

The University of Central Arkansas Board of Trustees convened for a called teleconference meeting at 10:00 a.m., January 27, 2026, with the following officers and members present:

Mr. Jim Rankin, Jr. – Chair
Mr. Kelley Erstine – Vice Chair
Ms. Kay Hinkle – Secretary
Mr. Curtis Barnett
Ms. Amy Denton
Dr. Terry Fiddler
Dr. Michael Stanton

ACTION AGENDA

Contract Review Procedures – Board Policy No. 416

Pursuant to Board Policy No. 416, Contract Review Procedures, the administration must seek board approval for any contract that requires the university to expend funds, at any time, in excess of \$500,000.

The administration is seeking board approval for the university to enter into contract with the following company/organization:

1. Conway Development Corporation

Jim Rankin, Jr. recused himself from participation in this agenda item. The following resolution was adopted upon motion by Terry Fiddler and second by Michael Stanton:

“BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees authorizes the administration to enter into contract with the company/organization listed above and on the following page.”

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS
REASON FOR REQUIRING BOARD REVIEW AND ACTION
(Board Policy No. 416)

Contract exceeds \$500,000

1. Vendor/Party: Conway Development Corporation

Amount: Approximately \$1,395,000 for the first year. The rental amount will increase annually by three percent.

Summary of Contract Information: This agreement is to authorize the university to lease approximately 70,800 square feet of building space for the UCA Innovation Campus to be located at 355 LedgeLawn Drive. The Innovation Campus will initially be a collaborative project with Conway Development Corporation (CDC) and UACCM that integrates

academic, industry, and community resources to drive regional workforce development and applied research. The UCA College of Science and Engineering will have faculty offices and laboratories, open design space for student-led engineering projects, and operational space for the Arkansas Coding Academy. Regional employers will also be located in adjacent building space operated by CDC.

Term: July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2029. The initial term is for three years, but the university has the option to extend the agreement for two additional four-year terms.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned upon motion by Kay Hinkle and second by Amy Denton.

The University of Central Arkansas Board of Trustees

Jim Rankin, Jr.
Chair

Kay Hinkle
Secretary