

MINUTES – MEETING OF THE
CAREER EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

September 20, 2016
1:00 p.m.

The Career Education and Workforce Development Board was called to order by Chairman Michael Garner. 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. Michael Garner, Chair
Mr. Hugh McDonald, Vice Chair
Mr. Burton Weis
Mr. Jeff Standridge
Mr. Troy Keeping
Mrs. Jenifer Price
Mrs. Stacy Gunderman
Dr. Jerry Cash
Dr. Keith Vire
Mrs. Gina Radke
Mr. Scott Copas
Dr. Adam Arroyos

Ex-Officio Nonvoting Members

Dr. Charisse Childers, Ex-Officio Secretary
Dr. Maria Markham
Mr. Bill Stovall
Dr. Richard Abernathy

ABSENT

Ex-Officio Nonvoting Members

Mr. Johnny Key
Mr. Daryl Bassett
Mr. Mike Preston
Dr. Paul Beran

Mr. Michael Garner, Chair called the meeting to order.

Mr. Garner recognized Mr. Trent Minner, Governor's Liaison for our agency.

ACTION ITEM 1 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 12, 2016

On a motion by Dr. Vire and second by Mr. McDonald, the Career Education and Workforce Development Board unanimously approved the minutes of July 12, 2016.

ACTION ITEM 2 – ARKANSAS ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM POLICIES

Dr. Trenia Miles, Deputy Director, Adult Education and Ms. Bridget Criner, Associate Director, Adult Education, provided the board members with information on the revised Adult Education Program Policies.

The Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA) as outlined in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act has been revised; therefore, the Department of Career Education, Adult Education Division proposes to revise its policies for alignment with federal and state requirements.

In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, a marked-up copy of the policies and procedures will be placed on public review for 30 days.

Upon completion of the 30-day comment period, the policies will be brought to this board for approval to be sent to the Legislative Council for review and approval.

On a motion by Mr. Copas and second by Dr. Vire the Career Education and Workforce Development

Board approved by a majority vote for the revised Adult Education Program Policies be placed on public review for 30 days.

INFORMATION ITEM 3 – NACTEI CONFERENCE

Ms. Monieca West, Federal Program Manager, Arkansas Department of Higher Education, stated that the National Association of Career and Technical Education Information (NACTEI) annual conference will be hosted in Arkansas on May 8 – 11, 2017. The conference will be held at the Marriott Little Rock with an expected 300 participants from across the nation. The focus of the conference is on the improvement of career and technical education with special emphasis on accountability elements of the Carl D. Perkins CTE federal program.

Ms. West discussed how Arkansas business and industry might be involved and extended an invitation to the board members for their participation in the conference.

INFORMATION ITEM 4 – SKILLS DEVELOPMENT GRANTS UPDATE

Mr. Brian Rogers, Deputy Director, Office of Skills Development, introduced the Office of Skills Development staff, Ms. Stephanie Isaacs, Associate Director and Ms. Brenda Douglas, Administrative Assistant.

Mr. Rogers provided the board members with an update on OSD Grants, which included quick data related to FY 2016 grants under AEDC Existing Worker Training Program and DWS Training Trust Fund Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Rogers provided the board members with information related to the first two months of FY 2017, operating under the new OSD Grants Rules and Regulations for the first time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Copas, Personnel Policy Committee Chair, stated that they went before the Governor with six recommendations. Mr. Copas stated that prior to the meeting with the Governor, the Office of Personnel Management came out with a recommendation concerning the current limitations: labor market has changed considerably since 2009, inability to move across the pay plan, inflexible—no agency director discretion, encourages people to promote to jobs they're unsuited for in order to get a raise, no real mechanism for pay increases due to increased duties, no way to adjust pay after demonstrated performance.

Mr. Copas stated that they came away from that meeting feeling very optimistic that we are going to see changes in the personnel policies of the state.

Mr. McDonald, Budget Committee Chair, stated that the committee will meet next Tuesday, September 27, 2016, where Adult Education will discuss the funding formula.

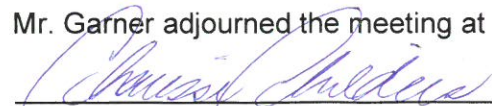
DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Charisse Childers briefed the board on activities within the agency. The complete report will be sent to the board.

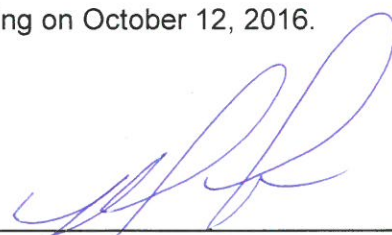
Mr. Garner reminded the members of the next board meeting on October 12, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Garner adjourned the meeting at 3:11 p.m.



Dr. Charisse Childers, Ex-Officio Secretary
Career Education and Workforce
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Mr. Michael Garner, Chair
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