



Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, April 27, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

Virtual

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Agenda
 - A. Proposed Arkansas State University (A-State) Resolution
 1. Resolution #26-15 approving A-State to confer the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Public Service upon Jo Ann Nalley
 - B. Proposed Arkansas State University-Mountain Home (ASUMH) Resolution
 1. Resolution #26-16 approving ASUMH to apply for federal grant funding from the Recreation Trails Program to support enhancements to the James and Sally Moore Recreational Trail
- III. Executive Session
- IV. Other Business
- V. Adjournment

**ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

A Resolution Conferring
the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Public Service
upon Jo Ann Nalley

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Arkansas State University System has adopted procedures for awarding honorary degrees upon individuals who have made an extraordinary difference in the lives of so many; and

WHEREAS, Board policy provides that honorary degrees may be conferred upon those persons who serve as role models and who are deemed worthy of emulation and respect. Jo Ann Nalley has reached the highest levels of excellence as the long-time director of Childhood Services at A-State, and she has secured more than \$256 million in state and federal grants, while demonstrating personal integrity and concern for the public good; and


WHEREAS, Jonesboro native Jo Ann Nalley, has been A-State's own child-development visionary and has spent 54 years of dedicated service to A-State, to her students, to the children of Arkansas, and to their families, and has been recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award and a scholarship in her name;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Arkansas State University System that Jo Ann Nalley shall be granted the honorary degree of Doctor of Public Service, from Arkansas State University and that this degree shall be conferred upon her during commencement exercises on May 9, 2026. This resolution has been properly reviewed and recommended by the Honorary Doctorate Committee, the Chancellor of A-State, and the President of the ASU System.

DULY ADOPTED AND APPROVED, this 27th day of April 2026


Robert G. Rudolph Jr., Chair


Price C. Gardner, Secretary


Jerry Morgan, Member


Heather Maxey, Member


Paul Rowton, Vice Chair


Gary Harpole, Member


Carole Farmer, Member


Robin Myers, President

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Contact: Wayna Dockins (870) 508-6122

ACTION ITEM: Arkansas State University-Mountain Home (ASUMH) requests approval to apply for federal grant funding from the Recreational Trails Program to support enhancements to the James and Sally Moore Recreational Trail.

ISSUE: A resolution from the Arkansas State University System Board of Trustees is required to apply for this grant.

BACKGROUND:

- ASUMH understands that federal-aid funds from the Recreational Trails Program are available at 80% federal participation and 20% local match/in-kind labor to develop or improve a campus loop trail, including the James and Sally Moore Recreational Trail.
- Federal funds are available for such projects on a reimbursable basis, requiring work to be accomplished, along with proof of payment, prior to actual monetary reimbursement.
- Using federal funding, the James and Sally Moore Recreational Trail will remain open and available for use by the general public and will be maintained by ASUMH for the life of the project.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Mountain Home is approved to apply for federal grant funding from the Recreational Trails Program in order to support enhancements to the James and Sally Moore Recreational Trail. The ASU System Board of Trustees pledges its full backing and hereby authorizes the Arkansas Department of Transportation to initiate action to implement this project. ASUMH will participate in accordance with its designated responsibility, including maintenance of this project. The ASUMH Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration/Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to execute all appropriate agreements and contracts necessary to expedite the construction of the above-stated project, effective immediately.



Price C. Gardner, Secretary



Robert G. Rudolph, Jr., Chair



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Attendance

Robert Rudolph, Paul Rowton, Price Gardner, Gary Harpole, Jerry Morgan, Carole Farmer, and Heather Maxey

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Robert Rudolph at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Rudolph stated, "I want to welcome you to the Board of Trustees Meeting for the Arkansas State University System. At this time, I'd like to make an opening statement, and then we can move forward with our meeting. As a member of the Board of Trustees and for the Board of Trustees as a whole, we recognize and acknowledge the shooting Saturday night at a social gathering at the Arkansas State University campus. Our thoughts are with the four individuals who were injured, and we are grateful that there were no serious injuries. We are grateful to our campus police and other local law enforcement who responded and now have turned over the investigation to Arkansas State police. Arkansas State University will also review all of the circumstances of the event, which was not sanctioned by the university. Campus alert systems kept students informed, and we are committed to doing everything possible to keep our campuses safe. At this time, we would like to go to the agenda that is set before us today. I ask our System President if he would move forward with the resolutions"

- II. **Agenda**

- A. Proposed Arkansas State University (A-State) Resolution
 1. Resolution #26-15 approving A-State to confer the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Public Service upon Jo Ann Nalley

Motion:

A motion to approve A-State Resolution #25-15 was made by Gary Harpole and seconded by Carole Farmer. It passed unanimously.

- B. Proposed Arkansas State University Mountain Home (ASUMH) Resolution
1. Resolution #26-16 approving ASUMH to apply for federal grant funding from the Recreation Trails Program to support enhancements to the James and Sally Moore Recreational Trail

Motion:

A motion to approve ASUMH Resolution #26-16 was made by Heather Maxey and seconded by Paul Rowton. It passed unanimously.

III. Executive Session

Motion:

A motion to retire into executive session was made by Price Gardner and seconded by Gary Harpole. It passed unanimously.

Mr. Rudolph announced: "This body has voted to retire into executive session to discuss the open System President position, as well as the soon-to-be-open Chancellor position at Arkansas State University Three Rivers (ASUTR), due to Dr. Rook accepting a new position. We will reconvene in public session to vote on any matter agreed upon in private."

The Board retired into executive session at 10:05 a.m.

Mr. Rudolph reconvened the Board at 12:35 p.m.

Mr. Rudolph announced, "At this time the Board has now returned from executive session. I would like to entertain a motion to approve an appointment for an Interim Chancellor at ASU Three Rivers."

Motion:

A motion to appoint Shane Broadway as the Interim Chancellor of ASU Three Rivers, effective May 15, 2026, was made by Price Gardner and seconded by Gary Harpole. It passed unanimously.

IV. Other Business

There was no further business.

V. Adjournment

Motion

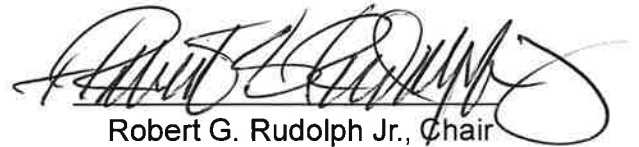
Mr. Rudolph asked for a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Paul Rowton and seconded by Jerry Morgan. It passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:37 p.m.



Price C. Gardner, Secretary



Robert G. Rudolph Jr., Chair