

Arkansas Apprenticeship Coordination Steering Committee
May 2021 Meeting Minutes

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

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Bill Roachell

Guest:

Sherri Overstreet, Reuben Gage

Previous Month's Meeting Minutes:

There was a motion by Kathy Fulks and a 2nd by Kelley Sharp to approve the minutes from the April meeting as presented. Motion passed.

There was a motion by Nanci Caillouet and a 2nd by David Stephens to approve the minutes from the Special Called Meeting on April 13th. Motion passed.

New Business:

Nanci Caillouet announced that she has taken a new job and will be resigning from her position on the AACSC. Thank you, Nanci for all of the work you have done for this committee and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Topics discussed regarding the Funding Guidelines for FY21/22 included. Adding verbiage to require Instructors be licensed in their field by the State of Arkansas, their accessibility to the apprentices they teach, removing Purchased Services from the Funding Priorities and Allocations, percentages of amounts in each category, and dates that would need to be adjusted.

-There was a discussion regarding the make-up of the committee after the changes from the last Legislative Session. It was stated that Acts 467 and 647 both require additions or revisions to the board, however, do not call for a replacement of the existing members of the board. Each current member of the board will meet one or more criteria for the required make-up of the board on July 1st.

-Chairwoman Breashears asked if the OSD would continue to bring recommendations of new board members to the AACSC before they sent them to the Governors Office.

-Greg Aleshire pointed out that Nanci Caillouet's new job will meet the criteria of Act 647 Section 5 (a) (1) (I), for a position on the board as of July 1st.

-Director Waits stated that there still needs to be more discussion over the next couple of weeks before anything is decided.

Mark McManus Report:

-Mr. McManus was unavailable today. Attached is the report he sent to Rocky to give to the committee.

Chairwoman Breashears asked if the AACSC would be included in or consulted before any future grants are written. Director Waits stated that this grant was not really construction related, however, improvements would be made in the communication between OSD and the AACSC regarding future grant applications. It may be a few more week before OSD finds out if they will receive the grant. Rocky stated that this was the first grant to come through their office so there has been a bit of a learning curve.

State Apprenticeship Office (SAO): Reported by Rocky Mantooth

*** Dates to Remember***

June 11th Final TA Reimbursement (Form 236) are due

June 18th Spring Semester Reports are due. Please get them turned in ASAP

-The TA and CT Financial Reports look very good, as we are drawing closer to the end of FY21

US DOL Office of Apprenticeship, Reported by Mr. Prather:

**** programs need to take care of their overdue apprentices in rapids****

Programs with overdue apprentices may begin receiving emails from the National Office!!

Registered Programs- 137

Active Programs- 121

Apprentices- 6926

New Apprentices- 1436

Suspended- 7

Cancellations- 761

Completed Apprentices- 259

Employers- 706

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:56pm

****Anyone wanting to review this or any of this board's previous virtual meetings, please contact Rocky at rocky.mantooth@arkansas.gov**

The next meeting is scheduled for June 3rd @ 12:30pm (Location to be determined)

Sincerely,

Greg Aleshire
Secretary, AACSC