

Arkansas Apprenticeship Coordination Steering Committee  
April 2021 Special Called Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm on April 13th, by Chairwoman Breashears (via GoToMeeting)

**Roll Call:**

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

**Representing OSD:**

**Rocky Mantooth and Director Waits**

**New Business:**

Chairwoman Breashears announced that the special called meeting was needed to address concerns that the OSD has regarding the amount of money that was approved for purchased services during the regular April meeting.

There were also two additional CT applications that had been discovered by the OSD and those amounts, if passed, would have a direct effect on the amount of money for purchased services. Nanci Caillouet asked if the CT applications could be reviewed during this meeting as they were not part of the original announcement of the special called meeting. OSD gave the approval to review the CT applications.

- CT-21-20170- There was a motion by David Stephens and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy Fulks to approve in the OSD recommended amount. Motion Passed.

-CT-21-20171- There was a motion by David Stephens and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy Fulks to deny this application. Motion Passed.

-After this approved amount is removed from the budget the balance would be \$213,072.87

-Discussion began on this item from the April meeting.

\*\*\*\*\*There was a motion by Greg Aleshire and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Stephens to roll over the \$68,000 for FY20/21 Outreach and Education to FY21/22 Outreach and Education and allow the remaining balance of FY20/21 CT Funds (\$ 166,056.46 ) to be allocated to Purchase Services. Motion Passed.\*\*\*\*\*

-There was a motion by Greg Aleshire and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Stephens to rescind the above motion and action from the April meeting. Motion Passed.

-There was a motion by Greg Aleshire and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kelley Sharp to roll over the \$68,000 for FY20/21 Outreach and Education to the FY21/22 Outreach and Education Budget. Motion Passed.

-After this approved amount is removed from the budget the balance would be \$145,072.87

-Discussion began regarding the possibility of funding programs the additional 25% of student curriculum that had been withheld from previous CT applications in FY20/21 based on a spreadsheet, of those applications, provided by Chairwoman Breashears.

-David Stephens stated that, if approved, either refunds or credits for FY21/22 would need to be provided by programs to any apprentice or employer that was charged additional fees for FY20/21, if those charges or fees were based on the FY20/21 budgeted 75% funding of student curriculum. The board agreed.

-Director Waits expressed concerns that the OSD would need to have the ability to track the credits or refunds issued by those programs to those apprentices or employers. The board agreed.

-Kathy Fulks asked about smaller programs which typically charge the apprentice or employer for the curriculum. The board agreed that this is the normal operating procedure of those programs and therefore would not be outside of the guidelines of this additional funding and not require a refund to their apprentice or employer.

-There was a motion by David Stephens and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg Aleshire to retroactively fund the remaining 25% of each CT application for student curriculum in FY20/21, bringing the funding for these CT applications to 100% on the condition that if any program charged their apprentices or employers additional fees for FY20/21, the program MUST issue those apprentices or employers either a refund or a credit for FY21/22 and have the ability to prove to the OSD that the programs have done so. Motion Passed.

-After this approved amount is removed from the budget the balance would be \$24,728.75

-There was a motion by Kelley Sharp and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg Aleshire to include a discussion on the FY20/21 Budget approved Purchased Services, which would currently be \$24,728.75, on the June AACSC meeting agenda. Motion Passed.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:38pm

\*\*Anyone wanting to review this or any of this board's previous virtual meetings, please contact Rocky at [rocky.mantooth@arkansas.gov](mailto:rocky.mantooth@arkansas.gov)

Sincerely,

Greg Aleshire  
Secretary, AACSC