

OFFICIAL MINUTES FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING OF THE
ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED
ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

The Board of Trustees for the Arkansas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Arkansas School for the Deaf met for their special meeting February 27, 2024, at the Arkansas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Present: Robert Fagan, Chair; Dr. John McAllister, Vice Chair; Dr. Samuel Atcherson, Secretary; Tyrone Williams, ASBVI Interim Superintendent; Holley Mott, ASD Parent Representative; Will Gorum and Sydney Morriss, Interpreters; Members of the Blind Community; Members of the Deaf Community

Absent: Philip Garner, Board Member; Dr. Gretchen Cobb, ASD Interim Superintendent

Mr. Fagan called the meeting to order at 5:29 pm. Mr. Fagan completed the roll call. The March board meeting will take place on March 12, 2024, at the Arkansas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Mr. Fagan reminded the board of additional interviews on Thursday evening at ASBVI.

Dr. Barnes is representing the department of education and has been asked by Secretary Oliva to share our desire to see the process through that is starting tonight. You have many responsibilities, oversight for this campus and school for the deaf. The major responsibility is ensuring the hiring of the superintendent. We want to ensure you have the resources and things you need to carry out that duty. You do that as body in consultation with the Secretary. The process is a little different than what sometimes happens with boards, but we want to ensure that you have the resources that are available. Mr. Fagan asked us to provide questions and information to look at to help you make the determination on the best quality candidates for this role. It is completely up to the board whether to use the documents or not. There are questions, rubric, and look-for that the candidate based on the question. Once in the Executive Session, you will interview candidates, you will do that tonight and Thursday. You will leave the meetings without action taken. You can confer and talk in Executive Session, but there will be no decision made at the end. The step of consultation with Secretary Oliva must take place. At that point, there will probably be communication between Mr. Fagan and Secretary Oliva to see what the pulse is before action is taken at the next scheduled meeting.

Joint Agenda

24-J-11 Motion to Retire into Executive Session

Dr. McAllister stated the board would like to retire into Executive Session to discuss the application of Jared Hogue for the position of superintendent, which is the top position of the school district. Do I have a motion to retire into Executive Session.

Dr. Atcherson made a motion to move to the Executive Session. Mr. Fagan seconded. Motion Carried.

This body has voted to retire into Executive Session to consider the employment of Jared Hogue with the position of superintendent, which is the top administrator position at the district. We will reconvene public session following Executive Session to present and vote on any action we take in private.

Action Items – None

Discussion Items – None

Executive Session –

Mr. Fagan stated we had a very productive interview with Mr. Hogue. No action was taken.

24-J-12 Motion to Adjourn

Dr. McAllister made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Atcherson seconded. Motion carried.

Robert Fagan, Chair

Dr. Samuel Atcherson, Secretary