

**MINUTES**  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**  
**Meeting Jointly**  
**Monday, December 6, 2021**  
**1:30 PM**  
**Room A, MAC**  
**Little Rock, Arkansas**

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Committee members present: Senators Missy Irvin, Chair; Joyce Elliott, Vice-Chair; Charles Beckham, Linda Chesterfield and Greg Leding; Representatives Bruce Cozart, Chair; Brian S. Evans, Vice-Chair; Rick Beck, Ken Bragg, Karilyn Brown, Gary Deffenbaugh, Megan Godfrey, Steve Hollowell, John Maddox, Gayla H. McKenzie, Stephen Meeks, Stu Smith, Nelda Speaks, DeAnn Vaught and Richard Womack

Other members present: Senators John Dismang and Trent Garner; Representatives Bruce Coleman, Carol Dalby, Marsh Davis, Jack Fortner, Jack Ladyman, Tippy McCullough, David Ray and Johnny Rye

Representative Cozart called the meeting to order.

**Approval of Minutes for the November 9, 2021, Meeting [Exhibit C]**

Representative Evans made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Senator Elliott, and the motion carried.

**Presentation by Arkansas Research Alliance (ARA)**

Mr. Jerry Adams, President, ARA, and Mr. Bryan Barnhouse, Vice-President, ARA, provided an overview of the history and expansion of ARA. The presentation included examples of ARA's efforts to recruit and retain strategic university research leaders and their focus to increase collaboration between institutions and researchers. They shared information regarding their contracted funding from the Food and Drug Administration's National Center for Toxicological Research and other research examples.

Senate Committee on Education and House Committee on Education will meet jointly on January 3 - 4, 2022, to begin the discussion on the 2022 Adequacy Report.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.