

ARKANSAS HEAD START ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Minutes
Wednesday, September 13, 2023
1:30 pm-2:30 pm

Roll Call- Roll Call- Jana Bays called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm. The following members participated in the zoom call: Jackie Burton, Barbie Baxter, Kisha Miller, Teona Ford, Cyndi Musik, Latasha Dodd, James Hollywood, Shirley Pulliam, Blake Stansbery and Jana Bays. Guest- Deana Howell, Jackie Govan, and Christie Campbell.

Consideration of Agenda- Cyndi Musik motioned to accept the agenda. Barbie Baxter 2nd the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes- Cyndi Musik motioned to accept the minutes as they were recorded. Barbie Baxter 2nd the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Dollar per Child Report- Deana gave the Dollar Per Child report. \$820.23 has been paid in 2024 Dollar per Child contributions. One agency has contributed and other funds were collected at the state institute.

AHSA Membership Dues Report- A balance of \$14,110.00 in membership dues is owed from the 2023-24 year and \$937.50 owed for 2022-23. Dues are calculated by \$5.00 per allotted program slot.

Treasurer's Report- Deana gave the Treasurer's Report. The total expenses as of September 13, 2023 are \$99,035.21. There is an AHSA balance \$ 42,547.59, and a deposit of certificates for \$ 31,717.12. The total balance is \$74,264.71.

Arkansas Head Start Association's Strategic Plan- Jackie Burton asked that written plans be submitted by September 20,2023. Goal 1, 3, 5, 6, and 8 are completed.

Class Reports- All Classes met together. Please see Class meeting minutes for more information.

Arkansas Early Childhood Commission/State Advisory Council-Barbie Baxter- The last Arkansas Early Childhood Commission/State Advisory Council meeting was held July 18, 2023. Barbie Baxter did not attend due to her traveling to the Head Start Regional Conference. Barbie did have a staff member, Randy Morris, attend in her absence.

Arkansas Head Start-State Collaboration Office-Jackie Govan- Jackie Govan discussed the Learns Act. The focus of the Collaboration Directors will be families experiencing homelessness, military families and opioid and substance misuse.

Arkansas Head Start Association-Jackie Burton- The 2023-24 Arkansas Head Start Institute will be held April 30, 2024- May 3, 2024 at the Little Rock Doubletree Hotel. Please see the Institute meeting minutes for more information.

Region VI Head Start Association-Jackie Burton- The next Region VI meeting will be October 23, 2023 at 10:00 am. The Region VI Head Start Conference will be in New Mexico in 2024.

National Head Start Association-Jackie Govan- Jackie reported that letters were sent to the Head Start Director, Khari Garvin, on the Full Enrollment Initiative. Jackie announced that Arkansas was rated the best state for Early Education Systems in 2023 [2023's States with the Best & Worst Early Education Systems \(wallethub.com\)](https://www.wallethub.com/insight/2023-08-22-arkansas-is-the-best-state-for-early-education-systems).

Innovation: Moving Forward- Jackie Govan announced that there will be an Innovation Summit on ways to innovate staff at the 2023-24 institute.

Arkansas Head Start Association Office Operation Funding- Jackie Govan reported that the \$25.00 fee to attend the Racial Equity sessions will be used as operation funding in the association office.

Approvals for the 2024 Arkansas Head Start Association Institute- A vote was made by James Hollywood to host the 2023-24 institute in Little Rock at the Doubletree Hotel, to add nutrition to the list of session topics for the conference, to increase the registration cost by \$10.00, and for conference speakers. Shirley Pulliam motioned the vote and Cyndi Musik 2nd. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Meeting Changes- Jackie proposed changing the meetings from virtual to in-person.

Racial Equity Updates- Jackie Govan reported a statewide form will be available to add topics and suggestions for the racial equity website.

Designation Renewal System- Jackie reviewed the changes made to the Designation Renewal System in 2020.

Powerful Conversations with Fathers- The final Powerful Conversations with Fathers event will be November 14, 2023 from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. The event will feature Fred Leonard.

Homelessness in Arkansas- Arkansas has a mission to end homelessness in the state, with a focus on families with children birth to age 8. The plan is to supply these families with tiny homes.

EHS-CCP Quarterly Meeting- The next EHS-CCP quarterly meeting will be held October 27, 2023 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. All programs are invited.

New Racial Equity Website to launch this year.

The School Readiness Summit will be November 3, 2023 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. The summit will focus on STEAM.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm.