

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Visitors
University of Arkansas at Monticello
Student Success Center, Room 208 and via Zoom
January 28, 2025 - 4:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Roger George, Michael Jones, Mellie Jo Owen, Scott Saffold,
Mike Walker

Board Member Present Via Zoom: Heath Moncrief, Gregg Reep, Alan Riels, Jeremy Sparks

University Personnel Present: Dr. Peggy Doss, Alex Becker, Dr. Landon Grimes, Crystal Halley,
Jay Hughes, Dr. Tracy Tucker, Bob Ware, Christy Pace

1. Chair Michael Jones called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
2. The Board approved the minutes from the November 14, 2024 meeting.
3. Chancellor's Report – Dr. Doss
 - An update was given on the legislative session and bills being monitored that affect higher education.
 - The search process for the Vice Chancellor at the College of Technology at McGehee was discussed.
 - UAM's 10-year comprehensive review by the Higher Learning Commission will be held February 9-12.
 - The request for approval of a change in Role and Scope and proposal to offer a Ph.D. in Forest Resources was approved by the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board on January 24.
4. Enrollment Update – Ms. Halley, Mr. Becker, Mr. Hughes

An update was provided on headcount and student semester credit hours for all three campuses, compared to this time last year, as well as the number of students in residential housing.
5. Projects Update – Mr. Becker

Updates were given on campus projects, which included the Forest Health Research Center, lights on the baseball and softball fields, renovations to the Red Barn and three

historical properties: the 1937 House, the Trotter House, and the Visual and Performing Arts Center.

6. Day at the Races Alumni Event – Dr. Grimes

On Monday, February 17, UAM will host the Day at the Races Alumni Event at Oaklawn in Hot Springs. Last year, 57 guests attended, and there are currently 59 signed up to attend this year.

7. HIRED Grant – Dr. Tucker

The College of Technology at Crossett was awarded a \$2 million grant from ADHE through the Higher Industry Readiness through Educational Development. Over 40 industry partners were engaged in the planning process for this grant. Funds will be used to establish the UAM Sustainable Trade Alliance, which will prepare students to be members of the workforce through development in three key areas: employability skills, technical skills and compliance/regulatory skills.

8. Important Dates

The next Board of Visitors meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at the Crossett campus.

9. The meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.