

## **Arkansas Apprenticeship Coordination Steering Committee August 2022 Special Called Meeting Minutes**

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Meeting called to order at 11:01 am on August 12<sup>th</sup>, by Chairwoman Breashears (via GoToMeeting )

### **Roll Call:**

**Present: Greg Aleshire, Bill Allison, Karen Breashears, Nanci Caillouet, Ed Carrington, Kathy Fulks, Heath Harris, Bill Roachell, Kelley Sharp, and David Stephens**

**Absent: Mary Beth Hatch**

**Guest: Director Waits-OSD, Dr. Hamby-OSD, Derrick Daniels-OSD, Donna Lyon, Don Bellcock-OSD, Rocky Mantooth, Bo James, Casey Long-FSEJATC, Sen. English, Roger Chaple-Ark College of Electricity, Todd Turner and Tondra Love**

### **Agenda Item:**

**Discuss the laws, regulations, guidelines, and policies related to the information provided by Office of Skills Development to AACSC members during the August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding transferring \$191,364.00 from Traditional Apprenticeship Funds to the state's general fund.**

**1:45 minute mark- Mr. Daniels stated why the amount of TA funds, that had not been allocated, had changed.**

**4:30 minute mark- Chairwoman Breashears asked OSD to please walk the committee through the process of why the remaining funds were not disbursed and/or why the committee was not notified that those funds would not be disbursed. Director Waits responded.**

**6:10 minute mark- Chairwoman Breashears asked Director Waits why was this decision made without informing the committee. Director Waits responded.**

**13:50 minute mark- David Stephens asked if anyone at OSD had ever thought it was the intention of this committee to turn back funds that had been allocated for apprenticeship in the state of Arkansas. Director Waits responded.**

**15:10 minute mark- David Stephens stated that Act 647 says OSD will furnish the committee with data to develop a plan. With that being said, How is the committee supposed to develop a plan if the committee is given the data after the fact. Director Waits responded.**

**16:42 minute mark- David Stephens stated that Act 647 says that agencies will cooperate with committees and in all of his years on this committee, he has never seen less cooperation from a state agency.**

**17:40 minute mark- Ed Carrington stated that he had yet to hear an explanation as to why the committee was not made a part of the decision to turn back the funds. Director Waits responded.**

**20:25 minute mark- Heath Harris stated that in the past, purchased services applicants had to turn in receipts. Due to covid, there were additional expenses that this money could have helped cover.**

**23:50 minute mark- Chairwoman Breashears asked, what are the steps and procedures that the committee needs to take to make sure this never happens again. What are the steps we need take to make sure that OSD and this committee follow the law and collaborate with each other. Director Waits responded.**

**30:40 minute mark- Nanci Caillouet asked if the AACSC will be involved in how the money, made available by Director Waits today, will be disbursed. Director Waits responded.**

**31:09 minute mark- Nanci Caillouet stated that based on Director Waits' response, no the AACSC would not be involved in making that decision. Director Waits responded.**

**32:00 minute mark- Nanci Caillouet expressed her concern that OSD and the AACSC were to work in conjunction to distribute apprenticeship funds and now OSD is wanting to control all aspects of the funding. Director Waits responded.**

**34:45 minute mark- Nanci Caillouet asked Director Waits if he viewed the AACSC as an advisory committee. Director Waits replied.**

**37:35 minute mark- Nanci Caillouet suggested two possible avenues to get past the current communication block. One would be to have a retreat where OSD and the committee members get together and learn the rules and regulations together and come to a consensus to work together. And two, to have someone set in on the meetings to insure that the committee and OSD are following all guidelines. Director Waits responded.**

**39:40 minute mark- Bill Roachell stated that to Nanci's second point, a committee that he had been on previously would have a representative from the Governor's Office or the AG's office at each meeting.**

**41:41 minute mark- There was a motion by Kathy Fulks and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nanci Caillouet to approach the deputy AG, who oversees boards, commissions, and state agencies to participate in future meetings and advise us on proper rules and regulations. Motion Passed.**

**43:15 minute mark- Nanci Caillouet asked if, at the next meeting, we schedule a time for a retreat. Chairwoman Breashears stated that each of the new members, based on existing by-laws, needs to attend a new member training. This will be added to the agenda of the September meeting.**

**45:10 minute mark- There was a motion by Heath Harris and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy Fulks to request a monthly report of TA and CT funds, from OSD, so the AACSC**

can make better informed decisions on how we spend those funds in the future.  
**Motion Passed.**

**48:10 minute mark- There was a discussion between Nanci Caillouet, Chairwoman Breashears, and Director Waits regarding the additional requirements each program will be forced to adhere to for the opportunity to apply for the funding Director Waits made available today.**

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 11:58 am.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 1<sup>st</sup> @ 12:30pm via GoToMeeting, (unless otherwise notified)

Sincerely,

Greg Aleshire  
Secretary, AACSC