Minutes of Presidents Council Meeting October 7, 2025

The Presidents Council met at 11:00 a.m. on October 7, 2025, via conference call. Executive Council members present by phone were Houston Davis (co-chair), Jennifer Methvin (co-chair), Tyrone Jackson, Brian Shonk, Wade Derden, and Terisa Riley. Charles Robinson and Todd Shields were unable to attend.

Wade Derden moved to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2025, meeting. Jennifer Methvin seconded, and the council unanimously concurred.

Review of AHECB Agenda

Presidents Council members reviewed the agenda items for the October 24, 2025, Coordinating Board meeting. The finance section included the Report on Intercollegiate Athletic Revenues and Expenditures, Recommendation for Distribution of Productivity Funding for State-Supported Institutions, Bond/Loan Feasibility Update and Economic Feasibilities for South Arkansas College and the University of Central Arkansas.

The academic section included: Certificate of Proficiency in Construction Trades and Technical Certificate in Construction Trades by Arkansas State University-Beebe; Associate of Applied Science in Outdoor Recreation, Technical Certificate in Outdoor Recreation, Certificate of Proficiency in Foundations in Outdoor Recreation, Certificate of Proficiency in Mountain Biking & Trail Maintenance, Certificate of Proficiency in Outdoor Maintenance, Certificate of Proficiency in Outdoor Recreation Activities, Certificate of Proficiency in Outdoor Recreation Management, Certificate of Proficiency in Tourism & Hospitality and Certificate of Proficiency in Wilderness Safety from National Park College; Associate of Applied Science in Uncrewed Aerial Systems and Data Applications, Technical Certificate in Uncrewed Aerial Systems and Data Applications and Certificate of Proficiency in Uncrewed Aerial Systems from North Arkansas College; 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 Report on Academic Program Review, Report on Concurrent Enrollment Academic Program Policy Update, Prevention of Sexual Assault on Campus and Prevention of Unplanned Pregnancies on College Campuses, were also on the agenda.

Terisa Riley moved to approve the review of the agenda for the October 24, 2025, AHECB meeting. Tyrone Jackson seconded, and the council unanimously concurred.

Information Items

Commissioner Warden reported that ADHE was in the process of relocating to the Capitol Mall. He also stated that Dr. Brendan Kelly would provide an ASU System overview during the quarterly board meeting.

Announcements

The Council members agreed to cancel the November 4 and December 2 meetings. The next Presidents Council meeting will be January 6, 2026.

The next AHECB will be on Friday, October 24, 2025, at Arkansas State University - Beebe.

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.