

MINUTES – MEETING OF THE
CAREER EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

March 12, 2019
1:30 p.m.

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

Ex-Officio Nonvoting Members

Dr. Charisse Childers, Ex-Officio Secretary
Dr. Richard Abernathy
Ms. Kyla Waters

ABSENT

Mr. Michael Garner
Dr. Jeff Standridge

Ex-Officio Nonvoting Members

Mr. Mike Preston
Mr. Johnny Key
Mr. Daryl Bassett
Dr. Maria Markham

Mr. Hugh McDonald, Chair, called the meeting to order.

ACTION ITEM 1 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 2018

On a motion by Dr. Vire and second by Mr. Copas, the Career Education and Workforce Development board unanimously approved the minutes of November 13, 2018.

ACTION ITEM 2 – AUTHORIZATION OF EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT AND STIPEND FOR BOARD MEMBERS PERFORMING OFFICIAL BOARD DUTIES

Dr. Childers recommended that the Career Education and Workforce Development Board 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.

Dr. Childers also recommended that the Career Education and Workforce Development Board approve by a majority vote the authorization of expense reimbursement for each board member for performing official board duties and when it is required of a board member to perform separate duties in connection with the official business of the agency. 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. Percival and second by Dr. Vire, the Career Education and Workforce Development Board unanimously approved the authorization of payment of a stipend and expense reimbursement for each board member performing official board duties.

ACTION ITEM 3 – AMERICORPS PLANNING GRANT

Dr. Trenia Miles, Deputy Director, Adult Education Division, stated that the Adult Education Division is requesting board approval of the AmeriCorps Planning Grant application.

Dr. Miles stated that the grant requirements specify board approval and accepted a preliminary letter of support from the Board Chair pending full board approval. This planning grant is to determine the feasibility of applying for a larger operational grant in 2020 for AmeriCorps members to expand the Adult Education Career Coach program with additional personnel support.

On a motion by Mr. Copas and second by Mr. Keeping, the Career Education and Workforce Development board unanimously approved the request for approval of the AmeriCorps Planning Grant application

ACTION ITEM 4 – APPROVAL OF THE ARKANSAS APPRENTICESHIP COORDINATION STEERING COMMITTEE (AACSC) STATE PLAN AND CONSTRUCTION TRAINING PROGRAM

Mr. McDonald provided the board members with a little background information on this action item. Mr. McDonald stated that these plans were first presented to the Board at the November 13, 2018, board meeting, which were rejected and asked to be revised. They have been revised as requested by the members of the board.

Ms. Karen Breshears, AACSC Chair, provided the board members with the revised statewide plan for the development of a comprehensive program of apprenticeship training and a plan for the Arkansas Construction Industry Craft Training Program that was created by the AACSC.

Mr. Steve Percival suggested that a board member led subcommittee be created, supported by State Apprenticeship Office staff and AACSC, to consider obstacles to integration and how to overcome these obstacles to ensure a seamless integration for all stakeholders.

On a motion by Mr. Percival and second by Dr. Vire, the Career Education and Workforce Development board unanimously approved the Arkansas Apprenticeship Coordination Steering Committee State Plan with an amendment to create a subcommittee and unanimously approved the Construction Training Program.

ACTION ITEM 5 – CONSIDERATION OF THE JEFFERSON AREA TECHNICAL CENTER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A SATELLITE CENTER AT SHERIDAN HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Cody Waits, Deputy Director, Office of Skills Development, stated it is the recommendation of the agency to disapprove the Jefferson Area Technical Center request to open a satellite center in Sheridan.

Mr. Waits provided the board members with the reasons for the recommendation of disapproval for the satellite center in Sheridan.

On a motion by Dr. Vire and second by Mr. Copas, the Career Education and Workforce Development board unanimously disapproved the Jefferson Area Technical Center request to open a satellite center in Sheridan.

ACTION ITEM 6 – CONSIDERATION OF THE UA PULASKI TECH CENTER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A SATELLITE PROGRAM AT JACKSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Cody Waits, Deputy Director, Office of Skills Development, stated it is the recommendation of the agency to disapprove the UA Pulaski Tech Center request to open a satellite at the Jacksonville High School to offer Culinary Arts.

Mr. Waits provided the board members with the reasons for the recommendation of disapproval for the satellite center at Jacksonville High School.

On a motion by Mr. Percival and second by Dr. Vire, the Career Education and Workforce Development board disapproved the UA Pulaski Tech Center request to open a satellite center in Jacksonville High School with a vote of 10 – for and 1 against.

INFORMATION ITEM 7 – SB 135/ACT 179 ESTABLISHING A TIERED FUNDING METHOD FOR SECONDARY AREA CAREER CENTERS

Mr. Cody Waits, Deputy Director, Office of Skills Development, provided the board members with an update on the new tiered funding formula, the passage of SB 135 (Act 179), and the timeline for implementation for secondary career centers.

INFORMATION ITEM 8 – OVERVIEW OF THE STATE’S TRANSITION PLAN FOR PERKINS V

Dr. Childers stated that originally the transition plan is what our state chose to enter into, and I believe that 100% of the states are doing a transition plan rather than going into their full state plan. The original requirement was that it would be approved by the board and by the governor. But after a comment period at the federal level, the regulations from the U.S. Department of Education state that the transition plan does not require approval of the board or the governor. When our full state plan is submitted next year, the board will have to approve it and the governor will have to approve it. And that will include all of our local plans, and all of the steps in addition to the steps I talked about earlier. So I just wanted you to know that is why we changed it to an information item today.

Dr. Angela Kremers, Deputy Director, Career and Technical Education and members of the State Perkins V core team provided the board members with an overview of the requirements outlined in Perkins V and the State’s collaborative plan for the transition year.

INFORMATION ITEM 9 – LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Dr. Childers provided the board members with an update on the 2019 Arkansas General Assembly Regular Legislative Sessions activity to date.

Dr. Childers stated that the board members are receiving a report unless you opted out every morning on the status of the bills the agency is tracking. All of our agency bills have already moved through both Senate and House and have been either signed by the governor or are on his desk for his signature.

Dr. Childers stated that most of our bills were clean up bills. When we submitted our request to the governor's office, a lot of the bills were to clean up language to repeal language and/or to change the tier funding structure as we did with the secondary centers.

Dr. Childers provided the board members with an updated organizational chart as it pertains to the transformation bill (HB 1763) and where the different divisions of the Department of Career Education were placed on the organizational chart.

Dr. Childers provided the board members information on SB 522, which will make changes to the Career Education and Workforce Development Board. Dr. Childers asked the board members to

please look at SB 522 and provide any concerns or questions to her so they can be addressed with Senator Jane English.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget Committee – None

Personnel Committee – None

OTHER BUSINESS

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Childers reminded the board members to save the date for the morning of May 14, 2019.

Dr. Childers stated that the Director's Report will be sent to the board after the meeting.

Dr. Childers stated that the board members should have received the press release that went out on Governor Hutchinson signing of the bill for Secondary Center Funding and should have received CTE Courses to be offered for Science and Math credit for high school graduation.

Mr. McDonald stated that the next meeting would be May 14, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McDonald adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m.



Dr. Charisse Childers, Ex-Officio Secretary
Career Education and Workforce
Development Board



Mr. Hugh McDonald, Chair
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