

MINUTES
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
House Committee on Education
Meeting Jointly
Monday, May 18, 2026
10:00 AM
Room A, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas

Committee members present: Senators Jane English, Chair; Breanne Davis, and Stephanie Flowers; Representatives Keith Brooks, Chair; Wade Andrews, Sonia Eubanks Barker, Lincoln Barnett, Karilyn Brown, Bruce Cozart, Hope Duke, Tony Furman, Denise Garner, Diana Gonzales Worthen, Julie Mayberry, Jessie McGruder, Stephen Meeks, DeAnn Vaught, and Steven Walker

Other members present: Senators Ben Glimore, and Brad Simon; Representatives Glenn Barnes, Howard M. Beaty, Jr., Harlan Breaux, Cameron Cooper, Denise Ennett, Brad Hall, Jack Ladyman, Tippi McCullough, Aaron Pilkington, David Ray, Jay Richardson, Johnny Rye, Tara Shephard, and Joy Springer

Senator English called the meeting to order.

Consideration of a Motion to Approve the March 9, 2026, and the March 10, 2026, Meeting Minutes [Exhibits B1-B2]

Without objection, the minutes were approved.

Presentation from the Arkansas Excellence in Teaching Fellowship Program [Exhibit C]

Lyndsey Laster, Teacher, Poyen Elementary School, Lissa Monroe, Teacher, Ward Central Elementary, Melanie Brotherton, Teacher, Drew Central Elementary, and Jacob Oliva, Secretary, Arkansas Department of Education provided information regarding the Arkansas Excellence in Teaching Fellowship Program including information on the Merit Teacher Incentive Fund.

2026 Adequacy Study: Resource Allocation Part II [Exhibits E1-E2]

Leah Headley, Legislative Research Analyst, Bureau of Legislative Research (BLR), Adrienne Beck, Legislative Research Lead, BLR, and Elizabeth Bynum, Legislative Research Senior Analyst, BLR presented information on the second part of resource allocation per student in Arkansas schools.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.