

Minutes

State Board of Private Career Education

Arkansas Division of Higher Education – Meeting by Phone

November 1, 2021 – 2:00 p.m.

Members Present: Alice Obenshain, Brittney Matthews, Brock Thompson, Jasmine Wilson, Jack Avery, Sterling Penix, Ross White

Others Present: Julie Chavis, Alana Boles, Dr. Eric Flowers

Welcome and Approval of Minutes of April 29 Meeting

Alice Obenshain called the meeting to order and called roll. She asked if anyone had any comments or questions regarding the minutes from the last meeting. Jasmine Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 29 meeting and Brock Thompson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

New Member Introduction

Alana Boles introduced a new member, Ross White, the director of the Division of Career and Technical Education at the Arkansas Department of Education. White said his division oversees K through 12 career and technical programs and some post-secondary program. He said the division also oversees \$14 million of the Federal Perkins Loan Program. White said before he came to the division, he was a high school principal.

Report from Arkansas Division of Higher Education (ADHE) Staff

Boles introduced Dr. Eric Flowers, the new assistant director of Academic Affairs. Flowers said he had worked in the Arkansas Department of Education Director Office and that it was his first day.

Boles said the office has received more applications from new schools in areas such as heavy equipment operation, certified nursing assistant, dental assisting, medical coding, and welding. She added that they continue to receive inquiries from individuals on how to open CDL schools.

When the State Board of Private Career Education merged with ADHE, they inherited the transcripts from a large amount of closed schools. The office continues to receive requests from students, wanting copies of their transcripts.

Thompson expressed his appreciation of the ADHE staff in their work in Private Career Education.

Meeting Adjourned

With a motion from Sterling Penix and a second from Jack Avery, the meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m.