

2027 Arkansas/Southwest Regional Head Start Institute Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 16, 2026
9:00 am-10:30 am
Face to Face

AGENDA

I. Welcome/Overview: Sara Wilhite
II. Consideration of Agenda
III. Approval of Minutes
IV. Arkansas Head Start Institute Information
    A. 2026 Arkansas Head Start Association Institute Evaluations and Budget Update
    B. 2027 Institute Planned Information
        i) Theme: "Exploring New Possibilities: Bridges to Purpose"
        ii) Dates: September 27-September 30, 2027
        iii) Location: Marriott Hotel and Statehouse Convention Center, Little Rock, AR
        iv) Registration Update
        v) Potential Speakers
    C. Institute Planning
        i) Region 6 Institute Committee (Request)
            (1) Scheduled Meetings
            (2) Activities (Request)
        ii) Events
        iii) Exhibitors
        iv) Silent Auction
        v) General and Small Group Sessions
        vi) Awards and Recognitions for Arkansas
    D. 2027 Arkansas/Southwest Regional Head Start Institute Format
        i) Institute at a Glance
        ii) Sessions
        iii) Meetings: State, Class, Etc.
V. Things Needing Board Approval
VI. Planning Committee 2027:
    A. Institute Chair/Co-Chair
    B. Conference Packet
    C. Decorations/Door Prizes
    D. Silent Auction
    E. Exhibits/Sponsors
    F. Finance/Budget
    G. Hospitality
    H. Publicity
    I. Registration
    J. Pre-Institute
    K. Program
    L. Evaluations/Facilitators
    M. Equipment
    N. Special Events (not on timeline)
    O. Signs/Printed Materials
    P. Prior to Institute Detail (Set-up Crew)
    Q. Post Conference Detail (Clean-Up Crew)
VII. Next Steps
    A. Summary
    B. Institute Workdays: To be Announced in 2027
    C. Next Meeting Date: November 18, 2026, Face to Face
    D. Announcements (if any):
        i) NHSA Fall Leadership Conference- Washington D.C., Sep 28, 2026 - Oct 1, 2026
        ii) Southwest Fall Conference-Norman, Oklahoma, October 13-16, 2026
        iii) NHSA Parent and Family Engagement Conference-Nashville, Tennessee-Dec 14-17, 2026
VIII. Adjournment