

MINUTES - MEETING OF THE  
STATE BOARD OF CAREER EDUCATION

9:30 a.m.

April 4, 2013

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

Mr. John Riggs, Vice Chairman

Ms. Martha Dixon

Ms. Margarita Solórzano

Mr. John Yates

Dr. Ann Bain

Ex-Officio Nonvoting Members

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

ABSENT

Mr. Richard Smith

Ex-Officio Nonvoting Members

Dr. Tom Kimbrell

Mr. Shane Broadway

Director Walker introduced new board member Dr. Ann Bain.

A. ACTION ITEM – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 7, 2013

On a motion by Mr. Riggs and second by Mrs. Dixon, the State Board of Career Education unanimously approved the minutes of February 7, 2013.

On a motion by Mr. Riggs to suspend the rules in order to approve the resolution for acquiring the Jonathan Cheatham U.S. Army Reserve Center and second by Mrs. Dixon, the State Board of Career Education unanimously approved to suspend the rules.

Mr. Robert Treviño, associate director for program planning, development, and evaluation, provided board members a letter to Mr. John Tillery of the Federal Real Property Assistance Division stating the State Board of Career Education's desire to proceed in the acquisition of the Jonathan Cheatham U.S. Army Reserve Center and a resolution to that effect for the board's approval.

On a motion by Mr. Riggs and second by Mrs. Dixon, the State Board of Career Education unanimously approved the resolution for the acquisition of the Jonathan Cheatham U.S. Army Reserve Center.

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

Mr. Taylor 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 \$85.00 (eighty-five dollars) per meeting attended.

Mr. Taylor 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 board members will comply with an expense reimbursement that will not exceed the rate established for state employees by state travel regulations.

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

C. ACTION ITEM – REQUEST APPROVAL TO MODIFY SECTION I, A. FINANCE OF ACE SPECIAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR SECONDARY CAREER TECHNICAL CENTERS

Director Walker recommended that the board repeal the "60/40" rule and remove it from the Special Policies and Procedures for Secondary Career Technical Centers:

Director Walker reminded the board members that the 60/40 rule, which was first proposed in 2011, changed the formula used to calculate distribution of funding to secondary career centers as follows: "Centers receiving technical center aid with an enrollment exceeding 60 percent of the total enrollment from any one sending school would not receive funding for those FTEs over the 60 percent threshold."

This change was reviewed by the Joint Legislative Rules and Regulations Committee and was approved by the State Board of Career Education August 4, 2011. Subsequently, however, in the 2012 Legislative Fiscal Session, Special Language was passed necessitating removal of the 60/40 rule from the Special Policies and Procedures for Secondary Career Technical Centers. The Special Language as passed during the fiscal session reads as follows:

SPECIAL LANGUAGE:

SECTION: SPECIAL LANGUAGE NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

SECONDARY TECHNICAL CENTER AID PROVISIONS

(a)(1) Secondary technical center aid shall be calculated and distributed by the Department of Career Education based upon each secondary technical center's eligible student full-time equivalent count.

(2) Secondary technical center aid shall not be based upon the percentage of total enrollment from any one sending school.

(b) This section expires on June 30, 2013.

This language was extended to June 30, 2014.

On motion by Mrs. Dixon and second by Mr. Riggs, the State Board of Career Education unanimously approved the request to repeal the 60/40 rule from the Special Policies and Procedures for Secondary Career Technical Centers.

Dr. Robert Gunter, deputy director of career and technical education, presented to the board members, "Pillars of Transformation – 21<sup>st</sup> Century CTE."

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jim Smith, deputy director for adult education, provided board members an update on proposed legislative bills relating to the department and adult education.

Director Walker shared with the board members the VISION 2020 booklet.

Mr. Marion Fletcher invited the board members to hold the June 6, 2013, board meeting at Camp Couchdale.

Mr. Walker announced the following dates:

SMT Retreat – June 3 – 6, 2013, Hot Springs

Next SBCE Meeting – June 6, 2013, Camp Couchdale

## ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Taylor adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.



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



Phil Taylor, Chairman  
State Board of Career Education