements.

Director Pace provided the Commission with information pertaining to Tier/Class 3 E-Bikes for review. Commissioners and Commission staff engaged in a substantive discussion regarding Tier/Class 3 E-Bikes in Arkansas.

ADJOURNMENT

Following a proper motion to adjourn the meeting by Scott Wood and a second by Micheal Johnson, the Commission unanimously approved the proper motion to adjourn the meeting. Commission Chair Joy Blankenship thanked everyone for their attendance, reminded everyone of the upcoming meeting and officially adjourned the meeting at 10:45 A.M., on September 16, 2026.

Minutes Submitted By:

Alexus Dunlap and Daniel Pace — 21 October 2026
Date

Minutes Approved By:

Joy Blankenship — 21 October 2026
Commission Chair Joy Blankenship — Date