



**Arkansas School Counselor Association**

ArSCA Board Meeting

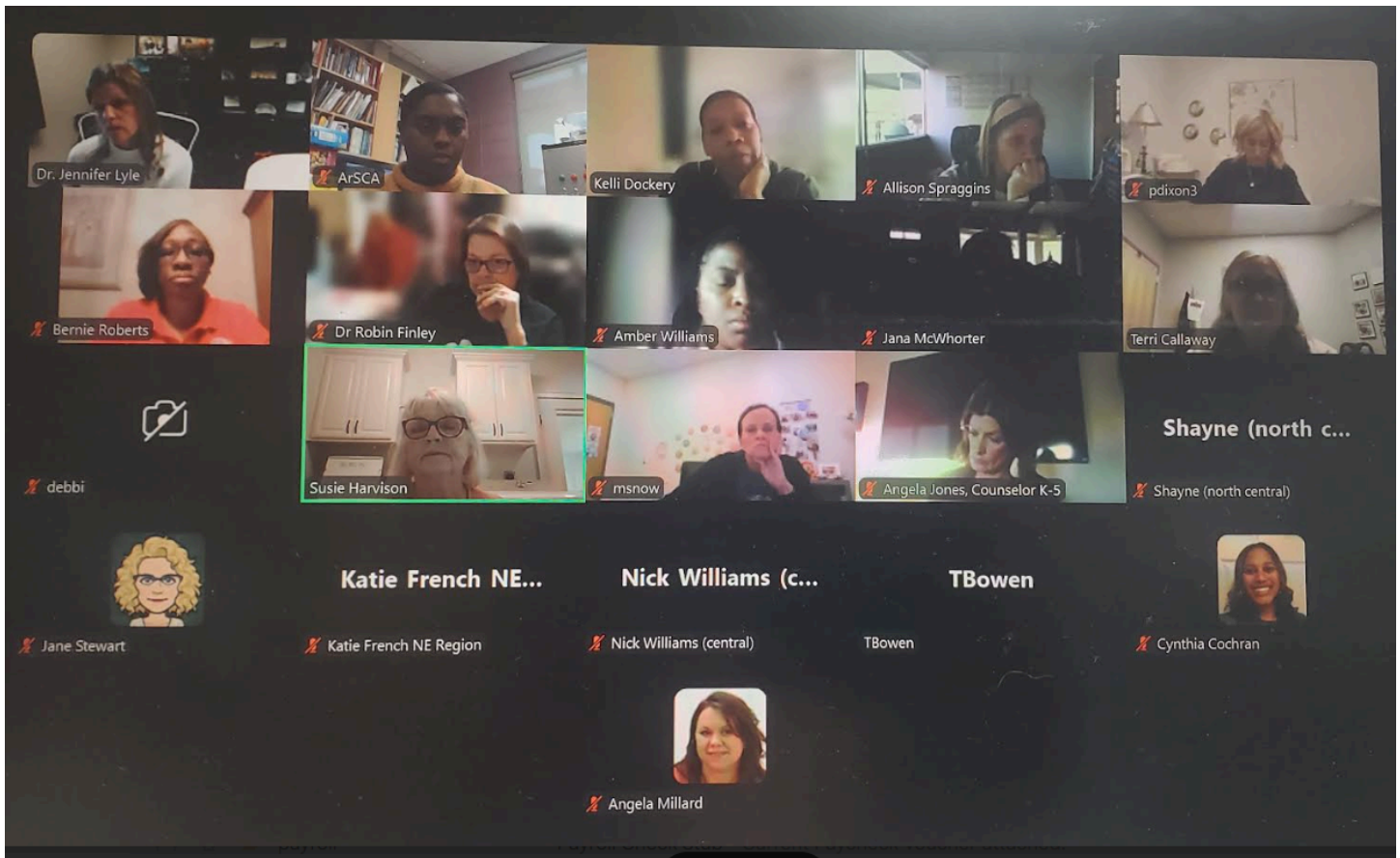
November 12, 2025

Zoom

4:00pm-5:30pm

**Theme: Be the Spark**

Attendance (voting members in <b>BOLD</b> ) <input type="checkbox"/> present			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Dr. Jennifer Lyle</b> , ArSCA President	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Nick Williams</b> , Central Region President Hannah Gorman, Central President Elect
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Jane Stewart</b> , ArSCA President Elect	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Shayne Thompson</b> , North Central Region President
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Kelli Dockery</b> , ArSCA Past President	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Katie French</b> , Northeast Region President
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Marisa Snow</b> , Elementary Vice President (odd year '25-'27)		<b>Karon Parrish</b> , Northwest Region President
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Samantha Tilley</b> , Middle/Jr. High Vice President (even year '24-'26)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Bernie Roberts</b> , Southeast President Elect
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>A. Michelle Williams</b> , Secondary Vice President (odd year '25-'27)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Jana McWhorter</b> , Southwest President Allie Sage, Southwest President Elect
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Pam Dixon</b> , Post-Secondary Vice President (even year '24-'26)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Susie Harvison, Office Manager & Professional Development	<input type="checkbox"/>	Donna Wilchie, Secretary & Hospitality Leslie Walden, Historian
	Lindsay Ledgerwood Reed - DESE Program Director Morgan Weigand- DESE Public School Program Advisor	<input type="checkbox"/>	Angela Millard, Human Rights Angela Jones, Ethics Cynthia Cochran, Membership
	Finance: Past President & Treasurer		Susan Whatley, Public Relations & Advocacy/Social Media Lauren Harris, Public Relations & Advocacy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Michele Lewis, Grant Writer Debbie Drake, Critical Incident & Crisis Response Karon Parish, Public Policy & Legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Terri Callaway, Conference Cochair Allison Spraggins, Conference Cochair
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technology/Website: Heather Barron Tahnee Bowen Dr. Robin Finley Rhonda Jones Becky Lowery Megan Reese Tawyna Shelton		<b>Vacant Positions:</b> Research
	Additional Attendees:		



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- I. Call to Order/Roll Call  
Meeting called to order by President Lyle at 4:00pm.
  
- II. Announcements  
Approval of Minutes – Donna Wilchie - @LDI Sept.20, 2025 (emailed)
  - a. Correction – “Diversity, Equity, Inclusion” to be called "Human Rights" as the handbook states
  - b. Add to the board list Historian Leslie Walden
  - c. An update will be completed to the board document on the website (secretary sending to technology) **Motion #1** by Kelli Dockery and seconded by Jana McWhorter to accept September’s meeting minutes and accept the corrections as presented.

President Lyle reminded board members of the importance of attendance at the meetings.

A tentative LDI date and location was shared – Sept. 19, 2026 from 8am-4pm at the University of AR, Fayetteville.

III. Financial Report – Susie Harvison – (emailed)

**Motion #2** by Jane Stewart and seconded by Nick Williams to accept the financial report as presented.

IV. Region News & Reports

V. Additional Committee Reports

- a. Conference Committee – Terri Callaway – update shared about conference. Rooms will be booked for upcoming summer and rooms for 2027 as well.
- b. Hugh Lovett Scholarship – Secondary VPs Dr. Pam Dixon and A. Michelle Williams – They will visit with Dockery about the process and paperwork. Dr. Dixon shared the information she has and sharing the application with the colleges and universities who have school counseling programs. Dr. Finley shared the document that is online and

VI. New Business

- a. Technology (regions' email address spreadsheet) – Dr. Robin Finley  
Dr. Finley shared the importance of getting the emails cleaned up for the process to be smoother with communicating with school counselors around the state. This needs to be done within the next few weeks. Any school counselors not employed in the region needs to be removed. Anyone who wants to update their email address can do so (school versus personal).
- b. Dr. Finley shared the update to the ASCA Standards and an ArSCA committee being formed to update what we have on the ADE/DESE and ArSCA websites.  
<https://schoolcounselor.org/About-School-Counseling/ASCA-National-Model-for-School-Counseling-Programs>

VII. Old Business

- a. Regional LDI update needed – Kelli shared at LDI about the March 4 and 5 LDI/SARS. ArSCA would only be responsible for airfare. The purpose of the LDI was shared. Universal Technical Institute (UTI) sponsors the event. Several board members shared an interest in attending: K. Dockery, K. Parrish, N. Williams, S. Tilley, J. Stewart, A. Millard, D. Wilchie

The SARS Conference is March 5-7, 2026. Dockery is presenting and one more slot is available to our state. Millard and Wilchie cannot attend. Stewart and N. Williams both express the desire to attend. President Lyle has developed a committee to look at the budget to find funds and determine who the second person will be to attend. Future attendees will be determined later if more slots come available in future years. Dockery has been asked to present at the conference.

**Motion #3** by Jane Stewart and seconded by Nick Williams to approve travel for two people to attend UTI/LDI (SARS) if the budget can be massaged to find funding.

Tabled to form a committee to determine money from the budget to cover costs and who will be able to attend. (Jennifer, Shayne, Nick, Teri, Jane, Tahnee, and Susie) They will report back within the next two weeks.

VIII. Adjournment

**Motion #4** by Angela Jones and seconded by Nick Williams to adjourn the meeting at 5:12pm.

## **Future Meetings**

### **ArSCA** Board Meetings:

January 14, 2026

March 11, 2026

April 8, 2026

May 13, 2026

Lunch and mileage will be provided when meeting in person.

If meetings are face to face, there will be a hybrid option for those who cannot attend in person.

**ArSCA** Conference June 29 – July 1, 2026 Hot Springs, AR      **Theme: Be the Spark**

ASCA National Conference July 11-14, 2026 New Orleans, LA

**ArSCA** LDI September 19, 2026 UofA 8am-4pm

**ArSCA** Conference June 28 – 30, 2027 Hot Springs, AR

ASCA National Conference July 17-20, 2027 Columbus, OH

ASCA National Conference July 15-18, 2028 Seattle, WA

ASCA National Conference July 14-17, 2029 Charlotte, NC