

Southeast Arkansas AECA Affiliation Meeting

September 8, 2025 Minutes

The fall affiliate meeting was held on Monday, September 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the University of Arkansas at Monticello – College of Technology McGehee campus.

There were 22 individuals present at the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Secretary Kim Burgess.

Meeting Business:

- Kim Burgess welcomed all attendees and introduced our guest speaker and founding affiliate member, Ms. Faith Hurd. She currently is an Early Care and Education Projects (ECEP) trainer for the southeast region.
- The minutes from the July meeting were shared with the members present at the previous meeting. Angel Baker moved the motion to approve the minutes with Mrs. Elizabeth Coakley, our Local Lead, seconding the motion.
- Ms. Hurd provided an extensive overview of the CLASS scoring system, discussing the importance of the tool, how it is being implemented in the state of Arkansas, and upcoming regional trainings for the Pre-K level specifically. The participants had numerous questions and informative discussions not only with Mrs. Hurd, but other attendees who were trained observers.
- Kim Burgess, Mrs. Hargraves, and the attendees thanked Ms. Hurd for her presentation and for the extremely informative overview of the CLASS observational tool.

Before adjourning the meeting, multiple drawings were held for door prizes consisting of multiple children's books and donated UAM branded items.

Mrs. Burgess thanked the members for their attendance and shared that the next meeting would be in early 2026. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.