

Arkansas Commission on Closing the Academic Achievement Gap

The Commission on Closing the Achievement Gap was established by the Arkansas State Legislature, under Act 33 during the Secondary Extraordinary Session of 2003.

Minutes March 17, 2016

Members in Attendance:

Darin Beckwith, Chair, Jack Crumbly, Valeria Tatum, Kathy Powers

Members joining by phone:

Nathaniel Todd

Members Absent: Dr. Louis Restpro, Dr. Mary Brentley,

Meeting Location:

Arkansas Department of Education, #4 Capitol Mall, Room 201-A, Little Rock, AR 72201

Welcome/Call to Order:

Darin Beckwith opened and called the meeting to order 1:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the January 21, 2016, were presented. Motion to approve by Kathy Powers, Seconded by Jack Crumbly
Motion Carried

Vision/Mission Discussion:

Darin Beck discussed the importance of the Commission focusing on the vision and mission of the Commission. He stated he would be setting a time to meet with Mr. Key to discuss a strategic planning meeting for the Commission.

Strategic Planning:

Chairman Beckwith said he would get with Dr. Diann Gathright to discuss the possibility working as a consultant to work with the Commission to develop a strategic plan and bring the information back to the Commission.

Nathaniel Todd made a motion to create a budget for a strategic conference and submit it to the Commissioner for approval. Seconded by Jack Crumbly
Motion Carried:

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New Business:

Dr. Valarie Tatum suggested the Commission to try and work with Dr. Andrea Gurrerao and Ms. Reith and getting involved with the Latino Symposium in June.

Mr. Todd left the meeting @ 1:49 p.m.

Ms. Powers suggested the Commission collaborate with other education organizations/ADE Divisions to hold town hall meetings currently scheduled meetings. She state that the Commission needed to work on gathering information to create a well organized Symposium in the summer of 2017.

Jack Crumbly said he would work on getting support for a Summer 2017 Symposium in the 1st Congressional District. Discussion was made to hold the Symposium in June 2017 at East Arkansas Community College, Fine Arts' Center, Forrest City, AR.

Next Meeting:

April 21, 2016, 1:00 p.m.

Adjourn:

Ms. Powers made a motion to adjourn, Seconded by Jack Crumbly.
Motion carries

Meeting adjourned: 2:28 p.m.

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Darin Beckwith, Chair