



**UAHT Board of Visitors
Friday, February 06, 2026; 12:00pm
U of A Texarkana Campus
Minutes**

Attendees: Freddie Smith/Chair, Adam Dixon/Vice Chair, Charlotte Bradley, Dr. Robee Carter, Jacob Jones, Honorable Prissy Hickerson, and Honorable Dennis Ramsey

Cabinet: Interim Chancellor Laura Clark, Brian Berry, Sherri Ford, Misty Hughes, Kelly Wilcox, and Wendy Jones

Absent: Secretary Shelby Brown, Lindy Franks, and Jamie Pafford-Gresham

I. Called Meeting to Order

Chair Freddie Smith

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 pm on February 06, 2026.

II. Approval of minutes for November 21, 2025

Chair Freddie Smith

Ms. Charlotte Bradley made a motion to approve the minutes. Jacob Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried; approved unanimously.

III. Chair's Report

Chair Freddie Smith

No report given.

IV. Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Ricky Tompkins

*Dr. Ricky Tompkins thanked Laura Clark for stepping in as Interim Chancellor. He had high praise for her.

*Dr. Tompkins noted that there was some damage to the ice storm with some buildings.

*Dr. Tompkins noted that he wants an environment where students come here to learn.

V. Cabinet Report

Cabinet

*Laura Clark's updates:

Lithium Learns Work-Expansion of Concurrent
Discussed the community health worker

*Brian Berry's updates:

Enrollment was discussed by Hope Campus, Texarkana Campus, Online, and Off campus.

Brian shared that the Ironhorse Advantage would start in the Fall. This is for any students in the UAHT service area, outside of Hempstead County.

*Sherri Fords' updates:

Discussed that UAHT has a new budget process called Anaplan. The full budget deadline is April 10. Tuition and fees will be discussed at the next meeting.

Facilities-The student center boiler/chiller was replaced. Hempstead Hall's roof was sealed of the seams. An insurance claim was filed on ac units damaged due to the ice storm. The walking track, parking lots, Texarkana building and T& I building were also discussed.

*Misty Hughes' updates:

HLC update-continue accreditation with monitoring

*Kelly Wilcox's updates:

Kelly mentioned several dates that the Board needs to know and attend.

VI. New Business

Chair Freddie Smith

The nominating committee will report back at the next regular meeting. The committee consists of Jamie Pafford-Gresham, Charlotte Bradley, and Lindy Franks.

The executive committee will report back at the next regular meeting.

VII. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the Board of Visitors adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Shelby Brown, Secretary