

**ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD
Regular Quarterly Meeting
July 27, 2018**

Minutes of Meeting

The July 27, 2018, regular meeting of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB) was held at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. Chairman Charles Allen called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m., with a quorum present.

Coordinating Board present:

Dr. Charles Allen, Chair
Dr. Jim Carr, Vice Chair
Sam Sicard, Secretary
Keven Anderson
Al Brodell
Dr. Olin Cook
Dr. Michael Stanton

Coordinating Board absent:

Chris Gilliam
Lori Griffin
Sherrel Johnson

Department staff present:

Dr. Maria Markham, Director
Nick Fuller, Deputy Director
Dr. Jessie Walker, Senior Associate Director for Academic Affairs/Research & Analytics
Ann Clemmer, Senior Associate Director for Governmental Relations
Sonia Hazelwood, Associate Director for Research and Analytics
Alisha Lewis, Associate Director of Communications
Nichole Abernathy, Executive Assistant

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

Chairman Allen began by thanking Chancellor Joseph Steinmetz and his wife Sandy for their hospitality on Thursday evening. He then introduced Dr. Steinmetz for a welcome.

Dr. Steinmetz began by thanking everyone for coming to the Fayetteville campus of the University of Arkansas. He then thanked Dr. Maria Markham and the AHECB for their higher education leadership. Dr. Steinmetz briefly discussed two large financial gifts that UAF received and their plans for future renovations and programs.

Chairman Allen thanked Dr. Steinmetz for his welcome.

Agenda Item No. 1
Approval of Minutes

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

Agenda Item No. 2
Director's Report

Finance Items

The July board meeting is of great importance to the institutions as the funding recommendations and operating budgets for the next fiscal year are presented for the board's approval, said Markham. The recommendations are the result of the second iteration of the productivity funding model, and will be presented to the legislature over the next few months. Development of these recommendations has kept the ADHE staff very busy in an already busy time of year for the agency. ADHE is preparing our legislative agenda for the general session beginning in January and also currently complying with pre-session reporting requirements.

Masterplan Retreat

ADHE senior staff recently conducted a three-day master plan update retreat. Institutions will receive a progress report on the state master plan goals, the productivity metrics as well as a summary of the higher education legislative agenda items, during the October AHECB meeting. Presidents and chancellors will be invited to attend a strategic planning retreat in late April or early May of 2019 to develop goals and objectives for 2020 – 2025.

ADHE Staff Changes

Dr. Markham announced that Mason Campbell has left ADHE and is now Dean of Students at Pulaski Technical College. ADHE wishes Mason well and are currently in search of his replacement as Academic Affairs Program Specialist, said Markham.

Institutional Changes

Dr. Cam Patterson is the new chancellor at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. Patterson is COO of Weill-Cornell Medical Center of New York Presbyterian Hospital. He began at UAMS on June 1.

Effective July 1, Dr. Jennifer Methvin became the next chancellor of ASU-Beebe. Methvin spent the last four years as president of Crowder College in Neosho, Mo. From 2005-2014.

Policy Makers Award

The College Board presented Dr. Markham with the Policy Makers Award for her efforts in supporting the recent adoption of statewide AP credit policy in Arkansas.

Agenda Item No. 3
Teacher Opportunity Program

In compliance with Act 1258 of 2015, the amendments to the Teacher Opportunity Program (TOP) rules and regulations are presented to AHECB for final adoption.

In accordance with Act 160 of 2017, the amendments to the Teacher Opportunity Program provide for the first priority of awards of funds under this program is the award of reimbursements for additional education in: science, technology, engineering, or mathematics fields; computer science; literacy or reading; prekindergarten education; or special education.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board adopts the rules and regulations presented in this agenda item for the Teacher Opportunity Program to be administered by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education or her designee is authorized to make technical changes and corrections when necessary in the program rules for the Teacher Opportunity Program.

Al Brodell moved to approve Agenda Item No. 3. Dr. Jim Carr seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 4
Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship

In compliance with Act 1258 of 2015, the rules for the Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship are presented to AHECB for final adoption.

In accordance with Act 613 of 2017, the Department of Higher Education shall promulgate rules to implement the Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship. The Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship will provide scholarships to students enrolling in a program of study that leads to an associate degree or a certification in one of the following high-demand fields: (A) Industry; (B) Health Care; (C) Information Technology; and whose program of study will result in the student's being qualified to work in an occupation identified by the Department of Workforce Services. The Department of Workforce Services shall provide annually to the Department of Higher Education by March 1, a list that identifies the five (5) most in-demand occupations in this state in each high-demand field.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board adopts the rules and regulations presented in this agenda item for the Arkansas Workforce Challenge Program, to be administered jointly by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education and approved Arkansas Institutions of Higher Education.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education or her designee is authorized to make technical changes and corrections when necessary in the program rules for the Arkansas Workforce Challenge Program.

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

Agenda Item No. 5
Productivity-Based Funding Distribution

The productivity-based funding formulas were approved by the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB) at its Special Meeting held on May 22, 2017. This report provided the outcomes for each University and College based on the productivity-based funding formulas aforementioned for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board adopts the recommendation for distribution of productivity funding to the Arkansas public institutions of higher education in the 2019-20 fiscal year as included in Table A.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to prepare appropriate documents for transmission to the Governor and the General Assembly of the 2019-20 productivity funding distribution recommendation of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That should any errors of a technical nature be found in this recommendation, the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to make appropriate corrections consistent with the policy established by the Board's action on these recommendations.

Keven Anderson asked Fuller to explain the distribution process and how the 7.4 million is distributed. Fuller said that distribution of new funds is split between the 4-year and 2-year institutions based on the percentage of current funding each receives. Then, within each group of either the 4-year or 2-year institutions, the funding is distributed based on each institution's impact on the growth in productivity.

Greg Revels asked if the funding is going to be at least what it was last year. Fuller said that base-level funding is where they start. The funding is not guaranteed until the final revenue stabilization is drafted and passed into law during the session.

Revels asked how many institutions lost money. Fuller said there were 14 institutions that lost money.

Sam Sicard asked if the 14 institutions were part of the 7.4 million. Fuller said no.

Al Brodell asked if any institutions were affected by the 1.5 percent cap. Fuller explained that nine (9) institutions were affected.

Dr. Jim Carr commented that the new funding is such a small percentage of the total. He said that it appears that if you start off with a small base, you are stuck with a small base.

Keven Anderson moved to approve Agenda Item No. 5. Al Brodell seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 6
Economic Feasibility of Loan Issue
Henderson State University

Henderson State University (HSU) requests approval of the economic feasibility of plans to issue bonds not to exceed \$1.0 million with a maximum term of three (3) years at an estimated annual interest rate not to exceed 5.25 percent. Proceeds from the bond issue will be used for auxiliary purposes. Henderson State University Board of Trustees approved this financing at its meeting on July 18, 2018.

The auxiliary issue will be up to \$1.0 million with an annual debt service of \$1,052,500 and a term of up to three (3) years. Proceeds from the bond issue will be used to fund the renovation of Smith Hall residential facilities. The debt service on the auxiliary bond issues will be supported by auxiliary revenues. Coordinating Board policy regarding debt service for auxiliary projects provides that annual auxiliary revenues should be no less than 120 percent of total annual auxiliary debt service.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board considers economically feasible plans for Henderson State University to issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$1.0 million with a term of three (3) years at an estimated interest rate not to exceed 5.25 percent for auxiliary purposes to fund the renovation of Smith Hall residential facilities.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to notify the President and the Chair of the Board of Trustees of Henderson State University of the Coordinating Board's resolution.

There were no questions.

Greg Revels moved to recommend the approval of Agenda Item No. 6 to the full Board for consideration. Keven Anderson seconded and the Committee approved.

Agenda Item No. 7
Economic Feasibility of Loan Issue
Arkansas Tech University

Arkansas Tech University (ATU) requests approval of the economic feasibility of plans to obtain a loan from the College Savings Bond Revolving Loan Fund in an amount not to exceed \$1.1 million with a term of up to fifteen (15) years at an annual interest rate not to exceed 2.44 percent. Proceeds from the loan will be used for educational and general (E&G) purposes. Arkansas Tech University Board of Trustees approved this financing at its meeting on May 17, 2018.

The E&G loan will not exceed \$1.1 million with an annual debt service of \$88,016 and a term of up to fifteen (15) years. Proceeds from the loan will be used to finance an Energy Performance Project under the guidelines of the Arkansas Energy Performance Contracting (AEPC) Program overseen by the Arkansas Energy Office. The project includes campus-wide energy improvements to include campus HVAC controls and lighting. As required by the AEPC Program, these improvements will generate annual savings guaranteed by the Energy Service Company, which will exceed the total project cost (construction, equipment and financing). Coordinating Board policy regarding debt service for E&G projects provides that a maximum of 25 percent of net tuition and fee revenue less unrestricted E&G scholarship expenditures may be pledged to E&G debt service.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board considers economically feasible plans for Arkansas Tech University to obtain a loan from the College Savings Bond Revolving Loan Fund in an amount not to exceed \$1.1 million with a term of up to fifteen (15) years at an annual interest rate not to exceed 2.44 percent to finance an Energy Performance Project under the guidelines of the Arkansas Energy Performance Contracting (AEPC) Program overseen by the Arkansas Energy Office.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to notify the President and the Chair of the Board of Trustees of Arkansas Tech University of the Coordinating Board's resolution.

There were no questions.

Keven Anderson moved to recommend the approval of Agenda Item No. 7 to the full Board for consideration. Sam Sicard seconded and the Committee approved.

Agenda Item No. 8
Operating Recommendations for 2019-2021 Biennium

A.C.A. §6-61-234 (Act 148 of 2017) directs the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB) to adopt polices developed by the Arkansas Department of Higher

Education (ADHE) necessary to implement a productivity-based funding model for state-supported institutions of higher education.

The operating recommendations are based upon the productivity funding formula policies approved by the AHECB in October 2017 as well as requests submitted by the non-formula entities.

The two-year college and university productivity funding models have been calculated using academic year 2014 through academic year 2017 student data as well as academic year 2013 through academic year 2016 expenditure data reported to and published by the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS). The productivity funding model calculations represent a total productivity increase of 1.34% for two-year colleges and universities, which supports the recommendation for state funding of those institutions of higher education of \$637,941,147 in 2019-20. The total funding recommendation for the non-formula entities is \$230,431,317 in 2019-20.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board adopts the recommendations for state funding of the educational and general operations of Arkansas public institutions of higher education in the 2019-21 biennium as included in Tables 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D and 1E.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to prepare appropriate documents for transmission to the Governor and the General Assembly of the 2019-21 operating recommendations of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That should any errors of a technical nature be found in these recommendations, the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to make appropriate corrections consistent with the policy established by the Board's action on these recommendations.

Al Brodell asked Nick Fuller to explain the difference in the amount that was projected versus what was actually recommended.

Fuller explained that for the current year's funding, we are projecting to need an additional \$860,000 for the productivity side of funding for the institutions. The non-formula institutions are requesting a \$21 million dollar increase, which is similar to past requests. The funding has ran flat for the past couple of years with no increases in funding, said Fuller.

Brodell asked for a definition of a non-formula entity. Fuller said that non-formula entities do not generate FTE's.

Brodell commented on the increase in STEM enrollment and asked if the increase was due to the STEM definition change. Fuller said yes.

Greg Revels moved to recommend the approval of Agenda Item No. 8 to the full Board for consideration. Sam Sicard seconded and the Committee approved.

Agenda Item No. 9
Personal Services Recommendation
for Non-Classified Personnel

A.C.A. §6-61-209 requires the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board to present a consolidated budget request from the state-supported colleges and universities to the General Assembly and the Governor prior to each regular session of the General Assembly. As part of this process, the quantity of positions, titles, and line-item maximum salaries for all non-classified administrative, academic, and auxiliary positions at each Arkansas public institution of higher education have been reviewed, and changes are recommended.

Institutions of higher education, apart from UAMS, have 19,355 positions currently authorized. For the 2019-21 Biennium, institutions requested an increase of 543 positions and the deletion of 251 positions, for a net new request of 292 positions. ADHE staff recommends a net increase of 175 positions, for a total recommendation of 19,530 positions (a 0.9 percent increase). UAMS currently has 8,801 authorized positions and had a net new position request of 254. ADHE staff recommends a net increase of 84 for a total of 8,885 positions.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board adopts the recommended number of positions, titles, and maximum salaries for non-classified positions in academic, administrative, and auxiliary positions for the 2019-21 Biennium as recommended by staff.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to make technical corrections consistent with Coordinating Board action.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Board requests the Director to transmit the Personal Services recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly for consideration for the 2019-21 Biennium.

There were no questions.

Keven Anderson moved to approve Agenda Item No. 9. Sam Sicard seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 10
Recommendations for State funding of
Capital Projects: 2019-2021 Biennium

Capital priorities for General Improvement Fund projects in 2019-21 remain the same as those established in past biennia by the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB). Those priorities are as follows:

- Technology infrastructure improvements including: installations or upgrades of local area networks (LANS), campus infrastructure to support increased bandwidth, and instructional technology equipment for classrooms and laboratories, as well as distance learning delivery systems.
- Critical maintenance projects where critical needs are defined as those which must be addressed before the end of 2021 and which, if neglected, could result in substantial damage to the structural integrity of the building, or are related to the imminent failure of building systems such as HVAC, electrical and plumbing. In addition, critical maintenance projects include those associated with ADA compliance and/or safety needs.
- Improvements in research, instructional and clinical equipment as well as library holdings and technology.
- Renovation of existing facilities to address changing program needs.
- New construction of facilities when renovation of an existing building to meet the need is either not cost effective or is not an option, e.g., new space to address enrollment growth.

In light of these priorities, institutions have responded with capital needs for the 2019-21 biennium. ADHE staff have evaluated the requests and have recommended capital projects that meet the strategic needs of higher education through 2021.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board adopts the staff recommendations for state funding of capital projects totaling \$251.25 million as identified in the accompanying agenda materials.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director is authorized to transmit to the Governor and the General Assembly the Board's recommendation for state funding.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director is authorized to make such technical adjustments to these recommendations as may be required.

Greg Revels commented that out of 1 billion dollars, ADHE is recommending 251 million dollars. Fuller said that is correct.

Revels questioned how that would affect the institutions down the road. Fuller said unfortunately, the funds have dwindled across the state.

Greg Revels moved to approve Agenda Item No. 10. Keven Anderson seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 11
 Certification of Intercollegiate Athletic Budgets
 for 2018-19

A.C.A. §6-62-805 (Act 366 of 1991) requires each state supported institution of higher education to annually certify by June 15 to the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board that its intercollegiate athletic program will generate sufficient revenues to meet expenditures or that any athletic deficit will be met by separate institutional board sanctioned student athletic fees.

Verification of Athletic Budgets and Fee Information

Institutions with intercollegiate athletic programs submitted ADHE Form 21-2, "Certification of Budgeted Athletic Revenues and Expenditures" and proper supporting documentation. ADHE finance staff verified that the athletic data submitted by the institutions matched the overall 2018-19 institutional operating budgets.

A.C.A. §6-62-804 requires that any student athletic fees assessed must be clearly defined in all publications and institutional board minutes, and listed separate and distinct from tuition or other student fees on student tuition and fee statements. All institutions assessing a student athletic fee have certified to the Department compliance with this requirement and have submitted copies of their student fee billing statements illustrating the disclosure of the athletic fee to each student.

There were no questions.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board accepts the Certification of Intercollegiate Athletic Revenues and Expenditures Budgeted for 2018-19 as prepared in accordance with Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board uniform accounting standards and definitions for athletic reporting.

There were no questions.

Greg Revels moved to recommend the approval of Agenda Item No. 11 to the full Board for consideration. Sam Sicard seconded and the Committee approved.

Agenda Item No. 12
 Certificate of Proficiency in Surgical Scrub Technician
 Technical Certificate in Surgical Technology
 Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology
 Ozarka College

The proposed Certificate of Proficiency, Technical Certificate, and Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology will prepare students to work in hospital operating rooms and surgery clinics. Graduates will work as surgical technologists to perform the following duties: prepare operating rooms for surgery, sterilize equipment and make certain that supplies are adequate for surgery, prepare patients for surgery, assist surgeons during surgery, count supplies, and maintain a sterile environment.

Graduates will be eligible to sit for the National Board of Surgery Technology and the Surgical Assisting examination. Ozarka will seek accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Programs (CAAHEP).

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the Certificate of Proficiency in Surgical Scrub Technician (CIP 51.0909; 18 credit hours); Technical Certificate in Surgical Technology (CIP 51.0909; 44 credit hours); Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology (CIP 51.0909; 60 credit hours) offered by Ozarka College, effective August 2019.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Board instructs the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education to inform the President and Chair of the Board of Trustees of Ozarka College of the approval.

There were no questions.

Agenda Item. No. 13

Bachelor of Arts in Teaching in English Education
 Bachelor of Arts in Teaching French Education
 Bachelor of Arts in Teaching German Education
 Bachelor of Arts in Teaching in Social Studies Education
 Bachelor of Arts in Teaching in Spanish Education
 University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

The proposed Bachelor of Arts in Teaching (BAT) degrees will prepare students for teacher licensure at the secondary level in the humanities with pedagogical skills, the content knowledge, and the dispositions for teaching and learning in 21st century classrooms in the areas of English, French, German, Social Studies, or Spanish. The 120 credit hour programs will include 40 hours of pedagogy, 33 hours in the individual content area, 35 hours of required core, and 12 hours of electives. In addition, students will have several field experiences in partner schools, including observations, practicum, student teaching and internship. The proposed BATs are teaching degrees with an education major in the content area.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the Bachelor of Arts in Teaching in English Education; Bachelor of Arts in Teaching French Education; Bachelor of Arts in Teaching German Education; Bachelor of Arts in Teaching in Social Studies Education; and Bachelor of Arts in Teaching in Spanish Education (CIP 13.1205; 120 credit hours) offered by the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, effective Fall 2018.

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

There were no questions.

Agenda Item No. 14
Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity
University of Central Arkansas

The proposed 120 credit hour Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity is designed to produce graduates who can identify, assess, and manage cyber threats. Cybersecurity comprises both the technologies and techniques used to protect information and the underlying systems. The proposed 120 credit hour program will add ten new required courses in cybersecurity. Existing degrees in Computer Science, Management Information Systems, and Political Science will support the proposed program and contribute to a 12-credit hour concentration in Cybersecurity.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity with concentrations in Cybersecurity Strategic Policy; Management of Cybersecurity; and Cyber-Physical Security (CIP 11.1003; 120 credit hours) offered by the University of Central Arkansas, effective August 2018.

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

There were no questions.

Agenda Item No. 15
Approval of Academic Programs: Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute
to East Arkansas Community College

During the regular session of the General Assembly, Act 636 of 2017 set forth the process for a possible merger of Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute (CRTI) to East Arkansas Community College (EACC) if the institutions chose to merge. On July 25, 2017, the Board of Directors of CRTI voted to merge CRTI with EACC with a proposed effective date of August 1, 2017. On July 26, 2017, the Board of Trustees of EACC voted to approve/accept the offer by CRTI's Board to merge with EACC effective August 1, 2017. On July 31, 2017, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB) approved the merger of CRTI and EACC, effective August 1, 2017.

Over the past several months, Arkansas Department of Higher Education staff and the academic affairs officers from CRTI and EACC have discussed the process for the review and approval of the programs that are offered at the technical institute. The following recommendations listed on page two are presented to the Board for consideration. The certificates of proficiency and technical certificates will be added to EACC's AHECB's Approved Degree Programs inventory thereby providing assurance that students in these programs will be eligible to receive federal financial aid.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board approves the attached list of programs for East Arkansas Community College, effective August 2018.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Coordinating Board instructs the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education to inform the President and Chair of the Board of Trustees of East Arkansas Community College of the approval.

There were no questions.

Agenda Item No. 16
Institutional Certification Advisory Committee

Initial Program Certification-Distance Technology

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, 2021.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department 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 Department 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 Department 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.

Fresno Pacific University, Fresno, California
Northcentral University, San Diego, California
San Jose State University, San Jose, California
Trident University International, Cypress, California
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California
Vista College, Richardson, Texas

Initial Program Certification – Arkansas Campuses

Arkansas Colleges of Health Education, Fort Smith, Arkansas
Blue Cliff College, Alexandria, Louisiana
Remington College, Little Rock, Arkansas
Webster University, St. Louis, Missouri

There were no questions.

Dr. Michael Stanton moved to recommend the approval of Agenda Items No.12 – 18 to the full Board for consideration. Dr. Charles Allen seconded and the Committee approved.

Agenda Items No. 17 & 18 Letters of Notification and Letters of Intent

The Director of the Arkansas Department 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 17-1 through 17-61 and in the Letters of Intent on pages 18-1 through 18-6 of the agenda book.

There were no questions.

Report of the Committees

Al Brodell presented the report of the Finance Committee and moved approval of Agenda Items 6 – 11. The board approved.

Dr. Jim Carr presented the report of the Academic Committee and moved approval of Agenda Items 12 – 18. The board approved.

Remarks by Presidents and Chancellors

Chair Allen announced that the next Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board meeting would be held at the Arkansas Department of Higher Education in Little Rock on October 26, 2018.

With no further comments, the meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

APPROVED:

Nichole Abernathy

Sam Sicard, Secretary