

MINUTES – MEETING OF THE
CAREER EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

February 9, 2016
1:00 p.m.

The Career Education and Workforce Development Board was called to order by Chairman Michael Garner. 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

Mr. Michael Garner, Chairman
Mr. Hugh McDonald, Vice Chairman
Mr. Scott Copas
Ms. Gina Radke
Mrs. Jenifer Price
Mrs. Stacy Gunderman
Dr. Keith Vire
Mr. Burton Weis
Dr. Adam Arroyos

Ex-Officio Nonvoting Members

Dr. Charisse Childers, Ex-Officio Secretary
Mr. Bill Stovall
Dr. Brett Powell
Ms. Michelle Griffin (Mr. Johnny Key)
Dr. Paul Beran

ABSENT

Mr. Jeff Standridge
Mr. Troy Keeping

Ex-Officio Nonvoting Members

Dr. Richard Abernathy
Mr. Mike Preston
Mr. Daryl Bassett

ACTION ITEM 1 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2016

On a motion by Dr. Vire and second by Mr. Copas, the Career Education and Workforce Development Board unanimously approved the minutes of January 12, 2016.

ACTION ITEM 2 – AUTHORIZATION OF EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT AND STIPEND FOR BOARD MEMBERS PERFORMING OFFICIAL BOARD DUTIES

Dr. Childers recommended that the Career Education and Workforce Development Board 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 Career Education and Workforce Development Board approve by a majority vote the authorization of expense reimbursement for each board member for performing official board duties and when it is required of a board member to perform separate duties in connection with the official business of the agency. 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 Mrs. Radke and second by Dr. Vire, the Career Education and Workforce Development Board unanimously approved the authorization of payment of a stipend and expense reimbursement for each board member performing official board duties.

ACTION ITEM 3 – APPROVAL OF CHANGE FOR POLICY OF GED® SCORES REQUIREMENT

Mrs. Janice Hanlon, GED Administrator, stated GED® testing Service recently announced that passing scores for the official GED® test will be recalibrated to 145 on each area. Currently, in our GED® testing Policies we list 150 as the cut score on each area. We have learned also that there may be other cut score changes periodically. In order to prevent the requirement of changing the exact score in our policy, the new policy will permit the Adult Education Division/Arkansas Department of Career Education to set the cut scores according to the recommendations of the GED® testing Service, which are based on research and data analysis.

Mrs. Hanlon asked that the board adopt a change in the scoring policy for GED® testing.

On a motion by Mrs. Gunderman and second by Mr. Copas, the Career Education and Workforce Development Board unanimously approved the change for policy of GED® scores requirement.

INFORMATION ITEM 4 – DRAFT OF THE OFFICE OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION

Mr. Brian Rogers, deputy director, Office of Skills Development, provided the board members a draft copy of the application as requested by the board from last month's board meeting.

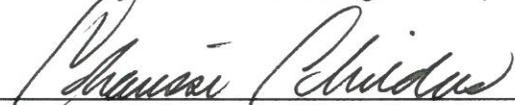
DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Charisse Childers briefed the board on activities within the agency. The complete report will be sent to the board and will be available on the ACE website.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Michael Garner, Chair, stated that the next meeting would be March 8, 2016.

Mr. Garner adjourned the meeting at 2:06 p.m.



Dr. Charisse Childers, Ex-Officio Secretary
Career Education and Workforce
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Michael Garner, Chairman
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