

Arkansas Apprenticeship Coordination Steering Committee December 2022 Meeting Minutes

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Meeting called to order at 12:30 pm on December 1st, by Chairwoman Breashears (via GoToMeeting)

Roll Call:

Present: Greg Aleshire, Bill Allison, Karen Breashears, Nanci Caillouet, Heath Harris, Mary Beth Hatch, Bill Roachell, Kelley Sharp, and David Stephens

Absent: Ed Carrington

Guest: Charles Lyford-OSD, Derrick Daniels-OSD, Donna Lyon, Linda Rushing, Sheri Overstreet, Don Bellcock-OSD, Mark McManus-OSD, David Wallace-OSD, Rocky Mantooth, Tondra Love, Director Waits, and Zach Sloan

Previous Month's Meeting Minutes:

-There was a motion by Bill Allison and a 2nd by Heath Harris to approve the minutes from the November meeting as presented. Motion passed.

Informational Items:

**DOL-OA, Mr. Prather reported,
Begins at 1:53 minute-mark**

-Mr. Prather was not able to attend today's meeting, however he had forwarded his report to Chairwoman Breashears for her to present to the committee.

Current Numbers.

Mr. Prather's spreadsheet is attached.

Active Programs – 133

New Apprentices – 359

Total Apprentices – 8045

Suspended – 3

Cancellations – 102

Completed – 83

Employers – 816

These numbers are based on an October 1, 2022 beginning date!!

OSD-OA Reports, Mr. Daniels reported

TA Monthly Financial Report

Begins at 3:27 minute-mark

-See attached report from OSD

Starting budget \$1,654,000.00

Paid Out (as of 11/21/22) \$317,985.05

Current Balance \$1,415,307.70

CT Monthly Financial Report

Begins at 4:57 minute-mark

-See attached report from OSD

Starting budget \$760,000.00

Approved to date \$165,912.38

Current balance \$597,087.62

-Discussion followed.

OSD Grant Update

Begins at 12:30 minute-mark

-See attached Report from OSD and OSD's supplemental grant application form for each program that applied.

Total amount requested by Programs- \$176,751.38

Total amount approved by Director Waits- \$52,318.20

-Chairwoman Breashears asked if none of the other TA funding guidelines, other than instructor pay, were considered in the approval process. Mr. Daniels stated that was correct.

-Chairwoman Breashears asked why the other items were not approved. She then stated that she had not applied for one of these grants but wanted to know why items that fell under the approved TA funding guidelines were not approved.

-At the 17:55 minute-mark, discussion begins regarding the differences between approved TA funding guidelines and this grant's approved items.

-At the 22:27 minute-mark, Kelley Sharp asked if this was going to be a "writing on the wall" for the future of TA funding from OSD. Director Waits responded, OSD will primarily reimburse instructor expenses and the 15% admin. cost, if funds are still available at the end of the year.

-At the 23:50 minute-mark, Chairwoman Breashears asked about the other TA funding guidelines that specifically list items previously approved. Director Waits responded, if we have funds remaining, after the 15% admin. cost, we would continue to make those available.

-At the 27:30 minute-mark, David Stephens asked if there is a place programs can go to look a possible grants OSD offers. Mr. Daniels and Director Waits responded, usually OSD grants are more "employer driven".

OSD Director's Report

Begins at 35:00 minute-mark

-Director Waits presented a power point on why to consider transitioning to an SAA State.

- At the 1:00:10 minute-mark, Chairwoman Breashears asked if OSD has officially sent in the request to the USDOL to make the transition to SAA. Director Waits stated no.

- At the 1:01:25 minute-mark, Chairwoman Breashears asked if the state negotiates with the USDOL, that does effect some of the reciprocity standings with other states, so will OSD be looking to change ratios. Director Waits responded that will be a case-by-case basis.

-At the 1:05:45 minute-mark, David Stephens asked about what will keep the ratios from changing after the state has become an SAA state. Director Waits responded, we are not going to do anything that will impact an apprentice's opportunity to work in another state and we will adhere to federal guidelines to make sure an apprentices status is recognized on a national level.

-At the 1:10:09 minute-mark, David Stephens stated that, as of late, the OSD office has not given a lot of consideration to the opinions of this committee, which is a committee put together by law to advise on these matters. In the last couple of years, it's easy to put together a list of the things that OSD has done, without notification or consideration of this committee. So, if there are no "guardrails" on whoever is in that position, there will even be less consideration of this committee. Director Waits responded he did not foresee hindering an electrical apprentice or journeyman from working in another state.

-At the 1:15:37 minute-mark, Heath Harris asked who decides when to pull the trigger on the conversion to SAA and when. Director Waits stated that is why he is presenting this to us today. The CEWD board is wanting to have this discussion again at their December board meeting.

-At the 1:16:40 minute-mark, Chairwoman Breashears stated that this committee had voted not to approve the transition to an SAA state in October of 2021 and asked if Director Waits was wanting, or needing, the support of this committee. Director Waits stated that he wanted the support of this committee.

-At the 1:29:10 minute-mark, Bill Roachell asked if this transition could take place through an Executive Order from Governor Sanders, if it was not re-worked through legislation. Director Waits responded, that was certainly an option.

-At the 1:32:05 minute-mark, Greg Aleshire asked if this transition to SAA was on the docket for the December meeting of the CEWD board. Director Waits responded that he had not seen a finalized agenda yet, but yes it probably would be.

-At the 1:33:25 minute-mark, Greg Aleshire asked if the AACSC will need to possibly meet again before the CEWD board meeting, to vote on this again, as there were three members not currently present. Director Waits responded, regardless of position, he would ask that the board find a time to have this action done.

-At the 1:35:35 minute-mark, Bill Roachell asked if this committee votes no, or does not support this transition, that does not stop the process and that does not mean you are going to drop this all together. Director Waits responded, correct.

-At the 1:37:05 minute-mark, Chairwoman Breashears asked if OSD had the data that was collected from programs and employers regarding the possible transition. Director Waits responded that he was not familiar with that document, he guessed.

Discussion of Director Waits rejection of AACSC recommendation

Begins at 1:39:00 minute-mark

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Boards and Commissions

Begins at 1:52:20 minute-mark

-Chairwoman Breashears stated that each member that has a term expiring in December of 2022, will need to reapply to be eligible to be reappointed. Greg Aleshire asked if Chairwoman Breashears will send each current member a link to the website. She stated she would do so.

Agenda Items:

CT Grant Applications

Begins at 1:55:20 minute-mark

-Grant sheet is attached.

CT-23-25: there was a motion by Greg Aleshire and a 2nd by Heath Harris to approve in the amount of \$237.05, Motion Passed.

CT-23-26: there was a motion by Heath Harris and a 2nd by Greg Aleshire to approve in the amount of \$4,104.74, Motion Passed.

CT-23-27: there was a motion by Greg Aleshire and a 2nd by Kelley Sharp to approve in the amount of \$107.75, Motion Passed.

CT-23-28: there was a motion by Kelley Sharp and a 2nd by Greg Aleshire to approve in the amount of \$1,221.04, Motion Passed.

CT-23-29: there was a motion by Greg Aleshire and a 2nd by Bill Roachell to approve in the amount of \$870.56, Motion Passed. Heath Harris abstained.

CT-23-30: there was a motion by Heath Harris and a 2nd by Greg Aleshire to approve in the amount of \$1,543.69, Motion Passed.

CT-23-31: there was a motion by Kelley Sharp and a 2nd by Greg Aleshire to approve in the amount of \$4,825.08, Motion Passed.

CT-23-32: there was a motion by Greg Aleshire and a 2nd by Bill Roachell to approve in the amount of \$63,630.10. Motion Passed.

CT-23-33: there was a motion by Kelley Sharp and a 2nd by Heath Harris to approve in the amount of \$941.76. Motion Passed.

CT-23-34: there was a motion by Greg Aleshire and a 2nd by Bill Roachell to approve in the amount of \$1,388.70. Motion Passed.

CT-23-35: there was a motion by Greg Aleshire and a 2nd by Kelley Sharp to approve in the amount of \$1,402.91. Motion Passed.

CT-23-36: there was a motion by Heath Harris and a 2nd by Greg Aleshire to approve in the amount of \$438.47. Motion Passed.

CT-23-37: there was a motion by Greg Aleshire and a 2nd by Heath Harris to approve in the amount of \$1,368.33. Motion Passed.

CT-23-38: there was a motion by Greg Aleshire and a 2nd by Kelley Sharp to approve in the amount of \$673.34. Motion Passed.

CT-23-39: there was a motion by Kelley Sharp and a 2nd by Heath Harris to approve in the amount of \$51.00. Motion Passed.

-At the 2:09:00 minute-mark, there was a discussion regarding a possible special called meeting or to let the previous vote stand.

-Bill Roachell stated that his recommendation was to let the current vote stand. He did not see that it's going to change that much, it's still going to be denied.

-Heath Harris stated that he thought we should let the current vote stand, it's a moot point anyway, he's going to take it on ahead anyway.

-There was a motion by Greg Aleshire and a 2nd by Heath Harris to let stand the AACSC's previous vote, from October of 2021, that we do not support transitioning to an SAA state. Motion Passed.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 2:43 pm

The next meeting is scheduled for January 5th @ 12:30pm via GoToMeeting,
(unless otherwise notified)

Sincerely,

Greg Aleshire
Secretary, AACSC