

AGENDA
Arkansas Legislative Black Caucus

Tuesday, September 22, 2020
1:00 PM
Room A, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas

Sen. Joyce Elliott, Chair
Sen. Linda Chesterfield
Sen. Stephanie Flowers

Rep. Jay Richardson, Vice-Chair
Rep. Fredrick J. Love
Rep. Reginald Murdock
Rep. David Fielding
Rep. Monte Hodges
Rep. Kenneth B. Ferguson
Rep. Vivian Flowers

Rep. Milton Nicks, Jr.
Rep. Fred Allen
Rep. Jamie Scott
Rep. Don Glover
Rep. Denise Jones Ennett
Rep. Joy Springer

- A. Call to Order
- B. Comments by Chairs
 - 1. Senator Joyce Elliott, Chair
 - 2. Representative Jay Richardson, Vice Chair
- C. Discussion of Arkansas Black Mayors Survey
 - Dr. Brookshield Laurent, Associate Professor and Chair, New York Institute of Technology, College of Osteopathic Medicine, Clinical Medicine, Arkansas State University
- D. Discussion of Planning and Development District Grant Applications and Opportunities **[Exhibit D3]**
 - 1. Ms. Renee Dycus, Executive Director, Southwest Arkansas Planning and Development District
 - 2. Mr. Rodney Larsen, Executive Director, Central Arkansas Planning and Development District
 - 3. Ms. Melissa Rivers, Executive Director, East Arkansas Planning and Development District
 - 4. Ms. Hayley Brakebill, Grants Administrator, Southeast Arkansas Planning and Development District
- E. Arkansas Rural Connect Broadband Program Presentation **[Exhibit E]**
 - Mr. Steven Porch, Chief Legal Officer, Department of Commerce
- F. Discussion of the Due Diligence Grant Application Process **[Exhibits F1, F2, F3 & F4]**
 - 1. Mr. Roy Kitchen, MS, Executive Director e-Link, Institute for Digital Health and Innovation, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
 - 2. Dr. Joseph Sanford, M.D., Chief Clinical Informatics Officer, Interim Director for Digital Health and Innovation, Associate Professor, Department of Anesthesiology and Department of Biomedical Informatics, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
- G. Discussion of Access to Broadband and the Effects on Education in Small Communities
 - Mr. Don Benton, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education – Research and Technology, Arkansas Department of Education
- H. Other Business
- I. Adjournment

Note: All exhibits for this meeting are available by electronic means and are accessible on the General Assembly's website at www.arkleg.state.ar.us

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