

**Minutes**  
**Special State Board of Education Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 25, 2015**

The State Board of Education met Wednesday, March 25, 2015, in the Auditorium of the Big Mac Building, One Capitol Mall. Chairman Sam Ledbetter called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Present: Sam Ledbetter, Chairman; Toyce Newton, Vice-Chair; Alice Mahony; Dr. Jay Barth; Diane Zook; Joe Black; and Vicki Saviers

Present via phone: Mireya Reith and Kim Davis

Absent: None

**Action Agenda**

**Consideration of Johnny Key as Commissioner of Education**

Chairman Ledbetter explained the procedures for the meeting.

The Board entered into executive session at 10:17 a.m. for the purposes of considering this personnel item.

The Board exited executive session at 12:31 p.m.

Ms. Mahony moved, seconded by Ms. Newton, to approve Mr. Johnny Key as Commissioner of Education. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Key thanked the Board and Governor Hutchinson. He said he is committed to work with the agency, parents, teachers, administrators, communities and stakeholders to move the state's education system forward toward excellence. He said excellence exists in Little Rock, the Delta, and the four corners of the state. He said the state was poised for great growth as demonstrated with the Governor's computer science and coding project. He said he was committed to ensuring every Arkansas child is provided the best possible education.

Mr. Key introduced his wife, Shannon, and daughter, Rachel. He said his son, Ryan, is studying abroad. Mr. Key also introduced his sister-in-law, Dana Shockley and her children Levi and Sydney.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

*Minutes recorded by Deborah Coffman.*



Sam Ledbetter, Chair



Johnny Key, Commissioner