

## **Arkansas Apprenticeship Coordination Steering Committee April 2023 Meeting Minutes**

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Meeting called to order at 12:30pm on April 6<sup>th</sup>, by Chairwoman Breashears (via GoToMeeting)

### **Roll Call:**

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

**Absent: Nanci Caillouet and Mary Beth Hatch**

**Guest: Kathy Fulks-ACEF, Zach Sloan-ACEF, Dudley Light, US-DOL, Cynthia McLain, US-DOL, Mike Rogers-Chief Workforce Officer, Patricia Sanderson-BRTC, Rocky Mantoath-NATF, Bo James-AEI, Sheri Overstreet-ACE, Tondra Love-CAR ATC, Cynthia Gleghorn, Stephanie Isaacs-OSD, Derrick Daniels-OSD, Don Bellcock-OSD,**

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

-There was a motion by Ed Carrington and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kelley Sharp to approve the minutes from the March meeting as presented. Motion passed.

**Agenda Item #2 DOL-OA, Mrs. Cynthia McLain reported,  
Begins at the 1:30 minute-mark.**

-Chairwoman Breashears introduced Mrs. Cynthia McLain to the committee. Mrs. McLain will be the new US-DOL State Director for Arkansas, after the retirement of Mr. Randy Praither. Memorandum from Mr. Dudley Light is attached.

-Chairwoman Breashears stated that in some states the programs can transfer students themselves in RAPIDS, Arkansas is currently not providing that option. Mrs. McLain will be looking into why Arkansas does not and report back to the committee in the future.

Current Numbers, see attachment.

Active Programs – 150

New Apprentices – 1305

Total Apprentices – 8103

Suspended – 13

Cancellations – 805

Completed – 357

Employers – 873

### **Agenda Item #3 OSD-OA Reports**

**Begins at the 5:40 minute-mark.**

#### **TA Monthly Financial Report**

-See attached report from OSD

Starting budget                    \$1,654,000.00

Paid Out (as of 3/29/23)       \$1,029,090.45

Current Balance                    \$601,669.55

#### **CT Monthly Financial Report**

-See attached report from OSD

Starting budget       \$760,000.00

Approved to date    \$490,603.70

Current balance      \$269,396.30

-Mr. Daniels stated there will be a balance of \$126,332.70 if all CT applications from today's meeting, and what OSD currently has for the May AACSC meeting are approved.

Mr. Bellcock stated his classroom visits have been going very well.

#### **Agenda Item #4 OSD Director's Report**

**Begins at the 10:00 minute-mark.**

-Director Waits was not available at the time of the meeting.

#### **Agenda Item #5 Open Discussion**

**Begins at the 11:15 minute-mark.**

-Mr. Bellcock announced that Mr. Mike Rogers, the new Chief Workforce Officer for the State of Arkansas, was in attendance for today's meeting. Welcome Mr. Rogers, and thank you for taking the time today to meet with this committee, we look forward to working with you in the future.

-Chairwoman Breashears announced that Mr. Dudley Light, the Regional Director of the Office of Apprenticeship for US-DOL, was in attendance for today's meeting as well.

#### Legislation update

-HB1395 would create an Advanced Electricity Jobs Task Force.

-HB1492 would increase the tax credit from \$2,000 to \$3,000

-SB425 has been deferred in committee.

-Kathy Fulks asked about HB1823, which affects FOI. Mrs. Isaacs stated that HB1823 had not made it out of committee on the morning of the meeting. Mr. Roachell provided a link to a story regarding HB1823.

#### Electrical license legal information from Mr. L.M. Moore

-Mr. Moore was not available for today's meeting. Chairwoman Breashears gave his report. Mr. Moore's written response, regarding electronically deactivating an apprentice's license, is attached.

#### New plumbing apprenticeship curriculum

-Chairwoman Breashears stated that at the SPAC meeting, held earlier that day, the committee had made a change to the committee action form to reinstating or deactivate an apprentice.

-In May the SPAC will be looking into adding a third approved plumbing curriculum.

**Agenda Item #6 CT Grant Applications- see attachment.**

**Begins at the 30:45 minute-mark.**

CT-23-61: there was a motion by Greg Aleshire and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Allison to approve in the amount of \$8,073.10. Motion Passed. David Stephens abstained.

CT-23-62: there was a motion by Bill Allison and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Heath Harris to approve in the amount of \$7,848.76. Motion Passed. David Stephens abstained.

CT-23-63: there was a motion by Greg Aleshire and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Carrington to approve in the amount of \$4,268.75. Motion Passed. David Stephens abstained.

CT-23-64: there was a motion by Heath Harris and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Carrington to approve in the amount of \$4,869.74. Motion Passed. David Stephens abstained.

CT-23-65: there was a motion by Ed Carrington and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg Aleshire to approve in the amount of \$5,987.04. Motion Passed. David Stephens abstained.

CT-23-66: there was a motion by Heath Harris and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg Aleshire to approve in the amount of \$5,826.98. Motion Passed. David Stephens abstained.

CT-23-67: there was a motion by Kelley Sharp and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Stephens to approve in the amount of \$241.27. Motion Passed.

CT-23-68: there was a motion by David Stephens and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg Aleshire to approve in the amount of \$805.00. Motion Passed. Bill Roachell abstained.

CT-23-70: there was a motion by David Stephens and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Carrington to approve in the amount of \$1,861.91. Motion Passed. Bill Roachell abstained.

CT-23-71: there was a motion by David Stephens and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Roachell to approve in the amount of \$3,800.00. Motion Passed. Chairwoman Breashears abstained.

CT-23-72: there was a motion by David Stephens and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Heath Harris to approve in the amount of \$11,464.92. Motion Passed. Chairwoman Breashears abstained.

CT-23-73: there was a motion by David Stephens and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Heath Harris to approve in the amount of \$6,28.38. Motion Passed. Chairwoman Breashears abstained.

CT-23-74: there was a motion by David Stephens and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg Aleshire to approve in the amount of \$7,443.27. Motion Passed.

CT-23-75: there was a motion by David Stephens and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg Aleshire to approve in the amount of \$2,257.25. Motion Passed.

CT-23-76: there was a motion by David Stephens and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg Aleshire to approve in the amount of \$8,484.23. Motion Passed.

TA and CT Projection and Disbursement of Remaining Funds.

Begins at the 56:00 minute-mark.

-Chairwoman Breashears stressed the importance of getting the funding guidelines and forms that will be used for FY24 into the hands of the programs at the July training. Many programs got off to a rough start with the way FY23 began.

-Mr. Daniels has created a spreadsheet of the running balance for TA funds. Based on this, it is projected \$133,502 will remain at the end of the year for distribution.

-There was a discussion regarding the distribution of final payments, members posed questions regarding projections as submitted by OSD.

-Updated projections will be provided at the May meeting and final payments will be discussed again at that time.

#### **Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm

The next meeting is scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup> @ 12:30pm via GoToMeeting, (unless otherwise notified)

Sincerely,

Greg Aleshire  
Secretary, AACSC