

## **Arkansas Apprenticeship Coordination Steering Committee January 2022 Meeting Minutes**

For a complete record of the meeting, attached is the link to the audio recording.

Meeting called to order at 12:34 pm on January 6th, by Chairwoman Breashears (via GoToMeeting )

### **Roll Call:**

**Present: Greg Aleshire, Karen Breashears, Nanci Caillouet, Kathy Fulks, Bill Roachell, and David Stephens**

**Absent: Kelley Sharp**

**Guest: Reuben Gage, AJ Hart, Dona Lyon, Tondra Love, Derrick Daniels-OSD, Mark McManus-OSD, Randy Prather-USDOL, Rocky Mantooth, Dr. Hamby-OSD, and OSD Director Waits**

### **Previous Month's Meeting Minutes:**

- There was a motion by Nanci Caillouet and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Stephens to approve the minutes from the December meeting as presented. Motion passed.
- There was a motion by Kathy Fulks and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nanci Caillouet to approve the minutes from the Special called meeting on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Motion passed.

### **Agenda Items:**

#### **Begins at the 3:35 minute mark**

- Election of Officers- There was a motion by Nanci Caillouet and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Stephens to elect Karen Breashears as Chair, Kathy Fulks as Vice-Chair, and Greg Aleshire as Secretary. Motion passed.
- There was a motion by Greg Aleshire and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Stephens to approve the stipend amount of \$50 per meeting and permitted mileage in accordance with the current state rate. Motion passed

-There was a motion by Greg Aleshire and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nanci Caillouet to approve the AACSC Mission Statement, attached. Motion passed.

### **CT Applications:**

**Full discussions of the CT Applications begin at the 10:45 minute mark**

-CT-22-20240; There was a motion by Nanci Caillouet and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg Aleshire to approve in the amount of \$9,158.20. Motion Passed.

-CT-22-20241; There was a motion by Kathy Fulks and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nanci Caillouet to approve in the amount of \$311.80. Motion Passed. David Stephens abstained.

-CT-22-20242; There was a motion by Greg Aleshire and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy Fulks to approve in the amount of \$177.35. Motion Passed. David Stephens abstained.

-CT-22-20243; There was a motion by Nanci Caillouet and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Stephens to approve in the amount of \$47,780.24. Motion Passed.

-CT-22-20244; There was a motion by Kathy Fulks and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nanci Caillouet to approve in the amount of \$47,176.18. Motion Passed.

-CT-22-20245; There was a motion by Greg Aleshire and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Stephens to approve in the amount of \$7,296.60. Motion Passed.

-CT-22-20246; There was a motion by Nanci Caillouet and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg Aleshire to approve in the amount of \$2,232.23. Motion Passed.

-CT-22-20247; There was a motion by Greg Aleshire and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy Fulks to approve in the amount of \$1,608.77. Motion Passed.

-CT-22-20248; There was a motion by Greg Aleshire and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nanci Caillouet to approve in the amount of \$3,680.69. Motion Passed.

-CT-22-20249; There was a motion by Kathy Fulks and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg Aleshire to approve in the amount of \$1,323.58. Motion Passed.

**Guest Speaker: Danny McKnight,  
Trade & Industry Advisor, SkillsUSA, State Director**

**Begins at the 31:45 minute-mark**

-Mr. McKnight stated that due to the Covid-19 outbreak, the 2020 spring conference had to be cancelled. The 2021 spring conference had to be held virtually and had less than 300 participants. They are hoping to have 2,000 for the in-person spring conference in 2022 and are expecting an increase in the number of construction participants.

-Mr. McKnight asked if it would be possible for the AACSC to provide funding for the lunches for approximately 250 participants in the construction related fields at \$20 each. Chairwoman Breashears asked if Bill or Kathy would assist with the CT application for this. Kathy agreed to it.

**U.S. DOL-OA, Mr. Prather reported:**

**Begins at the 41:00 minute mark**

Active Programs 122  
Apprentices 7399  
New Apprentices 383  
Suspended 22  
Cancellations 335  
Completed Apprentices 91  
Employers 741

**\*\*These numbers are based on 10-1-21 start date\*\***

-Several individuals across the state have put in their applications for apprenticeship ambassador.

-There are new entities that will be adding apprenticeship in the near future.

**Mark McManus reported on:**

**Begins at the 43:30 minute mark**

- Infrastructure Bill passed by Congress
- Broadband expansion throughout state
- Truck driver shortage and the 90-day challenge made by the White House
- Teacher shortage and the teacher residency program
- Building America Grant Program

**OSD-OA, Mr. Daniels reported on:**

**Begins at the 52:35 minute mark**

-Amount of TA funds sent out \$657,157.00 thru the end of November.

- Amount of CT funds approved to date \$317,850.73 and of that \$298,165.60 has been disbursed.
- Database available for testing in the near future
- Accompanied Mr. Bellcock on a program audit.

**Revised Funding Guidelines:**

- Attached are the revisions to the funding guidelines from the special called meeting in December.

**Future Meetings:**

- Discussion about having future meeting hosted by different programs at their locations.

**Other/Old Business:**

- email from the Build My Future NWA

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 1:44 pm

The next meeting is scheduled for February 3rd @ 12:30pm via GoToMeeting, unless otherwise notified,

Sincerely,

Greg Aleshire  
Secretary, AACSC