



Hot Springs Early Childhood Association
Board Meeting
Monday, August 24, 2026, 10:00 am

Members present: Melanie Jackson (president), Samantha Crow (treasurer), Shannon Jones (recording secretary), Donald Caudill, and Hope Mason.

Welcome:

Melanie opened the meeting at 10:05 am.

Financial Report:

Samantha reported a balance of \$2,710.16 as of July 31, 2026. The only amount taken out was a \$5 bank fee.

AECA Conference:

The 2026 AECA Conference, themed "Lifting Our Voices; Uniting Our Purpose," will be held October 7-9, 2026. Melanie Jackson shared the conference agenda. Conference expenses for Melanie will be paid in full this year. The HSECA silent auction basket will have a music theme, with a \$100 budget.

Meeting Dates for fall/spring:

Meetings will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The October 12 meeting will feature Introduction to CLASS. The November 9 meeting will cover Curricula Concepts with a focus on gross motor development. The March 8 meeting will focus on Arkansas Children's Week, with Marcy White noted in connection with the program. The April 12 meeting will be the annual Dinner and Tribute.

Dinner and Tribute:

The annual Dinner and Tribute is scheduled for April 12, 2026. The theme and speaker are still to be determined. Catering options discussed included Mexican food, barbecue, or Bubba's. Attendance will be capped at 125.

Other business:

No additional business was recorded in the meeting notes.

Adjournment:

Melanie adjourned the meeting at 11:00 am.