

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 April 21, 2016

Members in Attendance:

Darin Beckwith, Lillian Williams

Members joining by phone:

Kathy Powers, Dr. Luis Restpro

Members Absent: Dr. Mary Brentley, Nathaniel Todd, Jack Crumbly, Dr. Valerie Tatum

Meeting Location:

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

Welcome/Call to Order:

Darin Beck called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes for the March 17, 2016, were presented. Motion to approve by Kathy Powers, Seconded by Dr. Restpro
Motion Carried

Vision/Mission Discussion:

Darin Beck discussed his meeting with Commissioner Key and the Commission's desire to bring a wanting to bring in Dr. Gathright as a consultant. He stated Mr. Key approved funding to pay the consultant fee, travel and lodging for consultant and members living outside of 50 miles from the city.

Survey Discussion:

Kathy Powers created a survey regarding the interested a summer forum conference participating. The survey was created on the most recent House Bill 2164 creating the Gap Commission in section 2.6(e)(f)(g)

New Business:

No New Business

Next Meeting:

May 19, 2016, 9:00 a.m.

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Adjourn:

Motion to Adjourn – Kathy Powers, Seconded by: Dr. Restpro

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned: 1:46 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Darin Beckwith". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Darin Beckwith, Chair