

## MINUTES

### ARKANSAS BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON PUBLIC EDUCATION

January 2, 2002

10:00 a.m.

Room 149, State Capitol  
Little Rock, Arkansas

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

#### **ARKANSAS BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON PUBLIC EDUCATION**

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Ms. Stacy Pittman, Co-Chair; Mr. Frank Anthony; Ms. Charlie Cole Chaffin; Ms. Judy Donovan; Dr. Charles Dunn; Dr. Benny Gooden; Mr. Gene Gregory; Ms. Pat Harris; Mr. Wayne Hartsfield; Ms. Shelby Hillman; Mr. Randy Hughes; Mr. Phil Jones, Sr.; Dr. Don Love; Mr. Hugh McDonald; Ms. Kathy McFetridge; Mr. David Matthews; Mr. Kevin Moore; Ms. Alisia Ramirez-Hartz; Mr. Ulicious Reed; Mr. Larry Ross; and Mr. Keith Stokes.

**Ex-Officio members present:** Senator Jim Hill; Representative M. Olin Cook; Representative George French; and Representative Larry Teague.

**Other members of the General Assembly present:** Representative Boyd Hickenbotham; Representative Thomas Moore; Representative Marvin Parks; Representative Tommy G. Roebuck; and Representative Lindbergh Thomas.

Ms. Pittman announced that Mr. McGinnis was absent for personal reasons.

**Dr. Benny Gooden** was recognized. Dr. Gooden reminded the members of the Commission that they were invited to visit Sunnymede Elementary School in Fort Smith on Monday January 14, 2002, to observe the techniques being used to improve student literacy skills.

**Approval of the Minutes of the December 19, 2001, Meeting of the Blue Ribbon Commission [Exhibit C].**

**After reviewing the minutes of the December 19, 2001, meeting of the Blue Ribbon Commission, the minutes were approved as written.**

**Mr. Charles Knox**, Assistant Executive Director, Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators (AAEA), was recognized. Mr. Knox invited the members of the Commission to attend the AAEA's Superintendents' Symposium, which was scheduled for January 9<sup>th</sup> and January 10<sup>th</sup> at the DoubleTree Hotel in Little Rock.

The meeting recessed at 10:15 a.m. The Commission's subcommittees met from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the various committee rooms of the Capitol. The Commission recessed for lunch from noon to 12:30 p.m.

The Commission reconvened in the Old Supreme Court at 12:35 p.m. to complete the "visioning" program begun at the December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Ms. Kathy Morledge of the Arkansas School Boards Association and Ms. Paula Cummins of the Arkansas Leadership Academy facilitated this session. Ms. Morledge announced that she and Ms. Cummins would compile the results of the visioning workshops and provide a written summary to the Commission at a later date.

Ms. Pittman announced that the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, January 16, 2002, at 10 a.m. in Room 151 of the State Capitol. She noted that the Commission's Subcommittees would also be meeting. Ms. Pittman also discussed several tentative dates in April and May for a Commission retreat.

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 2:00 p.m.