

ARKANSAS HEAD START ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Minutes
Wednesday, May 17, 2023
1:30 pm-2:30 pm

Roll Call- Barbie Baxter called the meeting to order at 1:30pm. A quorum was established. The following members participated in the zoom call: James Hollywood, Shirley Pulliam, Barbie Baxter, Susan Templeton, Kisha Miller, Latasha Dodds, Jennifer Pinkston, Christie Campbell, Jana Bays, Denise Middlebrook, Cyndi Musick, Blake Stansbery. Guest Deana Howell and Jackie Govan

Consideration of Agenda- No changes were made.

Approval of Minutes- Jana Bays made a motion to approve the minutes. James Hollywood seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dollar per Child Report- Jackie Govan gave the Dollar per Child report. 2023 Dollar per Child Campaign funds were reported as of 5/11/2023 as \$10,540.40. Jackie was excited to announce that Arkansas met the Dollar per Child goal.

AHSA Membership Dues Report- Deana provided the AHSA Membership Dues report. \$45,507.50 has been paid with \$937.50 owed for 2022-23.

Treasurer's Report- Shirley provided the Treasurer's Report. The Association's Total balance is \$84,651.85. The AHSA Balance is \$48,906.73, PayPal/ cheddar balance is \$4,028.00, and the certificates of deposit balance is \$31,717.12. Shirley Pulliam made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Cyndi Musick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Region VI Scholarships and Awards for 2023- Jackie Govan gave the Region VI Scholarships and Awards for 2023 report. Jackie encouraged Arkansas agencies to submit more applications. Arkansas has submitted 2 applications. James asked if the information could be sent out to agencies again since the deadline of June 3, 2023 is near.

The Learn Act Update- Jackie Govan gave the Learn Act Update. Jackie does not think the collaboration office, she or Deana will be affected by the Learn Act. An update will be given the last session of the state conference in June.

Class Reports-Directors, Friends, Parents, and Staff Classes met together. See CLASS Meeting minutes for more information.

Arkansas Early Childhood Commission/State Advisory Council- Barbie Baxter gave the Arkansas Early Childhood Commission/State Advisory Council update. She stated there is a new Chairperson, Elizabeth Waldron. Barbie report on behalf of Head Start that many programs are lacking staff, submitting Change in Scope applications, and dealing with challenging behaviors. Barbie mentioned that she invited commission members to attend the Arkansas conference in June.

Arkansas Head Start-State Collaboration Office- Jackie Govan gave the Arkansas Head Start-State Collaboration Office report. Jackie discussed the Preschool Development grant that is focused on trauma

and infant/ toddlers. She mentioned having a great collaboration with Disability Coordinators representing 5 programs, and Special Education Coordinators from the school system.

Arkansas Head Start Association- Jackie Govan gave the Arkansas Head Start Association report. The Institute committee met. **A motion was made by Cyndi Musick to approve the cover page of the conference program. Jana Bays 2nd the motion. The motion carried.** Jackie encouraged agencies to register for the conference and reminded everyone of the hotel discount deadline of May 20th. Jackie also reminded agencies about the silent auction baskets.

Region VI Head Start Association- Jackie Govan reported that the Region VI Head Start Association will meet at the conference.

National Head Start Association-Jackie Govan gave the National Head Start Association report discussing that Dollar Per Child money was used for lobbying on Capitol Hill.

AHSA Strategic Plan Updates- Jackie Govan gave the AHSA Strategic Plan update. There is a completion date of September 20,2023 for the Strategic Plan.

AHSA Audit/990- The audit has been submitted and reviewed. There were no findings.

Approvals for the 2023 Arkansas Head Start Association Institute- Cyndi Musick made a motion to approve the signed contract for the 2023 Arkansas Head Start Association Institute. Jana Bays 2nd the motion. The motion carried. Susan Templeton made a motion to approve the date of Feb 27 to March 1, 2024 for the 2024 Arkansas Head Start Association Institute. Cyndi Musick 2nd the motion. The motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 6, 2023, 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., Arlington Hotel

Adjournment- Cyndi Musick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:22pm. Jana Bays 2nd the motion. The motion carried.