MINUTES OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
August 13, 2026

The Arkansas State Police Commission met on Thursday, August 13, 2026, at the Arkansas State Police Barracks/Lodge, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Jim Hinkle, Chairman
Commissioner Ken Reeves, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Neff Basore, Secretary
Commissioner Mike Akin
Commissioner Steve Edwards
Commissioner Jeff Teague
Commissioner John Allison

STATE POLICE PERSONNEL PRESENT:

Colonel Mike Hagar
Lt. Colonel Mike Kennedy
Major Roby Rhoads
Captain Randall Murphy
Sergeant Chase Melder
Captain Kyle Drown
Captain Brad Lann
Captain Chris Goodman
Lieutenant Jason Martin
Scarlett Taylor
Shelly Cantrell
Karen Perry
Rindi Snow
Caitlin Teague
Eric Wacaster
Cindy Murphy
Jonathan Nettles
Lt. Colonel Jason Aaron
Major Philip Hydron
Major Mike Moyer
Major Jeff Drew
Captain Craig Teague
Captain Jeff Plouch
Captain Rick Neill
Lieutenant Brandon Bennett
Lieutenant Chad Staley
James Sutton
Corporal Trey Keller
Alexis Winters
Susan Tedford
Joan Shipley
Phillip Warriner
Nick Genty
Donna Humphries

OTHERS PRESENT:

Luke Woolman, AG's Office
Don Rhoads, ASPF
Emily Hamilton, ASPF
Joe Thielke, ASPF
Steve Cook, ASPF
Randy Lann, ASPF
Elizabeth Anderson, ASPF
Butch Heath, ASPF

Commission Chairman Hinkle called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commission Chairman Hinkle stated will you join me in the pledge of allegiance.

Commission Chairman Hinkle stated Donna I see where the press has been notified. Donna Humphries answered yes sir. Commission Chairman Hinkle stated thank you.

NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA:

The media was notified of this meeting on August 3, 2026.

MINUTES:

Commission Chairman Hinkle stated I would entertain a motion to approve the minutes or modify them please. Commissioner Reeves moved to approve them. Commissioner Basore seconded the motion. Commission Chairman Hinkle stated I have a motion and second to approve, all in favor say aye, all those opposed, so ordered.

Commission Chairman Hinkle stated weapon resolutions by Major Philip Hydron.

WEAPON RESOLUTIONS:

Major Philip Hydron stated Colonel, Mr. Chairman and Commissioners good morning, I have two weapon resolutions to present for your consideration.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Sergeant Steven Chad Maness efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of nineteen years, five months, and twenty-three days;

WHEREAS: Sergeant Steven Chad Maness retired from this department June 30, 2026;

WHEREAS: His departure creates a vacancy that will be most difficult to fill, which is recognized by each and every member of the Arkansas State Police Commission;

WHEREAS: Sergeant Steven Chad Maness has made formal request that his service weapon be retired with him and remain in his possession;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: The Arkansas State Police Commission, in its regular meeting at Arkansas State Police Headquarters in Little Rock, Arkansas on Thursday, August 13, 2026, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003 awards him, his Glock Model 17, Serial Number BMSA265, as a token of their esteem and appreciation for service devoted to the Arkansas State Police.

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the above weapon resolution presented to the Commission. Commissioner Basore seconded the motion. Commission Chairman Hinkle stated we have a motion and a second, all in favor say aye, all those opposed, so ordered.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Sergeant Steven Chad Maness efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of nineteen years, five months, and twenty-three days;

WHEREAS: Sergeant Steven Chad Maness retired from this department June 30, 2026;

WHEREAS: His departure creates a vacancy that will be most difficult to fill, which is recognized by each and every member of the Arkansas State Police Commission;

WHEREAS: Sergeant Steven Chad Maness has made formal request that his shotgun be retired with him and remain in his possession;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: The Arkansas State Police Commission, in its regular meeting at Arkansas State Police Headquarters in Little Rock, Arkansas on Thursday, August 13, 2026, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003 determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number D508901M, that Sergeant Steven Chad Maness has carried be affixed at $100.00, and that Sergeant Steven Chad Maness be permitted to purchase the shotgun for his personal use.

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the above weapon resolution presented to the Commission. Commissioner Basore seconded the motion. Commission Chairman Hinkle stated we have a motion and a second, all in favor say aye, all those opposed, so ordered.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal Jeffrey Scott Irvin efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of twenty-six years, and ten days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Jeffrey Scott Irvin retired from this department June 30, 2026;

WHEREAS: His departure creates a vacancy that will be most difficult to fill, which is recognized by each and every member of the Arkansas State Police Commission;

WHEREAS: Corporal Jeffrey Scott Irvin has made formal request that his service weapon be retired with him and remain in his possession;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: The Arkansas State Police Commission, in its regular meeting at Arkansas State Police Headquarters in Little Rock, Arkansas on Thursday, August 13, 2026, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003 awards him, his Glock Model 17, Serial Number BMSA237, as a token of their esteem and appreciation for service devoted to the Arkansas State Police.

Commissioner Reeves made a motion to approve the above weapon resolution presented to the Commission. Commissioner Akin seconded the motion. Commission Chairman Hinkle stated we have a motion and a second, all in favor say aye, all those opposed, so ordered.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal Jeffrey Scott Irvin efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of twenty-six years, and ten days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Jeffrey Scott Irvin retired from this department June 30, 2026;

WHEREAS: His departure creates a vacancy that will be most difficult to fill, which is recognized by each and every member of the Arkansas State Police Commission;

WHEREAS: Corporal Jeffrey Scott Irvin has made formal request that his shotgun be retired with him and remain in his possession;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: The Arkansas State Police Commission, in its regular meeting at Arkansas State Police Headquarters in Little Rock, Arkansas on Thursday, August 13, 2026, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003 determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number D020741M, that Corporal Jeffrey Scott Irvin has carried be affixed at $100.00, and that Corporal Jeffrey Scott Irvin be permitted to purchase the shotgun for his personal use.

Commissioner Reeves made a motion to approve the above weapon resolution presented to the Commission. Commissioner Akin seconded the motion. Commission Chairman Hinkle stated we have a motion and a second, all in favor say aye, all those opposed, so ordered.

Commission Chairman Hinkle stated next is Captain Randall Murphy.

Captain Randall Murphy stated Colonel, Chairman and Commissioners good morning, I have two weapon resolutions to present for your consideration.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal Terrie R. Smith efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of thirty-one years, seven months, and nine days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Terrie R. Smith retired from this department June 30, 2026;

WHEREAS: His departure creates a vacancy that will be most difficult to fill, which is recognized by each and every member of the Arkansas State Police Commission;

WHEREAS: Corporal Terrie R. Smith has made formal request that his service weapon be retired with him and remain in his possession;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: The Arkansas State Police Commission, in its regular meeting at Arkansas State Police Headquarters in Little Rock, Arkansas on Thursday, August 13, 2026, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003 awards him, his Glock Model 17, Serial Number BMSA063, as a token of their esteem and appreciation for service devoted to the Arkansas State Police.

Commissioner Teague made a motion to approve the above weapon resolution presented to the Commission. Commissioner Akin seconded the motion. Commission Chairman Hinkle stated we have a motion and a second, all in favor say aye, all those opposed, so ordered.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal Terrie R. Smith efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of thirty-one years, seven months, and nine days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Terrie R. Smith retired from this department June 30, 2026;

WHEREAS: His departure creates a vacancy that will be most difficult to fill, which is recognized by each and every member of the Arkansas State Police Commission;

WHEREAS: Corporal Terrie R. Smith has made formal request that his shotgun be retired with him and remain in his possession;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: The Arkansas State Police Commission, in its regular meeting at Arkansas State Police Headquarters in Little Rock, Arkansas on Thursday, August 13, 2026, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003 determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number PC593080, that Corporal Terrie R. Smith has carried be affixed at $100.00, and that Corporal Terrie R. Smith be permitted to purchase the shotgun for his personal use.

Commissioner Teague made a motion to approve the above weapon resolution presented to the Commission. Commissioner Akin seconded the motion. Commission Chairman Hinkle stated we have a motion and a second, all in favor say aye, all those opposed, so ordered.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal Wendall P. Jines efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of thirty years, four months, and ten days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Wendall P. Jines retired from this department June 30, 2026;

WHEREAS: His departure creates a vacancy that will be most difficult to fill, which is recognized by each and every member of the Arkansas State Police Commission;

WHEREAS: Corporal Wendall P. Jines has made formal request that his service weapon be retired with him and remain in his possession;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: The Arkansas State Police Commission, in its regular meeting at Arkansas State Police Headquarters in Little Rock, Arkansas on Thursday, August 13, 2026, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003 awards him, his Glock Model 17, Serial Number BMSA483, as a token of their esteem and appreciation for service devoted to the Arkansas State Police.

Commissioner Akin made a motion to approve the above weapon resolution presented to the Commission. Commissioner Teague seconded the motion. Commission Chairman Hinkle stated we have a motion and a second, all in favor say aye, all those opposed, so ordered.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal Wendall P. Jines efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of thirty years, four months, and ten days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Wendall P. Jines retired from this department June 30, 2026;

WHEREAS: His departure creates a vacancy that will be most difficult to fill, which is recognized by each and every member of the Arkansas State Police Commission;

WHEREAS: Corporal Wendall P. Jines has made formal request that his shotgun be retired with him and remain in his possession;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: The Arkansas State Police Commission, in its regular meeting at Arkansas State Police Headquarters in Little Rock, Arkansas on Thursday, August 13, 2026, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003 determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number D584171M, that Corporal Wendall P. Jines has carried be affixed at $100.00, and that Corporal Wendall P. Jines be permitted to purchase the shotgun for his personal use.

Commissioner Akin made a motion to approve the above weapon resolution presented to the Commission. Commissioner Teague seconded the motion. Commission Chairman Hinkle stated we have a motion and a second, all in favor say aye, all those opposed, so ordered.

Commission Chairman Hinkle stated Colonel Hagar, you have a promotion certificate to present.

PROMOTION CERTIFICATES:

Colonel Mike Hagar presented a promotion certificate to Lieutenant Chad Staley, promoting him to Lieutenant in the Highway Patrol Division, SWAT.

Commission Chairman Hinkle stated next is division reports, Ms. Perry.

Karen Perry stated good morning, Colonel, Commissioners, you have the June and July reports in front of you. Ms. Perry stated for the June report we ended the year with expenses of $135 million and we had revenue of $152 million. Ms. Perry stated for July it was a slow start, the new system did not open until July 9, so it took us a minute to get the purchase orders and bills rolling but we expect August numbers to look more normal.

Colonel Mike Hagar stated I don't have a question, but I do want to say something, we are going through a transition in State Government right now, it is called Arkansas Forward Initiative. Colonel Hagar stated it has not had more impact on anybody in government work than Karen Perry, Phillip Warriner and our IT Director. Colonel Hagar stated we recognize Troopers all of the time for the work that they do and rightfully so, but we have the best CFO in the State of Arkansas, promise you, in state government no doubt. Colonel Hagar stated Phillip and Kerry the same for HR and IT, we are blessed to have them and the way they have navigated this and the headaches they have gone through is ridiculous, so can't thank them enough.

Commission Chairman Hinkle stated thanks to all of you, we appreciate your hard work.

Commission Chairman Hinkle stated Major Roby Rhoads.

Major Roby Rhoads stated Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, Colonel Hagar good morning, last month we had four military deployments. Major Roby Rhoads stated we still have 157 applicants in the process for the Troop School that is coming up. Major Roby Rhoads stated we are in the polygraph and background phase and there are still some to go through the polygraph and most of them are in the background phase.

Major Roby Rhoads stated last month for the health plan, our claims were $1.7 million, we had $1.6 million in contractual savings, and then our fund balance is $9.9 million, which is low, but we didn't get the deposit in like we normally would.

Commissioner Reeves asked how many did we start with, was it 600 something applicants we started with? Major Roby Rhoads stated it was 752. Commissioner Reeves stated 752 and what did you say we were down to now? Major Roby Rhoads stated 157. Commissioner Reeves stated that is quite a drop. Major Roby Rhoads stated yes sir, looking back it takes about 10 applicants to get one trooper.

Commission Chairman Hinkle stated I have asked this before and I am sorry to have to ask it again, but what is the optimum number we would like to see make it too the final count. Major Roby Rhoads stated we want to bring 65 in, if we have 75 to make it to the medical and psychological that would be good and to make it through that, we would be in great shape. Commission Chairman Hinkle stated now that we are in this new wonderful training facility, what is the limiting factor on that number? Major Roby Rhoads stated budget.

Commission Chairman Hinkle stated Crimes Against Children, Lieutenant Colonel Jason Aaron.

Lieutenant Colonel Jason Aaron stated good morning, Colonel, Chairman and Commissioners the Hotline received 4,844 contacts including phone calls, online, and fax reports for the month of July, that is about 505 more than last month, we are about to start back to school and so I would expect the month of August will continue to increase. Lieutenant Colonel Aaron stated 2,377 of those contacts were accepted and of those 2,377 that were accepted, 595 were determined to be severe maltreatment cases and were assigned to our CACD Division. Lieutenant Colonel Aaron stated that is an increase of about 105 cases from last month, for the month of July our CACD closed 564 cases with 185 of those being found as true, and that gives us a substantiation rate of 33%.

Commission Chairman Hinkle stated next is the Criminal Investigation Division, Captain Randall Murphy.

Captain Randall Murphy stated Colonel, Chairman, Commissioners for the month of July CID opened 50 ICAC investigations, conducted 7 digital evidence examinations, made 11 child pornography arrests, conducted 11 death investigations, conducted 9 assault and battery cases, and investigated 9 sexual offenses. Captain Murphy stated they worked on 26 narcotics investigations, had 6 theft and robbery cases, conducted 4 fire investigations, had 4 weapons cases, conducted 85 pre-employment investigations, made 42 fugitive apprehensions, and received 20 ADC referrals. Captain Murphy stated we issued one missing child media advisory, 8 silver alerts, one amber alert, and recovered 7 missing people.

Commission Chairman Hinkle stated next is the Highway Patrol Division report, Major Philip Hydron.

Major Philip Hydron stated good morning, Colonel, Chairman, and Commissioners the month of July was another busy month for Highway Patrol they answered 34,178 calls for service. Major Hydron stated the troopers made 2,737 criminal arrests, with 648 for felonious acts. Major Hydron stated they made 324 DWI arrests, issued 19,418 citations, in which 8,190 were for hazardous offenses, issued 22,779 warnings, and conducted 3,525 motorists assists. Major Hydron stated they recovered 19 stolen vehicles with a net worth of $222,899.00, engaged in 35 vehicle pursuits which was slightly down from the previous month, completed 1,299 crash investigations with 23 resulting in fatalities. Major Hydron stated that the DL/CDL examiners tested 23,113 individuals. Major Hydron stated the ICP team seized $123,842.00 in U. S. Currency, 462 pounds of marijuana, 39.689 pounds of cocaine, and quantities of Oxycodone, Morphine, Xanax, Hydrocodone, Fentanyl, Diazepam, and quantities of THC gummies, and vapes.

Major Hydron stated I think it is also important to recognize one of the guys in ICP, he was selected as the National Trooper of the Year for the MVCI Conference this passed month and that was Corporal Chris Short. Major Hydron stated that is a big award to receive and we are so proud of him for that accomplishment.

Major Hydron stated the Arkansas State Police SWAT Team conducted 17 missions, our Aircraft Section flew 16 missions, and ERT had three deployments.

Commission Chairman Hinkle asked on this officer of the year, can you tell us some of the criteria that they would look for in selecting that individual? Major Hydron stated yes, I will say being at that conference, it was amazing to hear all of the accomplishments from those officers all around the United States. Major Hydron stated we had Texas, we had other states, we had cities, it was amazing to listen to everybody's results but at the end of the day, Corporal Short had one of the largest cash seizures, and a couple of fentanyl and cocaine seizures. Major Hydron stated it was amazing; he really stood above the rest of them and he deserved that award. Commission Chairman Hinkle stated that is quite an honor.

Commission Chairman Hinkle stated Major Mike Moyer.

Major Mike Moyer stated Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, and Colonel Hagar, during the month of July, the Identification Bureau processed 27,862 civil background checks and 10,488 criminal fingerprint submissions. The Used Motor Vehicle Dealer Section processed 256 dealer applications, and the PI Security Section processed 784 applications.

The Fire Investigators conducted seven origin and cause investigations, and the Bomb Squad handled five explosive calls, and also provided support on one SWAT mission.

Colonel Mike Hagar stated once again I do not have a question, but I do want to point out as it is fitting since we are here, Major Mike Moyer and Lt. Colonel Mike Kennedy, their fingerprints are on this facility, they were very involved in all aspects of this facility and they did an outstanding job, I think coming in under budget and under time. Colonel Hagar stated the work that they put in this project is unreal. Colonel Hagar stated that even Mrs. Donna and Mrs. Ashley have been involved, the furniture that was picked out they traveled to Chicago to help pick out the furniture along with Major Moyer and Lt. Colonel Kennedy, I can't say enough about them, they have done an amazing job with this project and I am very thankful. Commission Chairman Hinkle stated thank you to all of you, outstanding job.

Commission Chairman Hinkle stated before we go any further, I kind of reserve this particular time in our agenda to make a couple of announcements before we go into executive session. Commission Chairman Hinkle stated I am just truly amazed at this facility, I got a chance to tour on a couple different occasions and one was two weeks ago, the ASP Foundation had an outstanding event. Captain Lann's dad Randy had an unbelievable spread for those that were here you know what I am talking about. It was a wonderful event as this is a wonderful facility. Commission Chairman Hinkle stated from what I have heard and been told, I don't think there is another training facility in law enforcement in the United States that compares with this one that we are sitting in today. Commission Chairman Hinkle stated Emily and Elizabeth saying thanks to you, your staff and your board of directors is not adequate, we wish we could do more, you have done an outstanding job and please let us know if there is any way we can assist.

Commission Chairman Hinkle stated with that, I would prepare you for not a short session, we have several item to discuss in Executive Session today and it is going to take a little bit, and I will need a motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Reeves stated I move that we retire into Executive Session to consider personnel matters. Commissioner Akin seconded. Commission Chairman Hinkle stated I have a motion and a second, all in favor say aye, all of those opposed. The Commission went into the Executive Session at 10:17 a.m.

At 11:30 a.m., Commission Chairman Hinkle stated I will call the meeting back to order, and stated Colonel Hagar I believe you have a couple of recommendations for us.

Colonel Hagar stated yes sir, the first is the Sergeant position in the Administrative Services Division, Training, and my recommendation to the Commission would be Corporal Logan Pate. Commissioner Edwards made a motion that Corporal Logan Pate be promoted to Sergeant in the Administrative Services Division, Training. Commissioner Basore seconded the motion. Commission Chairman Hinkle stated I have a motion, and a second, any discussion, all in favor say, aye, any opposed, so ordered.

Colonel Hagar stated next is the Sergeant position in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop J, and my recommendation to the Commission would be Corporal Brandon Bird. Commissioner Reeves made a motion that Corporal Brandon Bird be promoted to Sergeant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop J. Commissioners Akin/Teague seconded the motion. Commission Chairman Hinkle stated I have a motion, and a second, any discussion, all in favor say, aye, any opposed, so ordered.

NEXT MEETING:

Commission Chairman Hinkle stated the next regular monthly meeting will be held on September 10, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. with the Cade Padgett Appeal Hearing upon adjournment.

Commission Chairman Hinkle stated I have a glare from the window and asked Randy Lann are you sitting back there, Randy waved. Commission Chairman Hinkle stated sincere thanks again, you have helped us no telling how many times, we can't thank you enough for what a great service you have done and we sincerely appreciate it.

Commission Chairman Hinkle asked are there any more items to discuss? Commissioner Reeves stated I move we adjourn, Commissioner Akin seconded and Commission Chairman Hinkle stated we have a motion and second, we are adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

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Commission Chairman

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Commission Secretary