

Minutes
State Board Meeting
February 12, 2026

Present: Lisa Hunter, Vice-Chair; Dr. Aaron Abbott; Dr. Gary Arnold; Ken Bragg; Randy Henderson; David Peacock; Leigh Keener; Jeff Wood; Jeanie Wilcoxon, 2025 Arkansas Teacher of the Year; Jacob Oliva, ADE Secretary.

Absent: Adrienne Woods, Chair

The Arkansas State Board of Education (State Board) met on Thursday, February 12, 2026. Lisa Hunter, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM, followed by a moment of silence, the Pledge of Allegiance, and a performance of the National Anthem by Joven Hamlet, a sophomore from the Pine Bluff School District.

Recognition

V.1. Pine Bluff School District Superintendent Updates

Item V. 1. was presented by Dr. Jennifer Barbaree, Superintendent, Pine Bluff School District. She presented information about the Pine Bluff School District.

V.2. CTE Month

Item V.2. was presented by Ross White, Director, Division of Career and Technical Education (CTE). He shared that February is recognized as CTE Month to promote public awareness and appreciation for career and technical education. He also shared that Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders signed a proclamation declaring February 2026 as CTE Month in Arkansas.

Changes to Agenda

None

Action Agenda

None

New Business

None

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes
2. 2024-25 Annual Statistical Report
3. Application for District Conversion Charter by the Little Rock School District at Hall High School)

A motion was made by David Peacock to approve Consent Agenda items 1 and 2 and to table Item 3 pending further discussion. The motion was seconded by Randy Henderson and unanimously passed.

Public Comments

The State Board heard public comments from:

- Steven B. Mays, Sr., Alderman
- Lloyd Franklin
- Amanda Flippo
- Julius Wright on behalf of Eric Mayfield
- Charline Wright
- Stephanie White
- Angie Edwards
- Shadie Culclager, Jr.
- Henry Maxwell
- Dr. Ashley James
- Albert King, Jr.

Adjournment

Lisa Hunter, Vice Chair, adjourned the State Board meeting at 3:22 PM.

Minutes recorded by Melody Pettit.

Jacob Oliva, Secretary
Department of Education

Adrienne Woods, Chair
State Board of Education