



ARKANSAS VIRTUAL ACADEMYSM

Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
June 8, 2026

Present

Board Members

Dr. Gary McHenry
Paige Gorman
Jess Askew-Absent
Dana Kelley
Joel Edel - Absent

Staff

Amy Johnson
Amanda Felton
Rhonda Soule
Chad Long
Angie Chen

Preliminary Items

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Arkansas Virtual Academy Board of Directors was called to order at 4:08 p.m. on June 8, 2026 at the Arkansas Virtual Academy office by Dr. Gary McHenry.

Roll Call

The roll call was taken by Dr. Gary McHenry

Approval of Minutes

ACTION: Dana Kelley motioned to approve all the March 9, 2026, meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Paige Gorman and was approved unanimously as presented.

Board Chair's Report

Appointment of Board Members

In Board Chair Jess Askew's absence, Amy Johnson presented information regarding interest in appointment to the ARVA Board.

Action Agenda Items

2026-27 AR App and Federal Budgets (Title I, Title II A, and Title IV)

The floor was turned over to Ms. Amy Johnson, Head of Schools. Ms. Johnson presented information regarding the AR App and Titles I, IIA, and IV.

ACTION: Paige Gorman made the motion to accept the AR App and Federal Budgets as presented. Dana Kelley seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

2026-27 Budget

Dr. Gary McHenry turned the floor over to Ms. Amy Johnson, Head of Schools, which was then turned over to Chad Long, Stride Finance Director. Mr. Long provided updated financial information.

ACTION: Dana Kelley made the motion to approve the 2026-27 Budget as presented. Paige Gorman seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

2025-26 Completion Bonus

Dr. Gary McHenry turned the floor over to Ms. Amy Johnson, Head of Schools. Ms. Johnson presented the 2025-26 Completion Bonus information to the Board.

ACTION: Paige Gorman made the motion to accept the Completion Bonus as presented. Dana Kelley seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

2026-27 Salary Approval

Dr. Gary McHenry turned the floor over to Ms. Amy Johnson, Head of Schools, who presented the salary structure for the 2026-2027 school year.

ACTION: Paige Gorman made the motion to approve the 2026-27 Salaries as presented. Dana Kelley seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

2026-27 Certified Policies, Classified Policies, and Parent Student Handbook

Dr. Gary McHenry turned the floor over to Ms. Amy Johnson, Head of Schools. Ms. Johnson shared updates and changes to both the Certified and Classified Policies for the 2026-27 School Year as well as the Parent Student Handbook.

ACTION: Dana Kelley made the motion to approve the 2026-27 Certified and Classified Policies as well as the Parent Student Handbook as presented. Paige Gorman seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Earle MOU

The floor was turned over to Ms. Amy Johnson, Head of Schools. Ms. Johnson provided the updated MOU for the 2026-27 School Year.

ACTION: Paige Gorman made the motion to approve the Earle MOU for the 2026-27 School Year. Dana Kelley seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Head of School's Report

Academic Updates

Head of Schools Amy Johnson and Academic Administrator Mendy Felton presented information ARVA's Academic Updates.

Other Comment Public Comments

None

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Jess Askew at 6:18 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Rhonda Soule – Operations Manager

Approved by: Amy Johnson- Head of School