

MINUTES - MEETING OF THE  
STATE BOARD OF CAREER EDUCATION

December 4, 2014

8:30 a.m.

The State Board of Career Education (SBCE) was called to order by Chairman Phil Taylor. The meeting was held at the Metroplex Event Center, 10800 Colonel Glenn Road, Little Rock, Arkansas.

A record of member attendance is as follows:

PRESENT

Ex-Officio Nonvoting Members

Mr. Phil Taylor, Chairman  
Ms. Margarita Solórzano  
Dr. Ann Bain  
Ms. Martha Dixon

Mr. William L. "Bill" Walker, Jr., Ex-Officio Secretary

ABSENT

Ex-Officio Nonvoting Members

Mr. Richard Smith

Mr. Tony Wood  
Mr. Shane Broadway

A. ACTION ITEM – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 28, 2014

On a motion by Mr. Riggs and second by Dr. Bain, the State Board of Career Education unanimously approved the minutes of October 28, 2014.

ACTION ITEM – APPROVAL OF MEETING DATES FOR 2015

Mr. Taylor recommended that the State Board of Career Education set the following meeting dates for 2015 per A.C.A. 25-6-302:

Thursday, February 5, 2015  
Thursday, April 2, 2015  
Thursday, June 4, 2015  
Thursday, August 6, 2015  
Thursday, October 1, 2015  
Thursday, December 3, 2015

On a motion by Mr. Riggs and second by Ms. Solórzano, the State Board of Career Education unanimously voted to set the following meeting dates for 2015:

Thursday, February 5, 2015  
Thursday, April 2, 2015  
Thursday, June 4, 2015  
Thursday, August 6, 2015  
Thursday, October 1, 2015  
Thursday, December 3, 2015

C. INFORMATION ITEM – REQUEST BY ATU-OZARK COMMUNITY COLLEGE/ATU CAREER CENTER FOR A SATELLITE LOCATION AT PARIS, ARKANSAS, TO IMPLEMENT HEALTH SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY AND STEM/MECHATRONICS PROGRAM OF STUDY

Ms. Sandra Porter, interim deputy director of career and technical education, stated to the board that ATU-Ozark Community College/ATU Career Center are requesting a satellite location at

Paris, Arkansas to implement Health Science Technology and STEM/Mechatronics programs of study.

Ms. Porter introduced Bruce Sikes, ATU-Ozark Chancellor. Mr. Sikes stated that a regional advisory board of area industries and Paris School District administration determined the need for skilled workers who can reside in the area and obtain a livable wage. With those discussions, ATU Ozark and ATU Career Center were brought on board to discuss options of locating a satellite in Paris to offer Mechatronics. Additionally, the healthcare industry's ever-increasing demand similarly supports the need for additional skilled entry-level workers paired with student interest in the Health Science Technology program of study.

Mr. Sikes stated that both programs of study will earn concurrent credit through ATU Ozark with students able to complete an Associate Degree of Industrial Control Systems or one of nine Allied Health Associate Degrees and would serve Paris, Scranton, and County Line School Districts all of which are located outside of the 25 mile radius of career center's service area.

On a motion by Mr. Riggs and second by Ms. Solórzano, the State Board of Career Education unanimously approved that ATU-Ozark add an ATU Career Center at Paris, Arkansas.

**B. INFORMATION ITEM – THERE WERE FOUR COMPLIANCE FINDINGS IDENTIFIED DURING THE OFFICE OF CAREER, TECHNICAL, AND ADULT EDUCATION'S (OCTAE) MONITORING VISIT WHICH WAS CONDUCTED IN APRIL OF THIS YEAR**

Ms. Sandra Porter, interim deputy director of career and technical education, provided board members information on the four compliance findings.

Ms. Porter provided a response to OCTAE on October 24, 2014 and follow-up advice was received as to how we responded to the compliance findings. We are responding with further clarification as to our definition of a program of study and have forwarded requested information as to how subrecipients are implementing their program of study.

**D. INFORMATION ITEM – PRESENTATION BY ASU MOUNTAIN HOME AS TO NEED FOR A CENTER LOCATED AT THE ASU MOUNTAIN HOME CAMPUS. ON JUNE 2, 2004, THE STATE OF WORKFORCE EDUCATION AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES APPROVED A SECONDARY CENTER AT ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY MOUNTAIN HOME (ASUMH)**

Ms. Sandra Porter, interim deputy director of career and technical education, stated to the board members that ASU Mountain Home was approved for a center on June 2, 2004. The secondary center was not opened at that time; however, new administration renewed interest in offering programs in the skilled and technical area to meet the needs of the workforce.

Ms. Porter introduced Dr. Robert Myers, ASU Mountain Home Chancellor. Dr. Myers provided the board members a timeline. Dr. Myers stated that ASU Mountain Home has demonstrated their commitment to success of the center by providing a building, which will house Automotive Services, Welding, Mechatronics, and HVAC. In addition, partnerships with area high schools and business/industry have been formed which contribute to sustainability of the center.

On motion by Mr. Riggs and second by Ms. Dixon, the State Board of Career Education unanimously confirmed the status of ASU Mountain Home as a secondary center.

**E. INFORMATION ITEM – REQUEST TO SUBMIT REVISED LANGUAGE AND RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ACT 1285**

Ms. Sonja Wright-McMurray, associate director of Arkansas Works, recommended that the state board of career education approve the agency to begin the legislative process that follows the state's general procedures for adopting or changing rules with purpose completing the approval process of the Rules and Regulations for Act 1285 that will govern how College and Career Coach

programs are administered, implemented and evaluated within the state.

On motion by Mr. Riggs and second by Dr. Bain, the State Board of Career Education unanimously approved the revised language in Act 1285 and the revisions to the rules and regulations for Career and Technical Education.

F. INFORMATION ITEM – REQUEST TO SUBMIT REVISED LANGUAGE AND RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ACT 743

Ms. Sonja Wright-McMurray, associate director of Arkansas Works, recommended that the state board of career education approve the agency to begin the legislative process that follows the state's general procedures for adopting or changing rules with purpose completing the approval process of the Rules and Regulations for Act 743 that will govern how the career and technical education programs of study are administered, implemented and evaluated within the state.

On motion by Mr. Riggs and second by Ms. Solórzano, the State Board of Career Education unanimously approved the revised language in Act 743 and the revisions to the rules and regulations for Career and Technical Education.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Walker informed the board members and guests about the ribbon cutting ceremony of the new Cosmetology classroom that took place at ACTI on October 28, 2014.

Director Walker stated that we are the first in the nation to have an ICAN location storefront that will better serve our clients and citizens.

On motion by Mr. Riggs and second by Dr. Bain, the State Board of Career Education unanimously approved to go into executive session for personnel issues.

Mr. Phil Taylor, chair of the state board of career and technical education, stated that he and the board members would like to recognize Director Walker for his leadership the past eight years and asked for a motion from the board.

On motion by Mr. Riggs and second by Dr. Bain, the State Board of Career Education recognize Director Walker for his great service to the agency and stated that he has been an asset not only to the board but to the agency and our clients. We wish him well in his next endeavors.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Taylor adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.



Dr. Charisse Childers, Ex-Officio Secretary  
State Board of Career Education



Phil Taylor, Chairman  
State Board of Career Education