

ARKANSAS HEAD START ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Tuesday, November 7, 2023  
1:30 pm-2:30 pm  
Minutes

**AGENDA**

**Roll Call-** Jackie Govan called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm. The following members participated in the zoom meeting: Barbie Baxter, Christie Campbell, Shirley Pulliam, Jackie Burton, Latasha Dodd, Sarah Kisha Miller, and Michelle Furlow as well as Guests: Jackie Govan and Deana Howell.

**Consideration of Agenda-** Barbie Baxter made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Kisha Miller seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes-** Barbie Baxter made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Michelle Furlow seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

**Dollar per Child Report-** Deana Howell reported that \$ 2,432.23 has been collected for 2024

**AHSA Membership Dues Report-** Deana Howell reported that \$ 39,505.00 has been collected with \$ 6,150.00 owed for 2023-2024 \$ 312.50 owed for 2022-2023

**Treasurer's Report-** Arkansas Head Start Association has a total balance of \$89,633.52.

**Arkansas Head Start Association's Strategic Plan-**Jackie said goals needed to be submitted by the January meeting so that the action steps can begin being completed.

**Arkansas Head Start Association Bylaws-**Shirley Pulliam reported that the committee including Denise Middlebrook and Jana Bays had the following recommendation establishing the scholarship committee as a standing committee and incorporating the language from the Region VI Bylaws and adding a cover page to the document.

**Class Reports-** All CLASS's met together. See CLASS minutes.

**Arkansas Early Childhood Commission/State Advisory Council-** Barbie Baxter reported that the commission met on October 17. The commission meeting focused on the LEARN Act Updates. There was a long discussion about the CLASS pilot. They shared information about the LEAD process. Barbie reported on some of the issues affecting Head Start which became a big discussion item. The commission will work on getting help to programs about retention and recruitment of staff. On October 30th, Barbie received her official commission.

**Arkansas Head Start-State Collaboration Office-** Jackie Govan shared information about the Pyramid Model Project Grant to provide data on evidenced based research. The three tiers look at promotion, intervention, and implementation.

**Arkansas Head Start Association-** Jackie Burton shared that the institute would be at the DoubleTree hotel and Robinson Center on April 30-May 3, 2024. The institute committee approved the budget. The call for papers have been sent out and posted. There will be a masquerade reception. There will be a Come As you Wish costume and dance party with DJ Jellybean. There will be a partnership networking event. Jackie Govan is working with the hotel on sleeping rooms.

**Region VI Head Start Association-** Jackie Govan reported that Region VI met virtually. Paula is working to reinstate the nonprofit status. Someone is working on the policies for the Region VI Head Start Association. The next meeting will be in January with the Dallas Regional Office.

**National Head Start Association-** Jackie Govan shared information about bills that are proposed. One bill would establish an apprenticeship program between employers and institutions of higher education. Another bill proposed by Danny Davis and Mike Gallagher is the RISE from trauma program for trauma informed care focusing on mitigating, preventing, and healing from trauma. The next meeting is January 21st in Washington DC

**Special Events for 2024 Institute-** AR Head Start Association Institute/Opioid & Substance Misuse Summit: April 30-May 3, 2024

**Powerful Conversations with Fathers-November 14, 2023**

**EHS-CCP Quarterly Meeting-2024**

**See Class Agenda for Additional Announcements**

**Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2024**

**Adjournment**

**Submitted by**

**Kisha Miller, Secretary**

**Arkansas Head Start Association.**