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LEGISLATIVE ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY BOOT CAMP

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

10:00 AM

3435 Jefferson Ave, Texarkana School District
Texarkana, Arkansas

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

Other members present: Senator Linda Chesterfield; Representatives David Fielding, Stephen Meeks, and DeAnn Vaught

Senator Elliott called the meeting to order.

Welcome From Texarkana School District (TASD)

Dr. Becki Kesler, Superintendent, TASD, welcomed the Legislative Arts and Technology Boot Camp committee members and introduced Tracey Boyles, Principal, TASD; Julie Carver, Robotics Educator, Edward Trice Elementary School; and the Exploration Lab Robotics Team, Edward Trice Elementary School. The Exploration Lab Robotics Team performed a demonstration with their robots that were built by each student.

Creative Economy Overview

Dr. Lenore Shoults, Chair, Arts and Technology Boot Camp, Arkansas 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 F]

Sandy Martin, Chair, AFTA, provided a summary on “The Creative Economy of Arkansas” report focusing on Miller County.

Consideration of a Motion to Approve Previous Meeting Minutes [EXHIBITS E1-E4]

Senator Elliott made a motion to approve previous meeting minutes, with a second by Representative Garner, and the minutes were approved.

Robotics Discussion

Chris Biscoe, Robotics Teacher, TASD, discussed his robotics classes at the Texarkana School District and the school’s robotics team competing in robotics competitions throughout the state and nationwide.

Technology and the Arts

Remica Gray, Chair, Arkansas Arts Council, reviewed how technology and the arts can benefit children through education and can support local economy through arts programs in schools and businesses.

Creative Economy Discussion

Sandy Martin, Chair, AFTA, gave an interactive presentation on the creative economy through Word Cloud, a visual representation of word data provided by committee members through cellphone interaction.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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