

MINUTES - MEETING OF THE  
STATE BOARD OF CAREER EDUCATION

October 28, 2014

10:00 a.m.

The State Board of Career Education (SBCE) was called to order by Chairman Phil Taylor. The meeting was held at the Arkansas Career Training Institute, 105 Reserve Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

A record of member attendance is as follows:

PRESENT

Ex-Officio Nonvoting Members

Mr. Phil Taylor, Chairman  
Ms. Margarita Solórzano  
Dr. Ann Bain  
Ms. Martha Dixon

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

ABSENT

Ex-Officio Nonvoting Members

Mr. Richard Smith -  
(Dr. Appt.)  
Mr. John Riggs, Vice Chairman  
(Out of town)

Mr. Tony Wood  
Mr. Shane Broadway

A. ACTION ITEM – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 7, 2014

On a motion by Dr. Bain and second by Ms. Dixon, the State Board of Career Education unanimously approved the minutes of August 7, 2014.

B. ACTION ITEM – APPROVAL OF CHANGE TO GED® RETEST POLICY

Ms. Janice Hanlon, GED® administrator, recommended that the State Board of Career Education adopt a change in the retest policy for GED® testing.

The revised policy would read as follows:

The Adult Education Division of the Arkansas Department of Career Education will set retest requirements for GED® testing based on GED® data, policy, and research analysis and shall report any changes to the board at the next scheduled board meeting.

On a motion by Dr. Bain and second by Ms. Dixon, the State Board of Career Education unanimously approved the revision to the GED® retest policy.

C. ACTION ITEM – REQUIREMENT FOR GED® RETEST POLICY

Ms. Janice Hanlon, GED® administrator, recommended that the State Board of Career Education approve the retest requirement for any section of the GED® test.

The retest requirement for any section of the GED® test would read as follows:

After passing the GED Ready™ (practice) test and taking the official GED® test, the candidate may retest two times in each of the four (4) areas without a waiting period. After the second time of retesting in any test area, a 60-day waiting period will be imposed on the candidate for any test not passed.

On motion by Dr. Bain and second by Ms. Solórzano, the State Board of Career Education

unanimously approved the retest requirement for any section of the GED® test.

D. ACTION ITEM – STATE PLUMBING APPRENTICESHIP COMMITTEE APPROVAL

Mr. Randy Prather, program manager for apprenticeship and construction education, recommended that the State Board of Career Education approve the appointment of Mr. Kevin Linton to the State Plumbing Apprenticeship Committee to fill the Congressional District 3 position vacated by Mr. Stephen Hayes, who retired.

On motion by Ms. Solórzano and second by Dr. Bain, the State Board of Career Education unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Kevin Linton to the State Plumbing Apprenticeship Committee.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Walker informed the board members that a ribbon-cutting ceremony would be held at the Arkansas Rehabilitation Services' new facility at 900 W. 7th Street in Little Rock. The new facility houses the Little Rock field office, the Increasing Capabilities Access Network (ICAN), and the Telecommunications Access Program (TAP). Director Walker recognized Ashley Cross for her interior design work for the new facility, as well as for the Arkansas Career Training Institute's new classroom space located in the former armory acquired by the Arkansas Career Training Institute.

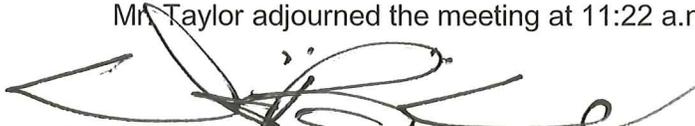
Director Walker recognized Lee Meadows and his staff for bringing the agency into the 21st century in technology.

Director Walker informed the board members that the agency submitted the budget request.

Director Walker announced the next board meeting will take place in conjunction with the annual joint staff training session on December 4, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Taylor adjourned the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

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

  
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Phil Taylor, Chairman  
State Board of Career Education