



Hot Springs Early Childhood Association
Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 14, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

Members present: Melanie Jackson, Samantha Crow, Donny Caudill, Shannon Jones, Janice Washington, and LaSonia Broadway.

Melanie Jackson called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. and welcomed everyone.

Financial Report:

Samantha reported that the end-of-year 2025 bank balance was \$2,239.86. No funds have been spent since the AECA conference in October.

Training Meetings and Events:

There will be no training meeting in February. The March 9 meeting will be themed around Arkansas Children's Week, and Marcie White will send a presenter for that training. The April 13 meeting will be the annual Dinner and Tribute, which will again be capped at 150 attendees. The board hopes to secure P.J. Yarbrough as the speaker. There will be no training meeting in September. The fall training meetings are scheduled for October 12 and November 9.

AECA Conference:

The AECA conference is scheduled for October 7–9, 2026, with the theme *"Uniting Our Passion: Lifting Our Voices."* HSECA will contribute a basket for the silent auction again this year.

Dinner and Tribute Planning:

HSECA may partner with the local lead agency for funding the Dinner and Tribute this year. The board discussed possible food options, including Texas Roadhouse, Olive Garden, Kroger, Chicken Express, and Cracker Barrel. The board will meet again on February 11 at 10:00 a.m. to finalize details.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.