

**ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD
Special Meeting
October 27, 2011**

Minutes of Meeting

The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board held a special meeting on Thursday, October 27, 2011, at the University of Arkansas Community College in Batesville in Independence Hall. Chairman Leech called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

Coordinating Board present:

David Leech, Chair
Dr. Olin Cook, Vice-Chair
Sarah Argue, Secretary
Dr. Charles Allen
Dr. Joe Bennett
Bob Crafton
Horace Hardwick
Dr. Calvin Johnson
Steve Luelf
Florine Milligan

Coordinating Board absent:

Dr. Bob Burns
Kaneaster Hodges

Department staff present:

Shane Broadway, Interim Director
Harold Criswell, Interim Deputy Director
Cynthia Moten, Associate Director for Academic Programs
Jackie Holloway, Senior Associate Director for Finance
Rick Jenkins, Associate Director for Planning and Accountability
Zanette Douglas, Coordinator of Institutional Certification
Phil Axelroth, Coordinator for Financial Aid
Brandi Hinkle, Communications Officer
Nichole Abernathy, Administrative Support

Presidents, chancellors, institutional representatives, members of the press, and guests were also present.

Chairman Leech thanked presidents and chancellors for attending the Special Board meeting.

Chairman Leech then called on Interim Director Shane Broadway to present information on performance funding.

Chairman Leech thanked Interim Director Broadway for the informative information.

Sarah Argue asked why the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) were the source identifying the STEM CIP codes. Rick Jenkins explained that ICE sets the codes for STEM because they are the ones that authorize student's visas – foreign students coming to the U.S. for college. STEM majors get preferred status in obtaining their visas.

Florine Milligan asked if ADHE has a system of accountability. Interim Director Broadway answered yes. The data will be the key and it will be audited by legislative audit.

Dr. Olin Cook commented that the group that worked on the performance funding was about as good as he's seen and commended them.

Dr. Alan Sugg said that Interim Director Broadway and ADHE staff deserved a round of applause for their work on the performance funding. He then introduced Dr. Donald Bobbitt, the new President of the University of Arkansas System.

With no further comments, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Nichole Abernathy

APPROVED:

Sarah Argue, Secretary