

MINUTES - MEETING OF THE  
STATE BOARD OF CAREER EDUCATION

June 5, 2014

11:00 a.m.

The State Board of Career Education (SBCE) was called to order by Chairman Phil Taylor. The meeting was held at The Lodge at Mount Magazine, 16878 Highway 309 South, Paris, Arkansas.

A record of member attendance is as follows:

PRESENT

Ex-Officio Nonvoting Members

Mr. Phil Taylor, Chairman  
Mr. John Riggs, Vice Chairman  
Ms. Margarita Solórzano  
Dr. Ann Bain (by telephone)  
Ms. Martha Dixon (by telephone)

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

ABSENT

Ex-Officio Nonvoting Members

Mr. Richard Smith (ill)

Dr. Tom Kimbrell  
Mr. Shane Broadway

A. ACTION ITEM – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 6, 2014

On a motion by Mr. Riggs and second by Ms. Solórzano, the State Board of Career Education unanimously approved the minutes of February 6, 2014.

B. ACTION ITEM – ADOPTION OF THE 2014-2015 AGENCY BUDGET – DEPARTMENT OF CAREER EDUCATION

Ms. Lorna Claudio, deputy director of finance, recommended that the State Board of Career Education approve the 2014-2015 budget as presented.

Ms. Claudio provided the board members with the following major budget components:

Public School Fund – Adult basic and general adult education, workforce coordinators/counselors, new program start-up, adult literacy, and vocational center aid (state funds)

Agency Operations (state funds)

Federally Funded Programs – federal vocational, Veterans Approving Agency, and adult education

Cash-Supported Operations – Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation grant, Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO), and alternate retirement programs

Trust Funds – Construction trades training

On a motion by Mr. Riggs and second by Ms. Dixon, the State Board of Career Education unanimously approved the adoption of the 2014-2015 agency budget.

C. ACTION ITEM – ADOPTION OF THE 2015 OPERATIONAL BUDGET – ARKANSAS REHABILITATION SERVICES

Mr. Joseph Baxter, Arkansas Rehabilitation Services chief financial officer, recommended that the

State Board of Career Education approve the 2015 operational budget as presented.

Mr. Baxter provided the board members with the following major budget components:

#### Operational Budget – Highlights

Mr. Baxter stated that the operational budget is based on estimates of several revenue sources, including vocational rehabilitation, supported employment, independent living, technology access programs, social security reimbursements, stimulus funding, special revenue, general revenue, and various cash funds. The following schedule summarizes these funds:

<u>Source</u>	<u>Funding</u>
Federal	\$50,008,072.00
Special	461,000.00
General Revenue	13,261,758.00
Other	<u>1,580,000.00</u>
Total	\$65,310,857.00
Federal VR 110 Reserve	<u>\$11,000,000.00</u>
Total Funding	\$76,310,857.00

Mr. Baxter also provided information for special projects that are expected to be funded as part of the SFY2015 budget expenditures:

Arkansas Career Training Institute (ACTI) water system repairs and armory renovations - \$6,000,000

On motion by Mr. Riggs and second by Ms. Solórzano, the State Board of Career Education unanimously approved Arkansas Rehabilitation Services' request for the 2015 operational budget.

#### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Walker informed board members that Mr. Randy Laverty retired as commissioner of Arkansas Rehabilitation Services in June and that Mr. Jonathan Bibb would serve as interim commissioner.

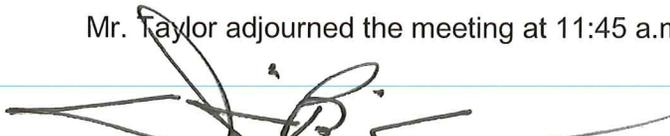
Director Walker informed board members that Governor Beebe had a meeting with business leaders from around the state to address the issue of workforce training.

Director Walker made the following announcements:

August 7, 2014 – State Board Meeting

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Taylor adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

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

  
Phil Taylor, Chairman  
State Board of Career Education