

MINUTES – MEETING OF THE
STATE BOARD OF CAREER EDUCATION
April 2, 2015
11:00 a.m.

The State Board of Career Education (SBCE) was called to order by Chairman Phil Taylor. The meeting was held at the Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, 525 W. Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas.

A record of member attendance is as follows:

PRESENT

Ex-Officio Nonvoting Members

Mr. Phil Taylor, Chairman
Mr. John Riggs, Vice Chair
Dr. Ann Bain
Ms. Martha Dixon
Mr. Robert Smith

Dr. Charisse Childers, Ex-Officio Secretary
Dr. Brett Powell, Ex-Officio Member

ABSENT

Ex-Officio Nonvoting Members

Ms. Lottie Shackelford
Ms. Margarita Solórzano

Mr. Tony Wood

Dr. Charisse Childers introduced Mr. Alan McClain as the new commissioner of Arkansas Rehabilitation Services and Dr. Brett Powell, Director of Arkansas Department of Higher Education.

A. ACTION ITEM – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 4, 2014

On a motion by Mr. Riggs and second by Mr. Smith, the State Board of Career Education unanimously approved the minutes of December 4, 2014.

B. ACTION ITEM - APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING ON JANUARY 20, 2015

On a motion by Mr. Smith and second by Mr. Riggs, the State Board of Career Education unanimously approved the minutes of January 20, 2015.

C. ACTIN ITEM – AUTHORIZATION OF EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT AND STIPEND FOR BOARD MEMBERS PERFORMING OFFICIAL BOARD DUTIES

Dr. Childers recommended that the State Board of Career Education approve by a majority vote the authorization of payment to its members of a stipend not to exceed eighty-five dollars (\$85.00) per meeting attended.

Dr. Childers also recommended that the State Board of Career Education approve by a majority vote the authorization of expense reimbursement for each board member for performing official board duties. This vote indicates that expense reimbursements to board members shall not exceed the rate established for state employees by state travel regulations.

On a motion by Mr. Smith and second by Mr. Riggs, the State Board of Career Education unanimously approved the authorization of payment of a stipend and expense reimbursement for each board member performing official board duties.

D. INFORMATION ITEM – REQUEST TO SUBMIT REVISED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Ms. Sandra Porter, Interim Deputy Director, career and technical education, provided the board members information concerning the revisions that have been made to the Career and Technical Education Policies and Procedures to reflect changes in endorsement/permit areas; definition of Program of Study; and other changes in wording.

Ms. Porter stated that it is the recommendation of the agency that the board approve the revised Policies and Procedures for Career and Technical Education to begin the Legislative Rules and Regulations process.

E. INFORMATION ITEM – ARKANSAS ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM POLICIES

Mr. Jim Smith, deputy director of adult education, asked Dr. Trenia Miles, associate director of adult education to provide the board members information concerning the revisions to the Adult Education Program Policies.

Dr. Miles stated that in order to align the adult education policies with recent and upcoming changes in Federal requirements, high school equivalency testing, and the increasing cost of living, the Adult Education Division proposes updates to the Adult Education Program Policies.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Childers provided information to the board members concerning the legislation that was passed during this legislative session concerning our agencies.

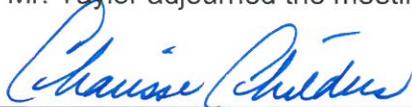
Dr. Childers discussed SB791 (ACT 907) An Act to establish the Arkansas Workforce Innovation an Opportunity Act; to repeal the Arkansas Workforce Investment Act; to repeal the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Oversight Board and establish it as a committee of the Arkansas Workforce Development Board.

Dr. Childers discussed SB891 (ACT 1131) An Act to establish the Workforce Initiative Act of 2015.

Dr. Childers discussed SB368 (ACT 892) An Act to create a comprehensive statewide workforce development system; to rename the State Board of Career Education; to coordinate various workforce development programs; to create a board to oversee Career Education and Workforce Development in Arkansas; to create an Office of Skills Development.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Taylor adjourned the meeting at 12:13 p.m.



Dr. Charisse Childers, Ex-Officio Secretary
Career Education and Workforce
Development Board



Michael Garner, Chairman
Career Education and Workforce
Development Board