

## **Southeast Arkansas AECA Affiliation Meeting**

### **July 14, 2025 Minutes**

The July affiliate meeting was held on Monday, July 14, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the University of Arkansas at Monticello – College of Technology McGehee campus.

There were 13 individuals present at the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by President Elaine Hargraves.

#### **Meeting Business:**

- Elaine Hargraves welcomed all attendees and introduced our speaker, Mr. Keith Watson.
- Mr. Keith Watson, Parent Mentor for the Center for Exceptional Families, was the guest speaker for the evening. Mr. Watson provided an overview of their organization, discussed effective advocacy for children and adults with exceptionalities, and provided information regarding toolkits that can be shared with families. Mr. Watson then fielded questions from attendees at the meeting to help them best assist the families of the children in their care.
- The attendees, Mrs. Hargraves, and Kim Burgess thanked Mr. Watson for his presentation and for sharing about their organization and opportunities for families.
- At the conclusion of Mr. Watson's presentation, the minutes from the April meeting were shared with the members present. Vayronda Page moved the motion to approve the minutes, with Mrs. Gaynell Jamison seconding the motion.

Before adjourning the meeting, multiple drawings were held for door prizes consisting of multiple children's books, along with two donations of math center activity materials from Mrs. Gaynell Jamison.

Mrs. Burgess thanked the members for their attendance and shared that the next meeting would be an introduction to CLASS on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.