

State Board of Private Career Education

Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

Members Present: Alice Obenshain, Brock Thompson, Jacqueline Brownell, Jasmine Wilson, Sterling Penix, Jack Avery

Others Present: Alana Boles, Julie Chavis, Tracye McKeown

Welcome and Approval of Minutes of the January 25, 2023 Meeting

Chair Alice Obenshain asked for a motion to approve the January 25, 2023, minutes as amended to clarify the U. S. Department of Education Rule 90/10. All were in favor.

Report of Private Career Education Work at ADHE

Alana Boles reported that the request to renew licenses has gone out to approximately 175 private career education schools. Ms. Boles added that renewal forms and license fees will be collected as well as enrollment and tuition reports from each school.

Tracye McKeown reported that over 70 transcripts were sent out in the months of February, March and April. Ms. McKeown stated that in addition to sending out the student transcripts, she also sends emails daily to students and colleges notifying them when a requested transcript is not located. Ms. McKeown added that she gets several calls a day from students requesting transcripts from Eastern College of Health Vocations.

Ms. Boles said she and Ms. McKeown are going through over 50 boxes of student records from Eastern College of Health Vocations delivered to ADHE and that it is a slow process due to other work duties.

Update on Changes at the Division of Higher Education

Ms. Boles informed the board that the Director of ADHE, Dr. Maria Markham, is no longer with the agency and there is a search for a new director. Ms. Boles added that ADHE is part of the Arkansas Department of Education and Jacob Oliva is the Secretary of Education and ADHE is continuing with the work of the agency and Private Career Education schools.

There being no input from the board, Chair Alice Obenshain asked for a motion to adjourn. Sterling Penix made a motion to adjourn. Jacqueline Brownell seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m.