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LEGISLATIVE ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY BOOT CAMP

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

10:00 AM

**National Park College, Student Commons Building, 101 College Drive
Hot Springs, Arkansas**

Committee members present: Senator Joyce Elliott, Co-Chair; Representatives Les Warren, Co-Chair; Harlan Breaux, Carol Dalby, Mike Holcomb, Johnny Rye, Jamie Scott, and Stu Smith

Other members present: Senators Greg Leding and Linda Chesterfield; Representative Richard McGrew

Senator Elliott called the meeting to order.

Welcome From National Parks College (NPC)

Dr. John Hogan, President NPC, welcomed the Legislative Arts and Technology Boot Camp committee members present and gave an introduction on the National Parks College, a community college offering two-year degrees and certificates as well as bachelor's degrees through a partnership with Southern Arkansas University.

How Arts and Technology Grow the Creative Economy

Dr. Lenore Shoults, Chair, Arts and Technology Boot Camp, Arkansans for the Arts (AFTA), reviewed how arts and technology grow the creative economy in Arkansas and the establishment of the Legislative Arts and Technology Boot Camp.

Creative Economy Data Report [EXHIBIT E]

Sandy Martin, Chair, AFTA, provided a summary on "The Creative Economy of Arkansas" report focusing on Garland County.

Presentation from Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts: Equity and Access

Corey Alderdice, Director, Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts, delivered a presentation detailing the schools goal of providing more educational access and statewide equity to digital learning and educator development programs.

Current Use and the Future of 3D Imaging

Joel Rush, Director of Makerspace, NPC; and Michael Karr, Makerspace Coordinator, NPC, gave a summary on the current and future use of 3D imaging in education and the work place.

Arkansas Arts Council: Art Education and Arts Entrepreneurship

Patrick Ralston, Director, Arkansas Arts Council, provided an introduction of the Arkansas Arts Council an organization that provides services and funding for programming that encourages literary, performance, and visual arts.

Arkansas STEM Coalition: Technology and Arts Intersections

Hannah Vogler, Executive Director, Arkansas STEM Coalition, discussed the Arkansas STEM Coalition a statewide partnership of leaders encouraging STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) teaching in order to expand the technology and arts economy of Arkansas.

Mid-America Science Museum: Informal Learning

Diane LaFollette, Executive Director, Mid-America Science Museum, introduced the Mid-America Science Museum. The museum is resource for STEM education promoting, public understanding of the sciences through interactive exhibits and programs.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.