

ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD
Regular Quarterly Meeting
January 27, 2023

Minutes of Meeting

The January 27, 2023, regular meeting of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB) was held at the University of Arkansas Pulaski Technical College campus in North Little Rock. Chair Al Brodell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., with a quorum present.

Coordinating Board present:

Al Brodell, Chair
Keven Anderson, Vice Chair
Graycen Bigger, Secretary
Dr. Jim Carr
Andy McNeill
Greg Revels

Coordinating Board absent:

Dr. Jerry Cash
Kelley Erstine
Chad Hooten
Dr. Kyle Miller

Presidents, chancellors, institutional representatives, members of the press, ADHE staff and guests were also present on the Zoom.

Chair Brodell began by thanking everyone for participating in the meeting. He then introduced Dr. Brain Prescott, President of the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS). Dr. Prescott provided an update on the review of Arkansas's institutional role and mission designations. He began by outlining his process of revising the 2008 designations. He noted that he is currently collecting data and analysis. He will then gather feedback from ADHE, gather institutional input, and then bring forth the final designations for the Coordinating Boards approval.

Greg Revels asked what the timeline for completion is. Dr. Prescott said they should have the draft designations by the middle of February. Dr. Markham said ADHE is hopeful that the process will be completed by the end of the legislative session.

Andy McNeill asked how much they are focusing on what is currently happening verses what should be happening, when looking at the data and trends. Dr. Prescott said that NCHEMS prides itself on pulling together a lot of data for analysis.

Next, Chair Brodell called on Chancellor Summer DeProw for a welcome. Dr. DeProw began by welcoming Coordinating Board members to the University of Arkansas Pulaski Technical College (UAPTC) and then she shared information about the institution.

Agenda Item No. 1
Approval of Minutes

Dr. Jim Carr moved to approve Agenda Item No. 1. Andy McNeill seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 2
Report of Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee (Chair, Al Brodell, Dr. Jim Carr and Graycen Bigger) recommended the following slate of Board officers for 2023-2024.

Chair – Greg Revels
Vice Chair – Graycen Bigger
Secretary/Treasurer – Dr. Jim Carr
Finance Committee Chair – Kelley Erstine
Academic Committee Chair – Dr. Jerry Cash

Keven Anderson moved to accept the 2023-2024 nominations. Andy McNeill seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 3
State Board of Higher Education Foundation
Election of Supervisory Committee

The State Board of Higher Education Foundation was established on May 2, 1992. The Board for the Foundation includes three annually elected members: a president, a vice president and a secretary/treasurer. The Foundation was established to accept private funds for specific projects for the benefit of higher education in Arkansas. The terms of the current members have lapsed, requiring a re-election or new appointments.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves and elects members to serve as the State Board of Higher Education Foundation Supervisory Committee as follows:

Dr. Jim Carr – President
Chad Hooten – Vice President
Dr. Kyle Miller – Secretary/Treasurer

Greg Revels moved to approve Agenda Item No. 3. Andy McNeill seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 4
Reimbursement of Expenses for
Members of the AHECB and ICAC

Although members of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board and its Institutional Certification Advisory Committee (ICAC) by law serve without compensation, they may receive expense reimbursement for performing official board duties after following certain procedures set out by Act 1211 of 1995 (A.C.A. §25-16-901 et seq.).

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board, by a majority vote of its total membership, authorizes expense reimbursement for each board member and member of the ICAC for performing official board duties.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the expense reimbursement shall not exceed the rate established for state employees by state travel regulations.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Board instructs the Director of the Division of Higher Education to send a copy of this resolution to the Department of Finance and Administration to notify that agency of compliance with Act 1211 of 1995.

Greg Revels moved to approve Agenda Item No. 4. Keven Anderson seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 5
Director's Report

New Secretary of Education

Jacob Oliva was appointed the secretary for the Arkansas Department of Education on January 10, 2023.

Prior to being named secretary, Oliva served in numerous roles at the Florida Department of Education, most recently as interim commissioner. He joined the Florida department as executive vice-chancellor of the Public Schools Division in 2017 and became chancellor in 2019, where his division supported more than 2.8 million students in approximately 3,600 Florida public schools.

In 2021, he was promoted to senior chancellor, and his responsibilities expanded to include early learning, school choice programs, school safety, and school accountability. Additionally, he encouraged statewide leadership and communication between the Florida Department of Education and the state's school districts.

Oliva is a graduate of Miami-Dade County Public Schools and Flagler College in Florida. He began his educational career more than two decades ago as an elementary teacher for students with special needs. He later served as a principal at both the elementary and high school levels and as an assistant superintendent and superintendent of Flagler County Schools.

Institutional Leadership Changes

Dr. Summer DeProw is the new chancellor of the University of Arkansas-Pulaski Technical College. DeProw previously served as the college's provost/vice chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs.

Charles F. Robinson was named the seventh chancellor of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. Robinson has served the University of Arkansas for more than 23 years, beginning as an assistant professor of history in 1999 and most recently as interim chancellor since August 16, 2021.

Productivity 5-Year Taskforce Report

In May 2019, the AHECB voted to make several changes to the Productivity Funding Model. Most of the changes dealt with how the metrics are weighted. In review of the initial distribution rules, it was noted that there was no directive on what occurs after an institution meets the initial stop-loss of 5% less than their initial 2018-2019 general revenue funding level. At the April 29, 2022, AHECB meeting, the rules were amended to state that no institution's general revenue funding will decline by more than 5% of their funding level from 5 years prior to that recommendation year due to productivity declines.

Agenda Item No. 6
Productivity Funding Distribution Policy

The Productivity Funding Distribution Policy rules have been amended to remove outdated language regarding the 2018-2019 fiscal year and have been updated to state that within any consecutive five-year period, an institution of higher education's RSA (Revenue Stabilization Act) funding shall not decline by more than 5% due to productivity declines.

In compliance with Act 148 of 2017, the amended rules to the Productivity Funding Distribution Policy are presented to the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB) for final approval.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the proposed amendment to the rules presented in this agenda item for Productivity Funding Distribution Policy.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Division of Higher Education or her designee is authorized to make technical changes and corrections, when necessary, in the rules to implement the Productivity Funding Distribution Policy.

Dr. Jim Carr moved to approve Agenda Item No. 6. Andy McNeill seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 7
Annual Enrollment Report

Sonia Hazelwood presented summary and detailed information about annual student enrollment. She noted the total unduplicated headcount for the fall 2022 term in all sectors of Arkansas higher education, including public universities, public colleges, private/independent colleges and universities, and nursing schools was 147,740 students, representing an increase of 1.4% from the fall 2021 term.

This is the first-time total headcount experienced an increase since the fall 2011 term. Fall 2012 total unduplicated headcount was 172,012 which represented the second largest fall term headcount ever. Declines from year-to-year since the 2012 fall term range from .5% to 5.6%. Arkansas higher education currently has 24,272 fewer students than it did in the fall 2012 term.

Of the 147,740 students enrolled in fall 2022, 1,515 students enrolled at more than one institution, which represents one percent of the total fall 2022 headcount.

Keven Anderson asked when looking at the overall enrollment trends, is there a 5-year projection. Ms. Hazelwood said enrollment projections are typically done at the institution level. Mr. Anderson requested that ADHE provide the board with 5-year projections.

Agenda Item No. 8
Annual Fall College-Going Rate

Sonia Hazelwood presented summary and detailed information about the annual fall college-going rate. Of the 32,167 public high school students graduating from an Arkansas public high school in 2021, 13,536 enrolled at an Arkansas public or private/independent institution in fall 2021 immediately following their high school graduation. This represents a College-Going Rate of 42.1%, which is a 2.1% decrease from the previous year of 44.2%. This decline reflects the impact the Covid-19 pandemic had on students entering higher education immediately following their high school graduation.

Graycen Bigger asked if the use of concurrent classes is impacting the college-going rate. Ms. Hazelwood said they are included in this data, but she is unsure if they are affecting the college-going rate.

Dr. Jim Carr questioned what would happen to the college-going rate if we included the private institutions in the data. Ms. Hazelwood said she is unable to include it because ADE does not collect the data.

Agenda Item No. 9
Annual Report on Institutional Certification

Alana Boles presented an update on the number of Arkansas residents pursuing academic degrees offered by out-of-state and for-profit institutions certified to operate in Arkansas under Arkansas Code Annotated §6-61-301.

Boles reported that in 2021-22, 11 Arkansas campuses, 31 institutions with programs delivered only through distance technology, 8 institutions offering programs both on Arkansas campuses and through distance technology and 3 institutions offering programs only on an Arkansas campus were certified under ICAC rules.

There were no questions.

Agenda Item No. 10
Program Viability Report

Mason Campbell presented a summary report on academic programs reviewed by the institutions for program viability purposes. The report is on a three-year schedule and was last presented to the board in January of 2022. However, the reporting schedule has been modified and the report will now be presented every year, said Mr. Campbell. The modified annual report will now include a "Call for Comment", multiple open question and answer sessions for institutions, and will no longer be submitted manually, but will be reported through AHEIS. Mr. Campbell noted that there are currently 348 non-viable programs.

Mr. Campbell noted that he would like to do a 10-year comparison of the 348 non-viable programs and will make a recommendation to the board during the April meeting, regarding the removal of those programs.

Greg Revels reiterated that no actions will be taken based on the current viability report and questioned if the viability standards were being changed. Mr. Campbell said that his recommendation is to not take any action based on this report and to maintain the current viability standards.

Andy McNeill asked if programs with zero graduates are automatically deleted. Mr. Campbell said, they are not. He noted that a program can have zero graduates and use zero resources.

Agenda Item No. 11
Annual Higher Education Financial Condition Report

Nick Fuller presented the Annual Higher Education Financial Condition Report. The purpose of this report is to describe the financial condition as well as the difficulties and challenges experienced by Arkansas's Public Institutions of Higher Education.

Dr. Jim Carr asked if it is too early to get estimates on the 2023-24 tuition increases from some of the campuses. Mr. Fuller said he has not received any yet.

Andy McNeill asked what the breakdown is between academic and athletic scholarships. Mr. Fuller said he would look up that information and provide it to the board.

Graycen Bigger asked if the faculty salary information only included full-time faculty or included adjunct faculty as well. Mr. Fuller said it only includes full-time faculty.

Greg Revels asked is there a solution to the growing E&G maintenance needs. Mr. Fuller said there is a draft bill to create a revolving loan fund for deferred maintenance that institutions will be able to apply for.

Keven Anderson asked to see the maintenance needs broken down by institution. Mr. Fuller said he would get that information to the board.

Agenda Item No. 12 Maintenance Report

The AHECB policy for maintenance of new facilities passed October 29, 2010, states that a report on the amount transferred to plant funds would be presented annually at the October Board meeting. This policy was proposed to ensure that in the future, all newly constructed or purchased facilities would have a source of funding for maintenance of the new facility. Institutions seeking approval of a loan or a bond issue for the construction or purchase of a new facility must provide for the maintenance of that facility by transferring annually to plant funds an amount as recommended by the Association of Physical Plant Administrators of Universities and Colleges (APPA). This is currently \$2.50 per gross square foot for an educational and general facility or \$1.25 per gross square foot for an auxiliary facility. A lower rate per gross square foot for a specific building/facility can be approved with appropriate justification.

Keven Anderson asked if there are any plans to raise the amount of maintenance fees that are set aside each year. Nick Fuller said that currently the fees are still above the needed amount. If that changes, ADHE staff will request the fee be changed.

Agenda Item No. 13 Bachelor of Science in Public Health Arkansas State University Jonesboro

The Bachelor of Science in Public Health will be a 100% online, 120 credit-hour program with 50 required public health credit hours. The required coursework will focus on the five core public health disciplines: Epidemiology, Biostatistics, Health Policy and Management, Environmental Health Sciences, and Social and Behavioral Sciences.

The Bachelor of Science in Public Health program will prepare students for employment in government, industry, and non-profit settings as epidemiologists, community health workers, health administrators and managers, health data scientists and analysts, and health educators. Arkansas State University's mission is to serve the Mississippi Delta and Mid-South region. There is currently no undergraduate public health program serving this region of Arkansas. Compared to other states, Arkansas is ranked toward the bottom in public health, health care quality, and health care access. Adding an undergraduate public health program will help to better serve this region and the state of Arkansas, in addition to meeting both student and employment demand for public health practitioners.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the Bachelor of Science in Public Health (CIP 51.2201) at Arkansas State University Jonesboro, effective July 2023.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Board instructs the Director of the Arkansas Division of Higher Education to inform the President and Chair of the Board of Trustees of Arkansas State University Jonesboro of the approval.

Dr. Jim Carr questioned the low projected enrollment. Dr. Bill McLean, Associate Vice Chancellor for Faculty Relations, said that will only be in the first year. The second-year projected enrollment is 30 and is projected to continue to grow from there.

Andy McNeill asked if there is anything ASU is doing to improve the online class experience. Dr. McLean said that ASU kicked off online education in 2010 and currently has a great infrastructure in place. The online education capabilities were only enhanced during the pandemic, said Dr. McLean.

Graycen Bigger asked what the average salary range is that students can expect with this degree. Dr. McLean said that the market analysis for this type of degree is \$42,000.

Graycen Bigger moved to recommend the approval of Agenda Item No. 13 to the full Board for consideration. Andy McNeill seconded and the Committee approved.

Agenda Item No. 14
Technical Certificate in Paramedic Science
Arkansas State University Mid-South

The Technical Certificate in Paramedic Science at ASU Mid-South will build upon its existing certificate programs in Basic and Advanced Emergency Medical Technician to provide students with a career pathway in the field of Emergency Medical Services. The proposed program requires 43 credit hours of coursework that can be completed over the course of a year, providing students with the opportunity to quickly earn highly sought skills and credentials that can lead to gainful employment in the EMS sector.

The proposed curriculum requires completion of seven (7) new courses, with a new cohort enrolling each fall semester and completing each summer. ASU Mid-South is well positioned to support Paramedic Science programming, as its lead faculty for EMT has experience in developing and directing paramedic programming at other institutions in the Mid-South region.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the Technical Certificate in Paramedic Science (CIP 51.0904) at Arkansas State University Mid-South, effective July 2023.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Board instructs the Director of the Arkansas Division of Higher Education to inform the

President and Chair of the Board of Trustees of Arkansas State University Mid-South of the approval.

Jeff Gray, Vice Chancellor for Learning and Instruction, provided additional background information.

Dr. Jim Carr asked if 17 Paramedic certificate programs are needed in Arkansas. Mr. Gray said that ASUMS serves a large EMT student population and has a robust partnership with emergency medical providers in the region, who have requested this program.

Graycen Bigger voiced concerns regarding the number of existing programs within driving distance of ASUMS and asked if there is something that makes this particular program unique. Mr. Gray said that ASUMS's proximity to Memphis makes it unique.

After further discussions, Andy McNeill moved to recommend Agenda Item No. 14 to the full Board for consideration. The motion was not seconded; motion failed.

Agenda Item No. 15

Associate of Applied Science, Technical Certificate,
and Certificate of Proficiency in Marine Manufacturing
Arkansas State University Mountain Home

The Associate of Applied Science in Marine Manufacturing is for students interested in boats, trailers, or other fiberglass composite constructions. The program integrates basic tools, welding, electrical, gel coat application, and open and closed molded lamination into the manufacturing of boats and boat trailers. The skills taught in this program also apply to automotive and other industries.

The proposed program does not exist in the central part of the United States, yet the stabilization of the region depends upon this industry. The boat manufacturing industry in North Central Arkansas has long been a sustaining force in the state's economy. Based on industry data, there are an estimated 2,000 boat manufacturing jobs in a 47-county region, which extends 120 miles around Mountain Home, Arkansas, where the ASUMH campus is located.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the Associate of Applied Science, Technical Certificate, and Certificate of Proficiency in Marine Manufacturing (CIP 15.0617) at Arkansas State University Mountain Home, effective August 2023.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Board instructs the Director of the Arkansas Division of Higher Education to inform the President and Chair of the Board of Trustees of Arkansas State University Mountain Home of the approval.

Dr. Tamara Daniel, Provost/Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and Mr. Victor Beck, Director of Workforce Development and Community Education, provided additional information.

Dr. Jim Carr noted that while he is excited about this program, he is disappointed in the projected annual enrollment of 6 to 8 students. He asked if the boat industry is anticipated to help with the program. Dr. Daniel said they are. She noted that they have already donated numerous items for the program. Dr. Daniel said that after rebranding this program, they anticipate it really taking off and their enrollment projections going up.

Andy McNeill asked how the curriculum was developed. Dr. Daniel said that the curriculum was built to serve the Mountain Home area and their industries.

Graycen Bigger said she appreciated reading the program and seeing the transferrable skills and the collaboration between industry partners and asked if ASUMH worked with local partners to see if this was exactly what they needed. Dr. Daniel said, yes, she said she has heard from them on a monthly basis.

Andy McNeill moved to recommend Agenda Item No. 15 to the full Board for consideration. Graycen Bigger seconded and the Committee approved.

Agenda Item No. 16
Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering
Southern Arkansas University

The purpose of the program is to provide an education in Mechanical Engineering for the southern Arkansas region and create a pipeline of qualified, potential employees for the region's many companies in the defense, gas, oil, and steel industries. Students that successfully complete this program will be able to apply the fundamental knowledge of mechanical engineering design and problem-solving skills to advance in their careers beyond the entry level in the field of mechanical engineering.

The Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering program would be 120 credit hours. This program will benefit from an already thriving Engineering department and utilize many of the existing departmental resources. One faculty member will be hired, and a machine shop laboratory will be created specifically for this program. Here, students will be introduced to hands-on activities related to various machining and fabrication processes.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering (CIP 14.1901) at Southern Arkansas University Magnolia, effective August 2023.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Board instructs the Director of the Arkansas Division of Higher Education to inform the President and Chair of the Board of Trustees of Southern Arkansas University Magnolia of the approval.

Dr. David Lanoue, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, provided additional information.

There were no questions.

Andy McNeill moved to recommend Agenda Item No. 16 to the full Board for consideration. Graycen Bigger seconded and the Committee approved.

Agenda Item No. 17
Master of Music in Black Sacred Music
University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

The proposed Master of Music in Black Sacred Music would be the first of its kind in Arkansas and the country. UA Fayetteville's location, existing world-class resources, commitment to diversity, equity, access, and inclusion, and ability to leverage these allows for uncharted access to the arts. This program would be funded by a grant of more than \$848,000 from the Alice Walton Foundation. Continued annual support from endowed funds will be provided given that outlined program goals are met.

The Master of Music in Black Sacred Music will be a 36 credit-hour summer program spanning 3 years. Faculty for the program will include existing full-time and part-time Music Department faculty members. In addition, an extraordinary group of special guest instructors, appointed as adjunct faculty, will be used. They include recording artists, scholars, Grammy winners, and other international experts in Gospel Music.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the Master of Music in Black Sacred Music (CIP 39.0501) at University of Arkansas Fayetteville, effective Summer 2023.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Board instructs the Director of the Arkansas Division of Higher Education to inform the President and Chair of the Board of Trustees of University of Arkansas Fayetteville of the approval.

Dr. Terry Martin, Provost/Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, provided additional information.

Dr. Jim Carr asked if this program was entirely funded by the Alice Walton Foundation. Dr. Martin said it is.

Graycen Bigger as who was the anticipated student audience. Dr. Martin said that worship and music leaders are the anticipated audience.

Ms. Bigger asked if this program was offered anywhere else in the nation. Dr. Martin said it is the first in the nation of its kind.

Andy McNeill moved to recommend Agenda Item No. 17 to the full Board for consideration. Graycen Bigger seconded and the Committee approved.

Agenda Item No. 18
Institutional Certification Advisory Committee

RESOLVED, That pursuant to A.C.A. §6-61-301, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board grants initial certification to the institutions listed on pages 1 - 3 to offer the specified degree programs to Arkansas residents for a period of three years through December 31, 2026.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Division of Higher Education is authorized to notify the administration of said institutions that the certification of the degree programs requires the institution to notify the Arkansas Division of Higher Education whenever any of the following occurs: (1) major reorganization of the controlling body; (2) changes in the charter or incorporation documents of the institution; or (3) changes in the method of operation of the institution's programs in Arkansas.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Board instructs the Director to notify the administration of said institutions that any advertisement or published materials using the name of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board or the Arkansas Division of Higher Education must contain the following statement:

Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board certification does not constitute an endorsement of any institution or program. Such certification merely indicates that certain criteria have been met as required under the rules and regulations implementing institutional and program certification as defined in A.C.A. §6-61-301.

Initial Program Certifications – Distance Technology

Academy of Art University, San Francisco, California
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California
Walden University, Minneapolis, Minnesota

New Institution – Arkansas Campus

Institutional Planning and Development – Campus Location in Arkansas

Alice L. Walton School of Medicine, Bentonville, Arkansas

RESOLVED, That pursuant to ACA §6-61-301, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB) grants certification to the Alice L. Walton School of Medicine in Bentonville, Arkansas, for institutional planning and development to

establish a campus location in Bentonville, Arkansas and to offer a specified Doctor of Medicine degree to Arkansas residents contingent on the approval of a campus location in Arkansas by the Higher Learning Commission and the program accreditation of the Liaison Committee on Medical Education. The certification for institutional planning and development is for a period of three years through December 31, 2026; which requires the Alice L. Walton School of Medicine to submit an application for initial program certification no later than November 1, 2025, and to obtain initial program certification from the AHECB prior to enrolling students in a degree program.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Division of Higher Education is authorized to notify the administration of the Alice L. Walton School of Medicine that the certification for institutional planning and development to establish a campus in Arkansas and to offer degree programs to Arkansas residents requires the institution to notify the Arkansas Division of Higher Education whenever any of the following occurs: (1) major reorganization of the controlling body; (2) changes in the charter or incorporation documents of the institution; (3) change in the method of operation of the institution's programs in Arkansas; (4) change in home state authorization; or (5) a change in institutional accreditation status.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Board instructs the Director to notify the administration of the Alice L. Walton School of Medicine that any advertisement or published materials using the name of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board or the Arkansas Division of Higher Education must contain the following statement:

Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board certification does not constitute an endorsement of any institution or program. Such certification merely indicates that certain criteria have been met as required under the rules and regulations implementing institutional and program certification as defined in Arkansas Code §6-61-301.

Alice L. Walton School of Medicine, Bentonville, Arkansas

Mr. Walter Harris, president of Health Care Transformation, provided additional information on the Alice L. Walton School of Medicine request for a new campus location.

Dr. Jim Carr asked if this is an Osteopathic program. Mr. Harris said it is an Allopathic program.

Andy McNeill moved to recommend Agenda Item No. 18 to the full Board for consideration. Graycen Bigger seconded and the Committee approved.

Agenda Items No. 19 & 20
Letters of Notification and Letters of Intent

The Director of the Arkansas Division of Higher Education approved institutional requests for new programs not requiring Board action unless further review is requested by the Board. During this period, the Institutional Certification Advisory Committee received notice of requests from out-of-state institutions to offer degree programs to Arkansas residents. The program notice lists appear in the Letters of Notification on pages 19-1 through 19-51 and in the Letters of Intent on pages 20-1 through 20-6 of the agenda book.

There were no questions.

Report of the Committees

Keven Anderson presented the report of the Finance Committee and noted there were no action items to approve.

Dr. Jim Carr presented the report of the Academic Committee and moved approval of Agenda Items 13 and 15 – 18. Andy McNeill seconded, and the board approved.

Remarks by Presidents/Chancellors and Guest

The next quarterly meeting will be held on April 28, 2023, at Henderson State University, at 9:00 a.m.

Chair Al Brodell thanked the board for their guidance and support during his term as board chair. He then handed over the gavel to the new AHECB chair, Greg Revels.

With no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Nichole Abernathy

APPROVED:

Graycen Bigger, Secretary