

MINUTES OF THE ARKANSAS MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION

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

May 17, 2023

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Arkansas Motor Vehicle Commission was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by Chair Joy Blankenship. Staff present including Sandy Stroope, Daniel Pace, and Jeff Huber. The Commissioners that were present include Chair Joy Blankenship, Scott Wood, Mitch Ward, Jimmy Jones and Jeff Baskin. Others present included the following: Sara Farris (Arkansas Attorney General's Office) Greg Kirkpatrick (AADA-Arkansas Automobile Dealers Association), Randy Thurman (Gov. Solutions- Gulf States Toyota), Courtney Sheppard (Gov. Solutions- Gulf States Toyota).

The minutes from the March 15, 2023, meeting were unanimously approved by the Commission following a proper motion and second.

The Commission unanimously approved the Fiscal Reports following a proper motion and second.

Director Stroope presented the Director's Reports to the Commission. Sara Farris with the Arkansas Attorney General's Office informed the Commission that there is a current investigation involving a large manufacturer. Sara Farris informed The Commission about the lawsuit against the commission. The Commission unanimously approved the request to hold a hearing against a large manufacturer in August, following a proper motion and second.

Director Stroope presented the recommended applications for the Education and Training Grants that the Committee formed by Act 504 of the 2021 Legislative Session have submitted. After looking at all the applications, the Commission unanimously approved the recommended applications as follows: East Arkansas Community College will receive \$10,000.00. Waldron High School will receive \$14,210.66. Huntsville High School will receive \$10,650.33. National Park College will receive \$12,592.36, following a proper motion and a Second.

Director Stroope presented the Commission with an update on the Implementation of ELP-Enterprise Licensing Platform.

Director Stroope informed the commission that the Fiscal year 2022 Legislative Audit is still in progress.

Director Stroope reminded the commissioners to file a statement of financial interest as soon as possible.

The Commission then reviewed the following Volunteer License Surrender Agreement: H#23-001 Best Powersports LLC. The Commission unanimously approved the Volunteer License Surrender Agreement following a proper motion and second.

Greg Kirkpatrick and Randy Thurman spoke of notable updates from the Legislative Session that has ended.

Commission Chair Joy Blankenship accepted a proper motion and a second to adjourn the meeting by unanimous approval of the Commission.

These minutes are subject to approval by
The Arkansas Motor Vehicle Commission



Joy Blankenship, Chair