

## MINUTES

### ARKANSAS BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON PUBLIC EDUCATION

**March 20, 2002**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Room 151, 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:** Mr. Frank Anthony; Ms. Charlie Cole Chaffin; Ms. Judy Donovan; Dr. Charles Dunn; Dr. Benny Gooden; Dr. Reed Greenwood; Ms. Pat Harris; Mr. Wayne Hartsfield; Ms. Shelby Hillman; Mr. Randy Hughes; 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. 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:** Senator Jimmy Jeffress; Senator Jodie Mahony; Representative LeRoy Dangeau; Representative Kevin Goss; Representative Boyd Hickinbotham; Representative Gene Jeffress; Representative Thomas Moore; Representative Steve Oglesby; Representative Larry Prater, Representative Tommy Roebuck; Representative Roger Smith; Representative Lindbergh Thomas; Representative Paul Weaver and Representative Robert White.

**Approval of the Minutes of the March 6, 2002 Meeting of the Blue Ribbon Commission.**

**After reviewing the minutes of the March 6, 2002, meeting of the Blue Ribbon Commission, the minutes were approved as written.**

The meeting recessed at 10:15 a.m. The Commission's subcommittees met from 10:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the various committee rooms of the Capitol. The Commission reconvened at 12:45 p.m. for a working lunch.

**Reports from Subcommittees**

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The Commission heard reports concerning the meetings of the subcommittees.

### **Teacher Salaries/Professional Development**

**Dr. Reed Greenwood**, Chair, Teachers Salaries/Professional Development Subcommittee, reported the subcommittee's initial key findings. The written version of Dr. Greenwood's report is attached as Exhibit 1.

### **Organizational Structure**

**Ms. Charlie Cole Chaffin**, Chair, Organizational Structures Subcommittee, reported the subcommittee's initial key findings. The written version of Ms. Chaffin's report is attached as Exhibit 2.

### **Curriculum/Education Childhood Education**

**Dr. Benny Gooden**, Chair, Curriculum/Education Childhood Education Subcommittee, reported the subcommittee's initial key findings. The written version of Dr. Gooden's report is attached as Exhibit 3.

### **Funding/Facilities**

**Mr. Larry Ross**, Chair, Funding/Facilities Subcommittee, reported the subcommittee's initial key findings. The written version of Mr. Ross's report is attached as Exhibit 4.

Ms. Pittman announced that the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, April 3, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 149 of the State Capitol. She noted that the Commission's Subcommittees would also be meeting.

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

**NOTE: All exhibit items are posted on the Blue Ribbon Commission's website**

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