

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

August 4, 2011

The State Board of Career Education (SBCE) was called to order by Chairman Phil Taylor. The meeting was held at the Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, 525 West Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas.

A record of member attendance is as follows:

PRESENT

Mr. Phil Taylor, Chairman  
Mr. John Yates  
Mr. Richard Smith  
Dr. Thomas Flowers  
Mrs. Martha Dixon

Ex-Officio Nonvoting Members

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

ABSENT

Mrs. Lucy Ralston  
Mr. John Riggs, Vice Chairman

Ex-Officio Nonvoting Members

Dr. Tom Kimbrell  
Mr. Shane Broadway

Mr. Walker announced that Mr. John Wright, chief financial officer for Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, would be retiring in August.

Mr. Walker also informed the board members of the loss of Mr. Jack Justus, former chairman of the State Board of Career Education.

A. ACTION ITEM – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 9, 2011

On motion by Mr. Smith and second by Dr. Flowers, the State Board of Career Education unanimously approved the minutes of June 9, 2011.

B. ACTION ITEM – INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE REVIEW FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CAREER EDUCATION FOR THE THREE FISCAL YEARS ENDING JUNE 30, 2010

Mr. Charles Brown, deputy director of finance, recommended that the State Board of Career Education review and file for the record the internal control and compliance review for the Arkansas Department of Career Education for the three fiscal years ending June 30, 2010.

Mr. Brown informed the board members that there were no reportable conditions and that the review was presented to and filed by the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee on June 9, 2011.

On motion by Mr. Yates and second by Mr. Smith, the State Board of Career Education unanimously approved to review and file for the record the Internal Control and Compliance Review for the Department of Career Education for the three fiscal years ending June 30, 2010.

C. INFORMATIONAL ITEM – UPDATE ON PROPOSED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES CHANGES AS PRESENTED TO LEGISLATIVE REVIEW AND JOINT INTERIM EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Rod Duckworth, interim deputy director for career and technical education, informed the board members that the proposed changes in policies and procedures for the secondary area technical centers were presented for review to the Legislative Council's Subcommittee on Administrative Rules and Regulations on June 13. The subcommittee recommended that the proposed rule changes be presented to the House Interim Committee on Education and the Senate Interim Committee on Education.

Mr. Duckworth stated that the proposed changes were presented to the House Interim Committee on Education and the Senate Interim Committee on Education on July 21. The committee approved a motion that the proposed changes to policies and procedures were reviewed.

Mr. Duckworth informed the board members that the proposed changes are scheduled to go back to the Administrative Rules and Regulations Subcommittee in August.

D. INFORMATIONAL ITEM – REVISION OF STANDARDIZED TESTING INSTRUMENT IN THE ADULT EDUCATION POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Mr. Jim Smith, deputy director for adult education, informed the board members that, according to the National Reporting System (NRS) for Adult Education Implementation Guidelines, states must require local programs to measure educational gain with standardized assessments that are appropriate for measuring educational gain within the NRS framework and conform to accepted psychometric standards for validity and reliability.

Mr. Smith stated that levels of student performance on standardized assessments will be expressed in an objective, quantifiable, and measurable form and will show the progress of the state toward continuously improving in performance.

Mr. Smith advised the board that the U. S. Department of Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, provided guidance to the Adult Education Division relating to the proposed change to the Adult Education Policy and Procedures.

Mr. Smith informed the board members that the policy change would be placed on public review for 30 days as required by law and would be brought back to the board in October.

On motion by Mrs. Dixon and second by Mr. Smith, the State Board of Career Education unanimously approved that the proposed change to the Adult Education Policy and Procedures be placed on public review for 30 days.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Jonathan Bibb, administrator of the Arkansas Career Training Institute (ACTI) informed the board members that three of the state SkillsUSA officers are ACTI students. In addition, four ACTI students won gold medals at the state level and earned the opportunity to compete at the national SkillsUSA competition. Student Sarah Newcomb won a bronze medal at the national competition, ACTI's first ever.

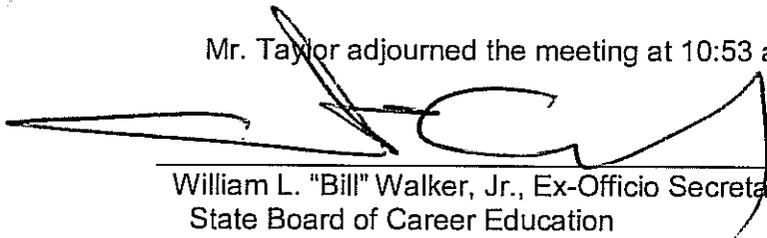
Mr. Walker informed the board members that Mr. John Riggs has been reappointed to the board. Mr. Riggs's term will expire in 2018.

Mr. Walker announced the following date:

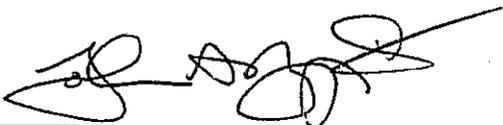
Next board meeting— Joint Boards of Education Meeting, October 11, 2011, at the Governor's Mansion.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Taylor adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.



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



~~Phil Taylor~~, Chairman *Jenna Riess*  
State Board of Career Education