

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

February 6, 2014

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. Richard Smith

Ms. Martha Dixon

Ms. Margarita Solórzano (by telephone)

Dr. Ann Bain

Ex-Officio Nonvoting Members

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

ABSENT

Mr. John Riggs (out of town)

Ex-Officio Nonvoting Members

Dr. Tom Kimbrell

Mr. Shane Broadway

Director Walker introduced Devin Bryant as the new program manager of the Alternative Financing Program (AFP), a program of Arkansas Rehabilitation Services.

Director Walker also informed the board members that Dr. Robert Gunter, who was deputy director of career and technical education, has left the agency for another position. Ms. Sandra Porter will serve as interim deputy director of career and technical education, and Ms. Marylene Tate will serve as interim associate director of career and technical education.

D. INFORMATIONAL ITEM – ARKANSAS APPRENTICESHIP COMMITTEES

Mr. Randy Prather, apprenticeship and construction program manager, provided an overview of the duties and responsibilities of the State Plumbing Apprenticeship Committee and the State Electrical Apprenticeship Committee.

A. ACTION ITEM – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 3, 2013

On a motion by Mr. Smith and second by Dr. Bain, the State Board of Career Education unanimously approved the minutes of December 3, 2013.

B. ACTION ITEM – APPROVAL OF MEETING DATES FOR 2014

Mr. Taylor recommended that the State Board of Career Education set the following meeting dates for 2014 per A.C.A. 25-6-302:

Thursday, February 6, 2014

Thursday, April 3, 2014

Thursday, June 5, 2014

Thursday, August 7, 2014

Thursday, October 2, 2014

Thursday, December 4, 2014

On a motion by Dr. Bain and second by Mr. Smith, the State Board of Career Education unanimously voted to set the following meeting dates for 2014:

Thursday, February 6, 2014

Thursday, April 3, 2014

Thursday, June 5, 2014

Thursday, August 7, 2014

Thursday, October 2, 2014

Thursday, December 4, 2014

C. 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 eighty-five dollars (\$85.00) 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 expense reimbursements to board members shall not exceed the rate established for state employees by state travel regulations.

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

E. INFORMATIONAL ITEM – PUBLIC HEARING; ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS REVIEW OF EMERGENCY AND PERMANENT RULE GED[®] ASSESSMENT COSTS

Mr. Jim Smith, deputy director of adult education, stated that the permanent rule and the emergency rule were placed on review for written comments September 25 – October 25, 2013. No written comments were received. A public comment period was held at the Arkansas Learning Resource Center, 801 Louisiana Street, Little Rock, at 1:30 p.m. on December 18, 2013. No public comments were presented.

Mr. Smith also stated that the Administrative Rules and Regulations Subcommittee would review the permanent rule and the emergency rule on February 5, 2014.

Mr. Smith provided the board members with projected budget costs.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Walker gave board members the brochure *Providing Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities*, which was produced for Arkansas Rehabilitation Services.

Director Walker informed board members that the agency hired a staff attorney, Ms. Bridgette Frazier, who would start work on February 10, 2014.

Director Walker informed board members that he, Mr. Jim Smith, and Ms. Sonja McMurray, Arkansas Works associate director, met with Governor Beebe earlier in the week to discuss adult education funding and career coaches funding.

Mr. Jonathan Bibb, Arkansas Career Training Institute (ACTI) administrator, informed board members that construction on buildings 53, 54, and 55 was completed December 4, 2013. All buildings are back in operation. Mr. Bibb further stated that ACTI is entering a second major construction phase that includes renovation of the armory and a major

renovation of the campus water-supply system. All plans have been approved as of December 12, 2013.

Mr. Robert Treviño, interim deputy commissioner of Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, provided the board members with an update on the Promise Grant.

Director Walker made the following announcements:

February 13, 2014 – Career and Technical Education Legislative Luncheon

February 20, 2014 – Adult Education Legislative Luncheon

April 3, 2014 – State Board Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Taylor adjourned the meeting at 11:08 a.m.



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



Phil Taylor, Chairman
State Board of Career Education