

# 2025 ANNUAL TRUSTEES CONFERENCE

University of Arkansas Pulaski Technical College

Thursday, December 4, 2025

## AGENDA

- 8:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Welcome  
*Dr. Ken Warden, Commissioner, Division of Higher Education (DHE)*
- 9:05 a.m. Remarks  
*Jacob Oliva, Secretary, Arkansas Department of Education (ADE)*
- 9:30 a.m. Remarks  
*Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders*
- 10:00 a.m. Panel Discussion – Institutional Financial Sustainability  
*Julie Bates (ASU-System), Allen Stanley (UALR), Jeff Mullen (UACCM), Rhonda Stone (BRTC)*
- 11:15 a.m. Return on Investment (ROI)  
*Dr. Ken Warden*
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch/Keynote Speaker  
Higher Education Accreditation and the Role of HLC  
*Barbara Gellman-Danley, HLC President*
- 1:00 p.m. AI and Higher Education  
*Thomas Pennington, Professor of Legal Studies, Arkansas Tech University*
- 1:45 p.m. Panel Discussion - Legislative Landscape  
*Ben Beaumont (UA-System), Shane Broadway (ASU-System), Jaime Land (ATU), Rebeca Haley (UAF)*
- 2:30 p.m. The Changing World of College Athletics  
*Brad Phelps, Senior VP & General Counsel, Arkansas State University System*
- 3:30 p.m. Closing Remarks/Adjournment  
*Dr. Warden*