

**MINUTES
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**Meeting Jointly
Tuesday, November 4, 2025
10:00 AM**

**White County School District Campus, Auditorium, 3259 Highway 157
Judsonia, Arkansas**

Committee members present: Senators Jane English, Chair; Dan Sullivan, Vice Chair; and Stephanie Flowers; Representatives Brit McKenzie, Vice Chair; Wade Andrews, Lincoln Barnett, Rick Beck, Karilyn Brown, Hope Duke, Tony Furman, Denise Garner, Diana Gonzales Worthen, Julie Mayberry, Jessie McGruder, and Stephen Meeks

Other members present: Senator Kim Hammer; Representatives Joey L. Carr, Cameron Cooper, Les D. Eaves, Jon S. Eubanks, Wayne Long, Shad Pearce, and Jeff Wardlaw

Senator English called the meeting to order.

Opening Remarks and Overview of White County School District [Handout 1]

Pharis Smith, Superintendent, White County School District, gave opening remarks and an overview of White County School District including information on the demographics of the students and enrollment numbers.

Tour of White County School District Campus

Pharis Smith, Superintendent gave a tour of the White County School District campus at 3259 Highway 157, Judsonia, Arkansas.

Discussion of White County School District Achievements [Handout 1]

Pharis Smith, Superintendent, Michael Strother, Principal, White County Middle School, and Shayne Wallis, IT Specialist, White County School District, presented information on White County School District achievements including information on the district's letter grade and the awards the district has received.

Brandon Martin, Vice President, White County Central Board of Directors, provided information regarding the mentorship programs provided by White County School District.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.