

ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD
Special Meeting
April 4, 2023

Minutes of Meeting

The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board held a special meeting on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, via Zoom. Chair Greg Revels called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., with a quorum present.

Coordinating Board present:

Greg Revels, Chair
Graycen Bigger, Vice Chair
Dr. Jim Carr, Secretary
Keven Anderson
Al Brodell
Dr. Jerry Cash
Kelley Erstine
Chad Hooten

Coordinating Board absent:

Andy McNeill
Dr. Kyle Miller

Presidents, chancellors, institutional representatives, members of the press, and guests were also present.

Chair Revels welcomed presidents and chancellors to the special board meeting and thanked everyone for attending. He then introduced Secretary Jacob Oliva.

Agenda Item No. 1
Transition and Leadership of the Division of Higher Education

Secretary Oliva began by thanking the board for inviting him to the special meeting and said he looks forward to meeting them all in person and collaborating with them. He then gave an update on the support that ADE has been providing to school districts as well as higher education institutions. He also provided an update on ADE's priorities and the LEARNS Act. Oliva stated that the comprehensive educational reform initiative will support students in high quality early education all the way from the cradle to career.

Secretary Oliva noted that until a new ADHE leader is named, Mason Campbell, ADHE Assistant Director for Academic Programs, would be the point of contact. Oliva said he looked forward to working with the Coordinating Board chair as they outline the process and next steps in identifying a new leader for higher education.

Pat Simms, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at ASU Three-Rivers, asked Secretary Oliva if he wanted recommendations from the board or from presidents and chancellors, for the new ADHE Commissioner position. Secretary Oliva said he would welcome recommendations from both.

Al Brodell requested an overview of current legislation that would affect the higher education coordinating board. Secretary Oliva said he would get that information to the board.

After additional discussions, Graycen Bigger moved to go into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing potential candidates for the ADHE Commissioner position. Dr. Jim Carr seconded the motion and the Board approved.

Back in regular session, Chair Revels noted that no action was taken during the Executive Session. He stated that if the Coordinating Board receives any recommendations for the Commissioner's position, they will share the recommendations with Secretary Oliva.

With no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Nichole Abernathy

APPROVED:

Dr. Jim Carr, Secretary