



# ARKANSAS

## VIRTUAL ACADEMY<sup>SM</sup>

Meeting Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Board of Directors  
March 10, 2025

### Board Members

#### **Present**

Jess Askew  
Joel Edel  
Dana Kelley  
Paige Gorman

#### **Absent**

Dr. Gary McHenry

### Guest

Nathan Poston

### Staff

Amy Johnson  
Amanda Felton  
Chad Long  
Rhonda Soule

## **Preliminary Items**

### Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Arkansas Virtual Academy Board of Directors was called to order at 4:00 p.m. on March 10, 2025, at the Arkansas Virtual Academy office by Board Chair, Jess Askew.

### Roll Call

The roll call was taken by Jess Askew

### Approval of Minutes

**ACTION:** Joel Edel motioned to approve all the January 13, 2025, meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dana Kelley and was approved unanimously as presented.

## **Board Chair's Report**

### Statement of Financial Interest

Board Chair, Jess Askew, reminded board members of the requirement for each board member to file the Statement of Financial Interest with their local clerk.

## **Action Agenda Items**

### ARVA Audit

Board Chair, Jess Askew, turned the floor over to Nathan Poston, Landmark Certified Accountant, who proceeded to share information regarding Preliminary Draft of the ARVA Audit. Discussion followed.

**ACTION:** Dana Kelley made the motion to approve the Preliminary Draft ARVA Audit as presented. Paige Gorman seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

### LEA and ARVA Cap

Amy Johnson, Head of Schools, requested that the presentation and action regarding the LEA and ARVA Cap be tabled until a future meeting.

**ACTION:** Tabled

## **Head of School's Report**

### Finance Update

Head of Schools, Amy Johnson, turned the floor over to Chad Long, Stride Senior Finance Manager. Mr. Long presented details of ARVA's Financial Update.

### Legislative Update

Head of Schools, Amy Johnson, presented details of current legislative items and how they impact ARVA.

### Academic Improvements

Head of Schools, Amy Johnson, presented information regarding updates to ARVA's Academic Improvements.

### Other Comment Public Comments

None

### Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Jess Askew at 5:50 PM.

**Minutes submitted by: Rhonda Soule – Operations Manager**

**Approved by: Amy Johnson- Head of School**