Arkansas History Commission
Minutes
March 6, 2025
Arkansas State Archives Meeting Room and Via Teams
Little Rock, AR

The regular quarterly meeting of the Arkansas History Commission was held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 6, 2025, in the Arkansas State Archives Conference Room in Little Rock, AR, with Chair Brady Banta presiding. Commissioners present via Teams were Brady Banta, Jason Hendren, Shawn Fisher, Ron Fuller, and Micheal Tarver. Heather Nelson was absent. Rob Souber's replacement has not been named. Also, present in person or via Teams were ASA Director David Ware, Administrative Specialist III April Goff, and DAH- Deputy Director Laura McClellan.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:05 am, and the minutes of the December 2024 meeting were presented and approved, following a motion by Hendren, seconded by Fisher.

Goff reported to the commission about the progress of the fiscal year budget detailing some of the expenses and that the archives were on track for this point in the fiscal year.

As there were no monument submissions this cycle the commission moved on to the old business as there was no Old Business they then moved on to New Business.

This being the first meeting of the calendar year the commission addressed the policy for receiving stipends and travel reimbursements. After motion by Tarver and second by Fuller the commission elects to continue the policy of the commission of receiving stipends of $60 and travel reimbursements upon the commissioner request.

Next the commission addressed the subject of officers for the 2025 calendar year. After the nomination of Brady Banta to continue as chair by Fisher and the self-nomination of Fuller to serve as Vice- Chair the commission discussed the nominations, and Banta made it clear that he would probably not seek reappointment in January of 2026 when his term will expire. Then by motion of Hendren and second by Tarver the commission elected Brady Banta as Chair for 2025 and Ron Fuller as Vice Chair.

Ware presented the Director's report. Ware reported on usage statistics, progress on the numerous projects that have been going on and are making good progress or have been recently completed, upcoming events and the progress that has been made on the ANCRC project. Ware updated the commission on progress in the Clark vs Little Rock monument lawsuit. He also discussed with the commissioners HB1608 that was currently in the Legislature.

The commission confirmed June 12, 2025, at 10 am as the date and time of the next meeting to be held at the MacArthur Museum in Little Rock, Arkansas. After a motion by Fuller and a second by Fisher, the commission voted to adjourn.
11:04 am

Respectfully submitted,

David Ware
State Historian

April Goff
Administrative Specialist III

Approved June 12, 2025