



**Arkansas Geographic Information Systems Board  
Fourth Quarterly Board Meeting**

ASU Reception  
Rockefeller Building, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Little Rock, AR 72201  
*In-Person and Via Teams*  
Wednesday, December 3, 2025

**MINUTES**

The Board meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Mr. Scott Alsbrook, Board Chair.

**GIS Board Members Present:**

Mr. Scott Alsbrook, Chair	Ms. Hannah Towell, <i>via Teams</i>
Mr. Darin Mitchell, Vice Chair	Mr. Gerald Black
Mr. Scott Lane, <i>proxy Michael Gilbert</i>	Dr. John Nowlin, <i>via Teams</i>
Mr. Scott Foster	Mr. Jay Harton
Ms. Randee Reid Edwards, <i>via Teams</i>	
Mr. Matt Charton	

**GIS Board Members Absent:**

None

**GIS Staff Members Present:**

Mr. Shelby Johnson	Ms. Niki Bittle
Mr. Jonathan Duran	Ms. Maria Owen
Mr. Daniel Phillips	Mr. Jacob Loomis
Mr. Matt DeLong	Ms. Sydney Warren
Ms. Katy Hattenhauer	Ms. Nita Weeks
Mr. Casey Vannoy	

**Guests Present:**

Mr. Aaron Lowrey, Assistant Attorney General

▶ **Welcome and Opening Remarks**, Scott Alsbrook, Chair

Mr. Alsbrook shared the incredibly positive feedback he received regarding the previous Board meeting held as part of the AR GIS Users Forum in Eureka Springs in October.

▶ **Roll call** was taken to establish a quorum. A quorum of members was present; the meeting proceeded.

**Approval of Minutes of October 14, 2025 Meeting\***

**Motion to approve:** Darin Mitchell

**Second:**

*The motion was unanimously approved*

▶ **Agency Report** provided by Shelby Johnson, State Geographic Information Officer

- Mr. Johnson reviewed the agency statistics. He then focused on private sector downloads for December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, to provide the Board with a deeper understanding of the platform utilization for just one day.
- The new website platform refresh is ongoing. The website is viewable at [gis.arkansas.gov/hub](https://gis.arkansas.gov/hub). It will have a recognizable organizational structure.
- Staffing update:
  - The State GIS Analyst position closed yesterday, and candidate reviews are now in progress.

- Sydney Warren was introduced as the new Plat Coordinator.
- Coordination activities in October:
  - Arkansas Lithium Innovation Summit; Arkansas Digital Government Summit; Arkansas Society of Professional Surveyors
- NG911 Project
  - Sevier County is now live, for a total of 29 counties live.
- Fulton County Tax Parcel Mapping
  - Currently in Phase 3; Anticipate completion well before contract expiration.
- Division of Land Surveys
  - There have been 36 in-house restorations and 91 by vendors in FY26 so far.
  - County Plat Project: collection and indexing of all county plats in Drew, Cross, Randolph, Clark, and Pope Counties, for a total of 11,000 plats to-date.
  - USFS Corner Card Project is complete, with 15,591 corner cards uploaded and searchable online.
- NSGIC News
  - 2025-2026 NSGIC Board had a seat unexpectedly vacated, and Katy Hattenhauer was appointed to finish that term, which runs through November 2026.
  - The 2026 Midyear Meeting will be held in Arlington, VA, in February. GIS staff attending will be Jonathan Duran, Katy Hattenhauer, and Niki Bittle. GIS staff are scheduled to meet with Census, as well as congressional staff members
- GIS Office Appropriation had a funding shortfall of \$416,863. This shortfall will be partially mitigated by earnings from the Trust Fund investment.

**Old Business**

- The Governor's appointments for vacant board positions are still pending. Some board members are serving beyond their term, leading to a question about whether a member could assign a proxy to represent them until a replacement is appointed. AAG Aaron Lowrey determined that a board member could have a proxy serve in their place, provided that a proxy form was submitted before each meeting in which the proxy would participate.
- LiDAR Project Update
  - Federal government closure postponed quality control progress for 42 days; Work unit 10 was delivered.
- Mr. Johnson provided an update on the progress of the aerial imagery Request for Proposal procurement process.

▶ **New Business**

- 2026 proposed meetings (tentative)
  - March 4 is the day after the primary election
  - June 3
  - September 9, adjusted from the typical first Wednesday date due to GIS staff at other meetings
  - December 2

▶ **Other Matters to Come Before the Board:**

Mr. Mitchell provided information about overlapping activities occurring at the federal level.

▶ **Adjournment\***

**Motion to adjourn:** Darin Mitchell  
**Second:** Matt Charton  
*The motion was unanimously approved*



Scott Alsbrook, Board Chair



Date