

## **Arkansas Commission on Closing the Academic Achievement Gap**

The Commission on Closing the Achievement Gap was established by the Arkansas State Legislature, under Act 33 during the Secondary Extraordinary Session of 2003.

**Minutes**  
**April 28, 2017**  
**Arkansas Department of Education**  
**Room 103-A**  
**1:00 p.m.**

**Members in Attendance:**

Darin Beckwith, Chair; Dr. Mary Brentley, Lillian Williams, Kristin Whitsett

**Members joining by phone:**

Nate Todd

**Members Absent:**

Dr. Valerie Tatum

**Meeting Location:**

Arkansas Department of Education  
#4 Capitol Mall, Room 103-A  
Little Rock, AR 72201

**Welcome/Call to Order:**

Darin Beck called the meeting to order at 1:10

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes from the November 18, 2016 and January 27, 2017, presented and approved.

**Opening Comments:**

Mr. Beckwith presented the need for additional members and working on moving the committee to forward with goals and objectives

**Approval of Mission Statements and Goals**

Mr. Beckwith presented the draft Mission Statement and Goals and discussed way to implementation of the Statement and Goals. Mr. Beckwith was asked to present these to the Commissioner of Education. Mr. Todd suggested getting a booth to disseminate to the superintendents at meetings across the state.

**Discussion of Board Member:**

Mr. Beckwith will discuss with Commissioner Key the need for additional members.

**New Business:**

Nate Todd made a recommendation to limit call-ins be limited to one time per month.

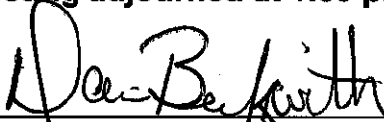
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### **Next Meeting:**

The committee recommended the meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month. The next meet is scheduled for September 21, 2017.

### **Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

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Darin Beckwith, Chair