

MINUTES

ARKANSAS BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON PUBLIC EDUCATION

April 27, 2002

8:00 a.m.

University of Arkansas System Administration Building
Little Rock, Arkansas

Ms. Stacy Pittman, the Co-Chair of the Arkansas Blue Ribbon Commission on Public Education, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

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MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Frank Anthony; Ms. Charlie Cole Chaffin; Dr. Charles Dunn; Dr. Benny Gooden; Dr. Reed Greenwood; Mr. Gene Gregory; Ms. Pat Harris; Mr. Wayne Hartsfield; Ms. Shelby Hillman; Mr. Randy Hughes; Mr. Phil Jones; Dr. Don Love; Mr. Hugh McDonald; Ms. Kathy McFetridge; Mr. Bob McGinnis, Co-Chair; Dr. Martha McNair; Mr. David Matthews; Mr. Kevin Moore; Ms. Stacy Pittman, Co-Chair; Ms. Alisia Ramirez-Hartz; Mr. Keith Stokes and Ms. Johnette Walker.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: Representative M. Olin Cook; Senator Jim Hill; and Representative Larry Teague.

Approval of the Minutes of the April 17, 2002 Meeting of the Blue Ribbon Commission [Exhibit C].

Pursuant to the motion of Mr. David Matthews, the minutes of the April 17, 2002, meeting of the Blue Ribbon Commission were adopted with the following amendment:

The language contained in the eighth paragraph on Page 3 of the April 17, 2002 minutes was amended to read:

“The Subcommittee discussed but took no action on potential recommendations regarding class loads and the structure of a state accountability entity.”

Ms. Joyce Wroten, Vice-President for University Relations and Administration, University of Arkansas System, was recognized. Ms. Wroten welcomed the members of the Commission to the University of Arkansas System Administration Building. She discussed the facility's historical background with the Commission. Ms. Pittman thanked Ms. Wroten for her remarks and the use of the facility.

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The following persons were recognized for their attendance:

Dr. Glen Cochran, Professor Emeritus, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

Mr. Robert Evans, Director, Governmental Relations, Arkansas State University

Mr. Richard Hutchinson, Director, Governmental Relations/Agency Relations, Arkansas Education Association

Mr. Sid Johnson, President, Arkansas Education Association

Dr. Kellar Noggle, Executive Director, Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators

Mr. Rich Nagel, Executive Director, Arkansas Education Association

Mr. Raymond Simon, Director, Arkansas Department Education

Mr. Tristan Greene, Special Assistant to the Director, Arkansas Department of Education, was recognized. Mr. Greene provided the Commission with an update on the status of *Lake View v. Huckabee, et al.* Ms. Pittman thanked Mr. Greene for the update.

Ms. Pittman announced that the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, May 1, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 151 of the State Capitol. She noted that the Commission's Subcommittees would also be meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 a.m. The Commission's subcommittees met from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the various meeting rooms of the University of Arkansas System Administration Building.