

ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD
Special Meeting via Conference Call
May 12, 2014

Minutes of Meeting

The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board held a special meeting via conference call on Monday, May 12, 2014. The purpose of the meeting was to consider the economic feasibility of bond issue for Southern Arkansas University. The meeting convened at 3:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

Coordinating Board present:

Kaneaster Hodges, Chair
 Bob Crafton, Vice Chair
 Dr. Charles Allen
 Horace Hardwick
 Sherrel Johnson
 Ben Pickard
 Greg Revels
 Mary Anne Salmon

Coordinating Board absent:

Sarah Argue, Secretary
 Dr. Joe Bennett
 Florine Milligan
 Dr. Olin Cook

Department staff present:

Shane Broadway, Director
 Harold Criswell, Deputy Director
 Tara Smith, Senior Associate Director for Institutional Finance
 Chandra Robinson, Program Coordinator for Institutional Finance
 Callan Callaway, Program Coordinator for Institutional Finance
 Jake Eddington, Program Specialist for Institutional Finance
 Brandi Hinkle, Communications Coordinator
 Nichole Abernathy, Executive Assistant

Presidents, chancellors, other institutional representatives, and guests were also present.

Chairman Hodges thanked the Coordinating Board members and guests for participating on the call.

Agenda Item No. 1
 Economic Feasibility of Bond Issue
 Southern Arkansas University

Southern Arkansas University requests approval of the economic feasibility of plans to issue bonds of approximately \$10 million with a term of up to twenty (20) years at an annual interest rate not to exceed 5.0 percent. Proceeds from the bond issue will be used for auxiliary housing purposes. The Southern Arkansas University Board of Trustees approved this financing at its meeting on February 11, 2014.

RESOLVED, That the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board considers economically feasible plans for Southern Arkansas University to issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$10 million with a term of twenty (20) years at an estimated interest rate of 5.0 percent to purchase the University Village apartments on the campus of Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia, Arkansas.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is authorized to notify the President and the Chair of the Board of Trustees of Southern Arkansas University of the Coordinating Board's resolution.

Bob Crafton asked whether the replacement value was provided. Chandra Robinson said the replacement value and a letter of appraisal was provided.

Chairman Hodges commented that his previous questions and concerns have been satisfied.

Horace Hardwick moved to recommend Agenda Item No. 1 to the Full Board for consideration. Greg Revels seconded, and the Committee unanimously approved.

Report of the Committee

Bob Crafton presented the report of the Finance Committee and moved approval of Agenda Item 1. Dr. Charles Allen seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Nichole Abernathy conducted a final roll call, reaffirming the quorum.

Chairman Hodges thanked everyone for participating in the meeting and announced that the next meeting would be July 25, 2014, at the Department of Higher Education in Little Rock.

Dr. David Rankin, President of Southern Arkansas University thanked the AHECB for taking the time to approve their agenda item.

With no further comments, the meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Nichole Abernathy

APPROVED:

Sarah Argue, Secretary