

MINUTES - MEETING OF THE
STATE BOARD OF CAREER EDUCATION
9:30 a.m.

August 2, 2012

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

A record of member attendance is as follows:

PRESENT

Mr. Phil Taylor, Chairman
Dr. Thomas Flowers
Mrs. Lucy Ralston
Mrs. Martha Dixon

Ex-Officio Nonvoting Members

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

ABSENT

Mr. John Riggs, Vice Chairman
Mr. Richard Smith
Mr. John Yates

Ex-Officio Nonvoting Members

Dr. Tom Kimbrell
Mr. Shane Broadway

Mr. Carl Daugherty, Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (ARS) Division chief of field services, introduced David McDonald, Little Rock field office manager and manager of the interpreter program; Ms. Dale Turrentine, community rehabilitation manager; and Ms. Darlene Owens, program specialist with the community rehabilitation program.

A. ACTION ITEM – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 7, 2012

On a motion by Mrs. Dixon and second by Dr. Flowers, the State Board of Career Education unanimously approved the minutes of June 7, 2012.

Mr. Taylor recognized Dr. Renaldo Hemphill, who spoke to the board members about his book entitled *How to Go to College in Seven Easy Steps*.

C. INFORMATIONAL ITEM – RESPONSE TO SENATOR STEPHANIE FLOWERS' QUESTIONNAIRE AND INFORMATION

Director Walker stated that he would like to update the board regarding issues raised by state Sen. Stephanie Flowers at the last board meeting. The issues raised by Sen. Flowers concerned the adult education program serving Jefferson, Desha and Dallas counties. Director Walker stated that the information on the CD provided by Sen. Flowers had come from the Adult Education Division. Director Walker stated that the Adult Education Division reviewed each item and prepared a response to each item as requested by the board. Director Walker then presented the responses to the board.

B. INFORMATIONAL ITEM – IMPLEMENTING THE PERMANENT RULE FOR THE ADULT EDUCATION FUNDING FORMULA

Director Walker stated that at the June 2, 2012, board meeting, the Adult Education Division had requested that the board approve allowing the division to complete the process for adopting or changing rules relating to the adult education funding formula.

Director Walker advised the board that the emergency rule and the permanent rule were placed on review for written comments June 12 through July 12. Two emails and four letters were received. A public comment time for oral comments was provided on July 16, 1:30 p.m., at 525 W. Capitol Avenue. No comments were received.

Jim Smith, deputy director for adult education, provided an overview of the emails and letters and the Adult Education Division's responses.

Director Walker advised the board members that the emergency rule was reviewed by the Administrative Rules and Regulations Subcommittee on July 13, 2012. The permanent rule is scheduled to be reviewed in August following final approval by the board.

B2. ACTION ITEM – APPROVAL OF THE PERMANENT RULE FOR THE ADULT EDUCATION FUNDING FORMULA

Director Walker recommended that the board approve the permanent rule for the adult education funding formula for 2012-2013 to be based on 70 percent performance and 30 percent contact hours, with funding capped at a 10-percent loss or gain. Effective July 1, 2013, the formula will change to a calculation based on 80 percent performance and 20 percent contact hours with no cap on funding increase or decrease and with a ceiling of \$950,000. On July 1, 2013, programs that already receive over \$950,000 will be grandfathered in and capped at their current funding level and will not receive any additional increases in state funds under this rule.

On a motion by Mrs. Dixon and second by Mrs. Ralston, the State Board of Career Education unanimously approved the permanent rule for the adult education funding formula.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Walker informed the board members that the agency was asked by the administration to submit the agency's wish list for proposed legislation for the next session for executive review and approval. Board members were provided a copy of the agency's proposed legislation.

Director Walker asked that Joseph Baxter, chief financial officer for Arkansas Rehabilitation Services and Lorna Claudio, chief financial officer for the Department of Career Education, provide the board information concerning both budgets for the next fiscal year.

Mr. Robert Treviño, commissioner of Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, informed the board that on Monday, August 6, 2012, ARS would participate in the exit interview with the state auditors.

Director Walker informed the board members that the Department of Career Education has already had its exit interview with the state auditor. Director Walker stated that the auditor had spent more than 200 hours overtime in reviewing concerns raised by outside entities. There was only one item that needed to be addressed; a request for proposal (RFP) was placed on public review for only three days instead of the required five days and was not posted to the Office of State Procurement website as required.

Mr. Jonathan Bibb, Arkansas Career Training Institute (ACTI) administrator, provided the board information about students who competed in the Skills USA Competition. Mr. Bibb updated the board on ACTI's transition from the current hospital model to a clinic model.

Mr. Treviño informed the board that ACTI's acquisition of the Hot Springs armory is proceeding.

Mr. Daughtery informed the board that Arkansas hosted the national conference of the National Association of Multicultural Rehabilitation Concerns.

Mr. Walker announced the following dates:

Next board meeting – October 4, 2012

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Taylor adjourned the meeting at 11:21 a.m.



William L. "Bill" Walker, Jr., Ex-Officio Secretary
State Board of Career Education



Phil Taylor, Chairman
State Board of Career Education