



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Nominating and Rules Committee

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

5:15 PM

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SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL (ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE) CONFIRMED BY CITY CLERK APRIL LEGGETT

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[MIN-26:026](#)

Minutes for the Nominating & Rules Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2026.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by John Street, seconded by Brian Emison, that this matter be Passed. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Chris Gibson; Brian Emison; John Street and Anthony Coleman

Absent: 2 - Chris Moore and LJ Bryant

4. NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-26:055](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY MAYOR HAROLD COPENHAVER

Councilmember Brian Emison said, Mr. Chairman, I would like to make an amendment to RES-26:055. Specifically, the section that's regarding the Advertising and Promotions Commission. I would like to remove that section of the resolution, please. Chairman Chris Gibson said, and I'll explain briefly, and Carol can interject if I make a mistake, but that goes against state law and our A&P bylaws. Those have to be made by the committee, so we need to pull those off and let the committee meet first before we move forward. Councilmember John Street said, do you make a motion to amend that? Councilmember Emison replied, yes. Councilmember Street said, I'll second that. All voted aye.

Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, I do have a question about that. So, the reason we're pulling it is because of what exactly? Chairman Gibson replied, Carol, do you care to interject? City Attorney Carol Duncan said, under state law, the at-large position is nominated by the A&P commissioners themselves and then

approved by city council. It's just different. My understanding is it was an oversight that it was put on here, but it is. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, and this was put on by who then? Ms. Duncan replied, well, the Mayor's Office sent out the whole laundry list. They were looking at appointments that were expiring and just, you know, nominating people for those appointments and this got put on there. But it is correct that that nomination has to be made by the A&P commission and then approved by city council. So, my understanding is they're going to have a meeting Monday? Chairman Gibson stated, that's correct. Ms. Duncan continued, in order to vote on who their nominee is and then it'll be presented possibly Tuesday if we call another meeting or whenever Rules and Nominating meets again. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, okay, follow up, two things. One, is that the same with all of the other commissions and committees? Ms. Duncan said, no, no. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman asked, just that particular one? Ms. Duncan replied, just that one. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, second question, what is Civil Service Commission? Anybody? Councilmember Brian Emison said, I have the same question? Ms. Duncan replied, that has to do with the Fire Department. It's sort of, I'm not trying to, the best way to explain it is it's almost like an appellate board for disciplinary action for the Fire Department. It used to be that the Police Department and the Fire Department were under the Civil Service Commission. The Police Department adopted their Bill of Rights and did away with their participation in the Civil Service Commission. The Fire Department still participates in the Civil Service Commission, so it's a committee that addresses those types of issues for the Fire Department, employee personnel type issues. It gives their employees a right of appeal essentially of a termination, suspension, that type of thing. Councilmember Dr. Anthony Coleman said, gotcha. Chairman Gibson said, I have a quick question for clarification as well. In regard to the A&P Commission, if the A&P Commission meets Monday, does it have to come before this body or can it go directly to city council as an appointment? I think under our council rules everything comes through Rules and Nominating. I don't know that we have an exception in our rules to that. Chairman Gibson said, I just know what I read the last couple of days. Ms. Duncan said, it does say you nominate it to council, but just our council rules say that things go to committee and then go to council. I mean I could look at that before Monday and give you a more definitive answer. Chairman Gibson replied, okay, do we need to tentatively put one of these on the agenda for Tuesday before the meeting? Or do we need to have a Nominating & Rules meeting? I can call it within two hours, correct? Ms. Duncan replied, yes, you have two hours. So let's wait until we hear. City Clerk April Leggett said, it needs to be, I thought it was three hours, because an hour to us and then we have to, within that hour, have to notify the media within two hours. Ms. Duncan said, you have to notify. Chairman Gibson said, okay, so, we'll still be good notifying. Ms. Duncan said, you can call it Monday after your meeting for Tuesday afternoon if we needed to, but I'll double check that before Monday. Chairman Gibson said, I just wanted to confirm before we move forward. Ms. Duncan replied, sure.

A motion was made by Brian Emison, seconded by John Street, that this matter be Recommended to Council. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Chris Gibson; Brian Emison; John Street and Anthony Coleman

Absent: 2 - Chris Moore and LJ Bryant

5. PENDING ITEMS

6. OTHER BUSINESS

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Brian Emison, seconded by John Street, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - Chris Gibson; Brian Emison; John Street and Anthony Coleman

Absent: 2 - Chris Moore and LJ Bryant