The regularly scheduled meeting of the Arkansas Motor Vehicle Commission was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Sandy Stroope. Staff present included Greg Kirkpatrick, Vicki Wright, Gordon McCoy, Crystal Campbell, and Kristi Byers. All Commissioners were present during the meeting. Also in attendance were Earl Jones with Gulf States Toyota, and Julie Chavis with the Attorney General's Office.

The minutes from the February 17, 2016, meeting were unanimously approved following a proper motion and second.

The Commission unanimously approved the meeting expenditures specifically for the April 20, 2016, meeting following a proper motion and second.

The Commission unanimously approved the fiscal reports for February 2016 and March 2016, following a proper motion and second.

The Executive Director’s Report was presented by Greg Kirkpatrick.

Greg Kirkpatrick updated the Commission on the April ad hoc actions.

The Commission unanimously approved election of the officers as follows: Sandy Stroope – Chairman; Joy Blankenship – Vice Chairman; and Gary Furell – Secretary.

Vicki Wright and Greg Kirkpatrick provided the Commission with an update on the new licensees that self-reported a felony conviction during the application and licensure process.

The Commission then reviewed and approved the one hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($150,000.00) in funds to grant recipients for the newly created Education & Training Grant Program. These recipients are the inaugural class for this grant program. The purpose of the Education & Training Grant Program is to provide funds to assist institutions that offer education and training, primarily in the field of vehicle service and maintenance, in improving their training programs with the goal of growing the available workforce for the future.
Following a proper motion and a second, the Commission selected the following twelve (12) secondary and post-secondary institutions as recipients for this award:

Springdale School of Innovation awarded $10,000.00; Arkansas State University at Newport, Black River Technical College, Cabot High School, Dumas New Tech High School, Pulaski Technical College Saline County Career Center, River Valley Career Academy, Southern Arkansas University Tech, Arkansas High School, University of Arkansas at Fort Smith, and Waldron High School, each awarded $11,000.00; and Northwest Technical Institute awarded $29,449.41.

Chairman Stroope accepted a proper motion and a second to adjourn the meeting.

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

Sandy Stroope, Chairman