

## **UCA Middle Level Education Advisory Board**

Spring 2025 Meeting

**5/14/25**

**Participating Members:** Naomi Sexson (Conway- teacher), Gina James (North Little Rock - teacher), Jennifer Barber (Conway- teacher)

Advisory board members were invited to participate virtually in the annual advisory board meeting.

### **Agenda:**

1. Each advisory board member has been in the role of mentor teacher, supervising administrator, or other school partner for a UCA internship I or II candidate during recent school years. Each member was invited to share program strengths and areas of improvement based on their observations and experiences.

### **Strengths:**

- Teaching students how to plan lessons
- Making sure that the students are showing up to observations
- Communication with the teachers
- Preparing students for the classroom
- Intern behavior is kind and polite

### **Areas of Improvement:**

- An area of improvement would be to train them to be focused and in the moment when they are in the classroom. Focus on trying to build relationships with students while in the school.
- Using reading techniques in Math. It's a little more difficult to ensure you're hitting those ideas in a math classroom. Providing a picture of what seamless integration into the content looks like for aspiring math teachers could prevent anxiety or apprehension when trying to address the principle of science of reading in mathematics.