

Minutes of Presidents Council Meeting
April 7, 2026

The Presidents Council met at 11:00 a.m. on April 7, 2026, via conference call. Executive Council members present by phone call were Houston Davis (co-chair), Jennifer Methvin (co-chair), Tyrone Jackson, Brian Shonk, Charles Robinson, Wade Derden and Terisa Riley. Todd Shields was unable to attend.

Houston Davis began by announcing that Brian Shonk, Jennifer Methvin, Terisa Riley, and Houston Davis were re-appointed to the Council.

Tyrone Jackson moved to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2026, meeting. Brian Shonk seconded, and the council unanimously concurred.

Review of AHECB Agenda

Presidents Council members reviewed the agenda items for the April 24, 2026, Coordinating Board meeting. The finance agenda included the Distribution of Mineral Lease Funds. Nick Fuller noted that an Economic Feasibility of Bond Issue by the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, was added to the synopsis.

The academic agenda included: Certificate of General Studies; Associate of Applied Science in Artificial Intelligence by Northwest Arkansas Community College; Associate of Applied Science in Nursing by South Arkansas College; Master of Library and Information Studies in Library Information Studies by the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville; Master of Science in Outdoor Recreation and Sport Tourism by the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville; Bachelor of Science in Artificial Intelligence by the University of Arkansas at Little Rock; Master of Science in Cybersecurity by the University of Arkansas at Little Rock; Certificate of Proficiency in Artificial Intelligence, Technical Certificate in Artificial Intelligence, Certificate of Proficiency in Software Engineering, Technical Certificate in Software Engineering, Certificate of Proficiency in Cyber-Informed Engineering by the Cyber Learning Network Consortium; Arkansas Public Institutions Letters of Notification and Letters of Intent; Out-of-State and Arkansas Private Institutions, and the Out-of-State and Arkansas Private Institutions Letters of Notification and Letters of Intent.

The Annual Report on Student Retention and Graduation and the Annual Report on Student-Athlete Retention and Graduation were also on the agenda.

Jennifer Methvin moved to approve the review of the agenda for the April 24 AHECB meeting. Terisa Riley seconded, and the council unanimously concurred.

Information Items

Commissioner Warden said the Fiscal Legislative Session would start on April 8. He also noted that the One application for high school students is progressing nicely and was currently being tested on public and private institutions. Warden also reminded institutions to send ADHE photos of their 250 flags.

Announcements

The Council members agreed to cancel the May 5 and June 2 meetings. The next Presidents Council meeting will be July 7, 2026.

The next AHECB will be on Friday, April 24, 2026, at Ozarka College in Melbourne.

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.