

**Minutes**  
**Little Rock Area Public Education Stakeholder Group Meeting**  
**Monday, April 24, 2017**

The Little Rock Area Public Education Stakeholder Group met Monday, April 24, 2017, in the Arkansas Department of Education Auditorium. Chair Tommy Branch called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Members Present: Tommy Branch, Chair; Jim McKenzie, Vice-Chair; Tamika Edwards; Ann Brown Marshall; Antwan Phillips; and Dianna Varady.

Members Absent: Leticia Reta.

Audience: ADE staff, general public, and press.

The meeting was live streamed and the recording was posted on the ADE website at [http://www.arkansased.gov/state-board/minutes/board\\_meeting\\_categories/2017](http://www.arkansased.gov/state-board/minutes/board_meeting_categories/2017).

**Consent Agenda**

**Consideration to Approve Minutes – March 13, 2017**

Mr. McKenzie moved, seconded by Ms. Edwards, to approve the March 13, 2017, minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

**Reports**

**Report: Transportation of Charter Schools**

Learning Services Coordinator Ms. Mary Perry presented transportation information from public charter schools. She said four (4) schools reported that they provided bus passes, three (3) schools have buses, one (1) school provides a bus and bus passes, and seven (7) schools reported they will consider buses in the future. She said additional survey data would be available at a later date.

**Work Session**

**Work Session: Consideration of Recommendations from the State Board**

Stakeholder group members collaborated to develop recommendations to the State Board of Education.

Commissioner Key said he would have the ADE legal team review the draft and identify items that would require statutory change.

Dr. Jay Barth challenged the committee to finalize the report for final presentation to the State Board on Thursday, June 8, 2017 (10:00 a.m.).

ADE will provide additional data on the status of schools in the Little Rock School District.

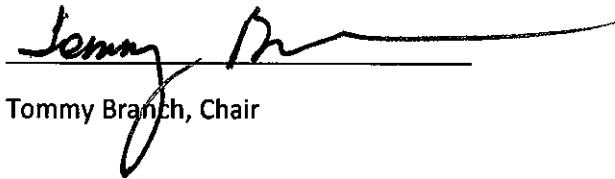
### **Consideration for Presentation to the State Board**

The committee will work collaboratively on the Google Doc and submit the final report and presentation to ADE by May 26, 2017.

### **Adjournment**

Ms. Varady moved, seconded by Mr. McKenzie, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

*Minutes recorded by Deborah Coffman.*



Tommy Branch, Chair