

MEETING SUMMARY

**JOINT MEETING
OF THE
SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
and the**

JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Thursday, September 26, 2013

9:45 A.M.

**Arkansas Ballroom, Marriott Hotel
Little Rock, Arkansas**

Representative Mary L. Slinkard, the House Chair of the Joint Committee on Advanced Communications and Information Technology, called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

MEMBERS OF THE SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION IN ATTENDANCE: Senator Jason Rapert.

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION IN ATTENDANCE: Representative James McLean, Chair; Representative Gary Deffenbaugh; Representative Charlotte Vining Douglas; Representative Jon Eubanks; Representative Debra Hobbs; Representative Karen Hopper; Representative Sheilla Lampkin; and Representative Homer Lenderman.

NON-VOTING MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION IN ATTENDANCE: Representative Randy Alexander; Representative Harold Copenhaver; Representative Jim Dotson; and Representative Andy Mayberry.

SENATE MEMBERS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN ATTENDANCE: Senator Bill Sample, Chair; and Senator Jimmy Hickey.

HOUSE MEMBERS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN ATTENDANCE: Representative Mary L. Slinkard, Chair; Representative Jim Dotson; Representative Karen Hopper; Representative Sheilla Lampkin; and Representative Andy Mayberry.

ALTERNATE MEMBERS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN ATTENDANCE: Representative Charlotte Vining Douglas; Representative Charlene Fite; and Representative David Whitaker.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN ATTENDANCE: Representative John Baine; Representative Scott Baltz; Representative Stephanie Malone; and Representative Betty Overbey.

Senator Bill Sample, the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Advanced Communications and Information Technology, welcomed members to the meeting being held in conjunction with the Connecting Arkansas Internet Conference.

Presenter & Synopsis:

Ms. Marie Bruno, Vice President, Arkansas Capital Corporation Group (ACCG), and Vice President, Connect Arkansas, was recognized. Ms. Bruno reviewed the current state of high-speed Internet in Arkansas and the challenges of enabling participation by all communities throughout the state. She briefly discussed the goal of the Conference and included information on speakers, sessions, and breakout sessions.

Contributor to the Discussion:

Mr. Emerson Evans, Chief Operating Officer, Connect Arkansas

Next Scheduled Meetings:

Meetings of the Joint House and Senate Interim Committees on Education on October 14, 2013 and October 15, 2013 in Room 171 of the State Capitol in Little Rock

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Advanced Communications and Information Technology on October 17, 2013, in Room 151 of the State Capitol in Little Rock

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Approved: 10/14/13