

MINUTES - MEETING OF THE
STATE BOARD OF WORKFORCE EDUCATION
AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

April 3, 2008

Chairman Jack Justus called a meeting of the State Board of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities (SBWECO) to order at Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, 26 Corporate Hill Drive, Little Rock at 10:30 a.m.

A record of member attendance is as follows:

PRESENT

Mr. Jack Justus, Chairman	<u>Ex-Officio Nonvoting Members</u>
Mr. Phil Taylor	None
Mrs. Kathy Scarsdale	
Mr. Richard Smith	
Mrs. Lucy Ralston	
Mr. William L. "Bill" Walker, Jr., Ex-Officio Secretary	

ABSENT

Mrs. Martha Dixon	<u>Ex-Officio Nonvoting Members</u>
	Dr. Jim Purcell
	Dr. Ken James

A. ACTION ITEM – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF December 10, 2007

On motion by Mr. Taylor and second by Mrs. Ralston, the State Board of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities unanimously approved the minutes of February 7, 2008.

B. ACTION ITEM – STATE PLAN FOR THE CARL D. PERKINS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2006

Mr. William Walker, director, advised the board that the Governor has already reviewed and signed the five-year state plan, which is required by law.

Mr. John Davidson, deputy director of career and technical education recommended that the State Board of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities approve the five-year State Plan for the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006.

The Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006 (Perkins IV) was signed by President Bush on August 12, 2006. A one-year transition plan was submitted for the 2007-08 fiscal year. A five-year state plan is due by April 2008 to the U.S. Department of Education that will cover the period of July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2013.

Mr. Davidson advised the board that the state was required to hold at least two public hearings and to gather input from many constituent groups prior to submission of the state plan. Four public hearings were scheduled; however, one had to be cancelled due to inclement weather. In addition to comments received at the hearings, one written comment was submitted.

On motion by Mr. Smith and second by Mr. Taylor, the State Board of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities unanimously voted to approve the five-year State Plan for the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Walker reported on the following items:

Informed the board that Mr. Lee Griffith would be leaving the agency this month, he has accepted a position at East Arkansas Community College in Forest City.

Introduced new employees: Ricky Harvey, Communications Office, Duane Bell, Federal Surplus Property.

Informed the board of the loss of Ms. Anne Hefner on March 14, 2008.

Mr. Jim Smith updated the board on activities that were going on in Adult Education. He announced that the corrective action plan was approved, which is a result of the federal review that was held back in August. The State Plan had to be amended with a simple sentence that we are not extending the RFP process, but we are actually putting an RFP process in place again, because we were just extending the delivery of federal dollars. Now we are going to actually have a bidder's conference.

Mr. Robert Trevino, Commissioner of the Arkansas Rehabilitation Services introduced Mr. Jim Moreland, Director of Special Programs; he replaces Sue Gaskin who retired last month.

Mr. Trevino also announced that ARS in conjunction with the Governor's Commission on People with Disabilities will be hosting the National Governor's Commission on People with Disabilities Conference at the end of this month.

Mr. Trevino informed the board that a comprehensive renovation of the student dorms at the Hot Springs Rehabilitation Center is taking place.

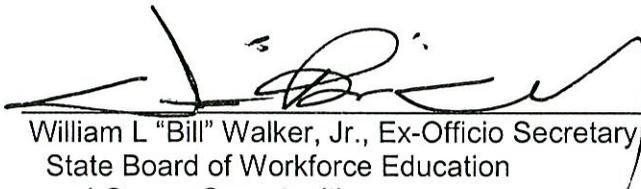
Mr. Duane Bell, manager, Federal Surplus Property, informed the board that they had acquired furniture for the Hot Springs Rehabilitation Center dorm rooms from Oklahoma City.

Ms. Deborah Germany briefed the board on the White Papers; she handed out a draft copy of the White Papers for the board members to look at.

Mr. Walker informed the board that Mr. Marion Fletcher, program manager, Agriculture Education division, has once again invited the board to hold the June board meeting at Camp Couchdale. Mr. Walker asked the board members if that was o.k. with them. All agreed that would be a good idea.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Justus adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.



William L "Bill" Walker, Jr., Ex-Officio Secretary
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Jack Justus, Chairman
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