

MINUTES
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
Meeting Jointly
Monday, March 9, 2026
1:30 PM
Room A, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas

Committee members present: Senators Jane English, Chair; Dan Sullivan, Vice Chair; Joshua Bryant, Breanne Davis, Jim Dotson, Stephanie Flowers, Bryan King, and Reginald Murdock; Representatives Brit McKenzie, Vice Chair; Wade Andrews, Sonia Eubanks Barker, Lincoln Barnett, Rick Beck, Karilyn Brown, Hope Duke, Denise Garner, Diana Gonzales Worthen, Julie Mayberry, Jessie McGruder, Stephen Meeks, Stetson Painter, DeAnn Vaught, and Steven Walker

Other members present: Senators Alan Clark, Mark Johnson, and Fredrick J. Love; Representatives Howard M. Beaty, Jr., Stan Berry, Joey L. Carr, Cameron Cooper, Denise Ennett, Jon S. Eubanks, Kenneth B. Ferguson, Steve Hollowell, Tippi McCullough, Kendra Moore, David Ray, Jay Richardson, Ryan A. Rose, and Joy Springer

Senator English called the meeting to order.

Consideration of a Motion to Approve the February 2, 2026, and the February 3, 2026, Meeting Minutes [Exhibits B1-B2]

Without objection, the minutes were approved.

Consideration for Adoption of Interim Study Proposal (ISP) [Exhibit C]

Senator Flowers moved to adopt ISP-2025-007 by Representative Lee Johnson – Requesting That the Arkansas Legislative Council Refer a Study to the House Committee on Education on the Future of Adult Education in Arkansas, seconded by Senator Murdock, and the motion carried.

2026 Adequacy Study: Funding Overview [Exhibits E1-E2]

Adrienne Beck, Legislative Research Lead, Bureau of Legislative Research (BLR) and Katie Walden, Legislative State Budget Expert, BLR presented information on the funding overview for the 2026 Adequacy Study.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.