

ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD
Special Meeting
October 14, 2024

Minutes of Meeting

The October 14, 2024, special meeting of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB) was via zoom. Chair Graycen Bigger called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., with a quorum present.

Coordinating Board present:

Graycen Bigger, Chair
Dr. Jerry Cash, Vice Chair
Dr. Jim Carr
Heather Maxey
Lucas Pointer
Carolyn Rhinehart

Coordinating Board absent:

Dr. Kyle Miller, Secretary
Dr. Katherine Dudley
Chad Hooten

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

Agenda Item No. 1
Rules Governing the Osteopathic Rural Medical Practice
Student Loan and Scholarship Board

In compliance with Act 857 of 2019 and Act 725 of 2023, the rules for the Osteopathic Rural Medical Practice Student Loan and Scholarship Board are presented to the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB) for final approval.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board reviews the rules presented in this agenda item for the Osteopathic Rural Medical Practice Student Loan and Scholarship Board to be administered by the Arkansas Division of Higher Education.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commissioner of the Arkansas Division of Higher Education or his designee is authorized to make technical changes and corrections, when necessary, in the program rules for the Osteopathic Rural Medical Practice Student Loan and Scholarship Board.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Osteopathic Rural Medical Practice Student Loan and Scholarship Board rules be approved.

There were no questions.

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

Agenda Item No. 2
Rules Governing the Emergency Response Equipment and
Training at Arkansas Institutions of Higher Education

In compliance with Act 737 and 811 of 2023, the rules for the Emergency Response Equipment and Training at Arkansas Institutions of Higher Education are presented to the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB) for final approval.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board reviews the rules presented in this agenda item for the Emergency Response Equipment and Training at Arkansas Institutions of Higher Education to be administered by the Arkansas Division of Higher Education.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commissioner of the Arkansas Division of Higher Education or his designee is authorized to make technical changes and corrections, when necessary, in the program rules for the Emergency Response Equipment and Training at Arkansas Institutions of Higher Education.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Emergency Response Equipment and Training at Arkansas Institutions of Higher Education rules be approved.

There were no questions.

Dr. Jim Carr moved to approve Agenda Item No. 2. Carolyn Rhinehart seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Agenda Item No. 3
Rules Governing the Student Undergraduate
Research Fellowship

In compliance with Act 413 and 870 of 2023, the rules for the Student Undergraduate Research Fellowship are presented to the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB) for final approval.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board reviews the rules presented in this agenda item for the Student Undergraduate Research Fellowship to be administered by the Arkansas Division of Higher Education.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commissioner of the Arkansas Division of Higher Education or his designee is authorized to make

technical changes and corrections, when necessary, in the program rules for the Student Undergraduate Research Fellowship.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Student Undergraduate Research Fellowship rules be approved.

There were no questions.

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

Agenda Item No. 4
Rules Governing the Governor's Higher Education
Transition Scholarship Program

In compliance with Acts 413 of 2023, the rule for the Governor's Higher Education Transition Scholarship Program is presented to the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB) for final approval.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board reviews the rule presented in this agenda item for the Governor's Higher Education Transition Scholarship Program to be administered by the Arkansas Division of Higher Education.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commissioner of the Arkansas Division of Higher Education or his designee is authorized to make technical changes and corrections, when necessary, in the rule for the Governor's Higher Education Transition Scholarship Program.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Governor's Higher Education Transition Scholarship Program rule be approved for final approval.

There were no questions.

Dr. Jim Carr moved to approve Agenda Item No. 4. Carolyn Rhinehart seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Remarks by Presidents/Chancellors and Guest

Chair Bigger thanked ADHE staff for the great job they are doing promoting higher education and awarding scholarships to Arkansans.

Commissioner Warden thanked the board for having a special meeting to approve these scholarships. He noted that if not approved during a special meeting, scholarship awards would be delayed.

The next quarterly meeting will be held on October 25, 2024, at the University of Arkansas Community College in Batesville, at 9:00 a.m.

With no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Nichole Abernathy

APPROVED:

Dr. Kyle Miller, Secretary