

AGENDA
Senate Committee on Education
House Committee on Education
Meeting Jointly

Wednesday, September 3, 2025
10:00 AM
600 South Main Street
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Sen. Jane English, Chair
Sen. Dan Sullivan, Vice-Chair
Sen. Stephanie Flowers
Sen. Breanne Davis
Sen. Bryan King
Sen. Reginald Murdock
Sen. Joshua Bryant
Sen. Jim Dotson

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Rep. Julie Mayberry

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Rep. Tony Furman
Rep. Steven Walker
Rep. Hope Duke
Rep. Stetson Painter
Rep. Wade Andrews
Rep. Jessie McGruder
Rep. Lincoln Barnett
Rep. Diana Gonzales Worthen
Rep. Jason Nazarenko

- A. Call to Order
- B. Opening Remarks and Overview of Friendship Aspire STEM Academies
 - Joe Harris III, CEO and Executive Director, Friendship Aspire Charter Schools
- C. Overview of Charter School Quality and Application Process
 - Darrell Smith, Assistant Commissioner, Office of School Choice and Parent Empowerment, Arkansas Department of Education
- D. Tour of Friendship Aspire Academy Public Charter School
700 South Main Street, Pine Bluff, AR 71603
 - Phong Tran, Superintendent, Friendship Aspire Arkansas
 - Joe Harris III, CEO and Executive Director, Friendship Aspire Charter Schools
 - Ashley Williams, Principal, Friendship Aspire Academy Public Charter Schools
- E. Other Business
- F. Adjournment

Refreshments Available to All in Attendance

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