

ARKANSAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD
Special Meeting
August 4, 2017

Minutes of Meeting

The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board held a special meeting via conference call on Friday, August 4, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. The purpose of the meeting was to approve the productivity-based funding distribution policy. The meeting convened at 11:00 a.m., with a quorum present.

Coordinating Board present:

Sherrel Johnson, Chair
Dr. Jim Carr, Vice Chair
Dr. Michael Stanton, Secretary
Keven Anderson
Al Brodell
Dr. Olin Cook
Chris Gilliam
Lori Griffin
Greg Revels

Coordinating Board absent:

Dr. Charles Allen
Sam Sicard

Department staff present:

Dr. Maria Markham, Director
Tara Smith, Deputy Director
Dr. Marla Strecker, Senior Associate Director for Academic Affairs/Research & Analytics
Ann Clemmer, Senior Associate Director for Governmental Relations
Nichole Abernathy, Executive Assistant

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

Chair Sherrel Johnson welcomed presidents and chancellors to the special board meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Chair Johnson then asked Nichole Abernathy to conduct a roll call.

Abernathy conducted a roll call to confirm that there was a quorum.

Agenda Item No. 1
Productivity Funding Distribution Policy

Act 148 of 2017 repealed the needs-based and outcome-centered funding formulas as prescribed in Arkansas Code § 6-61-210, Arkansas Code § 6-61-224, Arkansas Code § 6-61-228, Arkansas Code § 6-61-229, Arkansas Code § 6-61-230, and Arkansas Code § 6-61-233, and amended Arkansas Code § 6-61-234. The Act directs the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB) to adopt polices developed by the Department of Higher Education (ADHE) necessary to implement a productivity-based funding model for state-supported institutions of higher education.

Dr. Maria Markham explained the timeline going forward. First, the Attorney General’s Office will review the three funding policies (metrics 2-year, metrics 4-year, and distribution policy). Then, the Governor will review. Next, ADHE will file with the Bureau of Legislative Research triggering a 30-day comment period. Hopefully, the policy will be placed on the joint education community agenda by September 18, and placed on the ALC rules subcommittee by October 17. The policy will return to the AHECB for final adoption and first funding recommendations during the October 27 AHECB meeting.

This policy will be reviewed every three years to ensure that productivity funding distribution continues to respond to the needs and priorities of the state. However, if it is determined that the funding distribution framework created unintended consequences, this policy will be reviewed immediately.

Greg Revels asked if the board was merely approving the review of the policy, today. Dr. Markham said that was correct. The policy would come back before the board in October for adoption.

Greg Revels moved to approve the review of the productivity funding distribution policy. Dr. Jim Carr seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

With no further comments, the meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Nichole Abernathy

APPROVED:

Dr. Michael Stanton, Secretary