

MINUTES

ARKANSAS BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON PUBLIC EDUCATION

December 19, 2001
10:00 a.m.
Room 151, State Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Mr. Robert McGinnis, the Co-Chair of the Arkansas Blue Ribbon Commission on Public Education, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. Robert McGinnis, Co-Chair; Ms. Stacy Pittman, Co-Chair; Mr. Frank Anthony; Ms. Charlie Cole Chaffin; Dr. Benny Gooden; Dr. Reed Greenwood; Mr. Gene Gregory; Ms. Pat Harris; Mr. Wayne Hartsfield; Ms. Shelby Hillman; Mr. Randy Hughes; Dr. Don Love; Ms. Kathy McFetridge; Dr. Martha McNair; Mr. David Matthews; Mr. Kevin Moore; Mr. Ulicious Reed; Mr. Larry Ross; and Mr. Keith Stokes.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: Representative M. Olin Cook and Representative Larry Teague.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRESENT: Senator David A. Bisbee; Senator Jimmy Jeffress; Representative Ken Cowling; Representative Bob Mathis; Representative Thomas Moore; and Representative H. R. Seawel.

Approval of the Minutes of the December 5, 2001 Meeting of the Blue Ribbon Commission [Exhibit C].

After reviewing the minutes of the December 5, 2001, meeting of the Blue Ribbon Commission, the minutes were approved as written.

Mr. Bob McGinnis, the Co-Chair of the Arkansas Blue Ribbon Commission on Public Education, was recognized. Mr. McGinnis outlined the schedule of activities for the meeting. The meeting recessed at 10:15 a.m. and moved to Room 138 of the State Capitol. The Commission met with **Ms. Diane Vibhakar**, Study Circles Coordinator, Arkansas School Boards Association, and **Ms. Paulette Mabry**, College of Education, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, in a mock Study Circles session. Upon completion of the study circles session, the Commission returned to Room 151 for lunch, which lasted from noon to 12:30 p.m.

The Commission reconvened in the Old Supreme Court at 12:35 p.m. to participate in a "visioning" process designed to establish and refine the role and scope of the Commission's statutory responsibilities. Ms. Kathy Morledge of the Arkansas School Boards Association and Ms. Paula Cummins of the Arkansas Leadership Academy facilitated this session. Due to time

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constraints, the Commission was unable to complete the “visioning” exercise. The members agreed to complete the process in an afternoon session on January 2, 2002.

Mr. McGinnis stated the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 2, 2002, at 10 a.m. in Room 149 of the State Capitol. He noted that the Commission’s Subcommittees would also be meeting.

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 2:30 p.m.