

MINUTES – MEETING OF THE
CAREER EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

November 9, 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. 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
Mr. Michael Lindsey

Ex-Officio Nonvoting Members

Dr. Charisse Childers, Ex-Officio Secretary
Dr. Maria Markham
Dr. Paul Beran
Mr. Arnell Willis, Sr. (Mr. Daryl Bassett)

ABSENT

Mr. Hugh McDonald, Vice Chair

Ex-Officio Nonvoting Members

Mr. Johnny Key
Mr. Mike Preston
Dr. Richard Abernathy
Mr. Bill Stovall

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

ACTION ITEM 1 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

On a motion by Mr. Keeping and second by Mr. Copas, the Career Education and Workforce Development Board unanimously approved the minutes of September 20, 2016.

INFORMATION ITEM 2 – OFFICE OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Mr. Brian Rogers, Deputy Director, Office of Skills Development provided the board members with an update on the report that was submitted to the Governor and the Arkansas Legislative Council.

Mr. Rogers also provided the board members with the Secondary Career Centers update.

Dr. Childers stated that in the MOU that was prepared for ASU-Newport and for Black River Technical College, language was included that the board would approve the expenditure reports at the end of every quarter prior to the disbursement of the funds. Dr. Childers requested that if there are no objections and the chairman will entertain a vote to approve the expenditures, then the request is for the chairman to move forward on that item as an action item.

On a motion by Mr. Keeping and second by Ms. Radke, the Career Education and Workforce Development board unanimously approved to add the action item of approving the expenditures of ASU-Newport and Black River Technical College to the agenda.

On a motion by Mr. Copas and second by Mr. Standridge, the Career Education and Workforce Development Board unanimously approved the expenditures for Black River Technical College and ASU-Newport.

INFORMATION ITEM 3 – AGENCY 2017-2019 BIENNIAL BUDGET REQUEST (APPROPRIATION) UPDATES

Dr. Childers provided the board members with an update on the 2017-2019 biennial budget that was presented to the Arkansas Legislative Council, Joint Budget Hearing on Wednesday, November 9, 2016 for Arkansas Department of Career Education (590) and Arkansas Department of Career Education – Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (520).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Copas, Personnel Policy Committee Chair, stated he has not heard anything since the meeting with the Governor. He had heard a comment that we did a good job and that we were not the only ones talking about these issues. They have heard it from many different agencies.

Dr. Childers stated that she has not heard anything as far as the changes in the things that were addressed by the Personnel Committee of the board or other agencies.

Mr. Troy Keeping provided the board members with an update from the Budget Committee, specifically concerning Adult Education funding. Mr. Hugh McDonald, Chair of the Budget Committee, was absent but provided the board with a written summary of the committee meeting. Mr. Keeping stated that the biggest thing is looking at the accountability for funding and what approach we are going to take in terms of holding them accountable in the program. So, one of the things that came out of the meeting was working with the institutions and the providers in the field to buy into the new formula of accountability and how the funding is going to be allocated.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

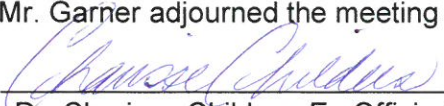
Dr. Charisse Childers briefed the board on activities within the agency. The complete report will be sent to the board.

Mr. Garner reminded the members of the next board meeting on December 14, 2016.

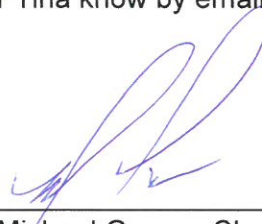
Mr. Garner asked that the board members to look over the agenda once it is sent to you and if you feel that an item needs to be addressed please let Paula or Tina know by email.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Garner adjourned the meeting at 2:59 p.m.



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



Mr. Michael Garner, Chair
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