

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF
THE COMMISSION FOR ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC
FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION**

**Meeting & Executive Session
ADE Auditorium
January 28, 2016**

Commission Member in Attendance:

Johnny Key, Commissioner, Arkansas Department of Education
Aaron Burkes, President, Arkansas Development Finance Authority
Larry Walther, Director, Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration

Others in Attendance:

Dr. Mark Gotcher, Deputy Commissioner, Arkansas Department of Education
Kendra Clay, General Counsel, Arkansas Department of Education
Lori Freno, Deputy General Counsel, Arkansas Department of Education
Cory Biggs, Attorney Specialist, Arkansas Department of Education
Terry Granderson, Interim Director, DPSAFT
Carol Bowman, Administrative Analyst, DPSAFT

Quorum was met.

Meeting called to order.

Agenda item:

1. Summary Meeting Minutes – December 22, 2015

The Commission approved the meeting summary minutes for the December 22, 2015, Commission teleconference meeting.

2. Executive Session

Commissioner Key thanked Terry Granderson for his efforts as Interim Director since June 2015 and stated Mr. Granderson handled the Division and himself with professionalism and did a terrific job continuing the efforts to support the Arkansas public school students. Commissioner Key expressed appreciation for Mr. Granderson for picking up the torch and all the work he has performed for the Division.

Mr. Granderson thanked Commissioner Key.

Commissioner Key introduced Dr. Mark Gotcher to present information regarding the process used to review applications for the Director position.

Dr. Gotcher reported that Commissioner Key had requested his assistance reviewing applications and during the interviews. He stated that Commissioners Burkes and Walther had been kept informed during the process and had also reviewed the applications.

Commissioner Key stated that he had spoken with ADE Legal and unless there is a reason for the Commission to go into Executive Session, the Commissioners would present information in open session. The Commission agreed.

Commissioner Key stated that Brad Montgomery had been selected as the new Director for the Arkansas Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation. Mr. Montgomery has experience in school district facilities and is a Colonel in the Air Force.

The Commission voted and approved appointing Brad Montgomery as the Director of Arkansas Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation.

Meeting adjourned.