

Minutes

State Board of Private Career Education

Arkansas Division of Higher Education – Meeting by Phone

December 10, 2019 – 2:00 p.m.

Members Present: Alice Obenshain, Jack Avery, Brittney Matthews, Josh Blevins, Brock Thompson, Jacqueline Brownell

Others Present: Alana Boles, Tracye McKeown, Ann Clemmer, Sarah Linam, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Education, Lacie Kirchner, Attorney General's Office

Welcome and Approval of Minutes of April 30 Meeting

Josh Blevins called the meeting to order. Alana Boles recommended approval of the minutes from the April 30, 2019 meeting. All were in favor. None opposed.

Introduction of New Board Member Brock Thompson

Josh Blevins welcomed new board member Brock Thompson to the board. Brock Thompson introduced himself to the board and said that he is the owner of A1 Thompson Driving School, a third-generation, family-owned business established in Little Rock in 1953 by his grandparents. Mr. Thompson stated that his school teaches driver's education to state and local governments, law enforcement, fleet, private corporations and private citizens.

Report from ADHE Staff

Alana Boles introduced Sarah Linam to the board and stated that Ms. Linam is Chief Legal Counsel for the Department of Education and is available if anyone has any questions. Josh Blevins welcomed Ms. Linam and asked if Julie Chavis would also be working with the board. Ms. Linam stated that the board would still be working with Ms. Chavis.

Ms. Boles informed the board that there are currently four new school applications being processed. Ms. Boles also stated that she is working on getting updated catalogs from all the schools.

CPR Training Question for Driver's Education Instructors

Brock Thompson stated that one of the requirements for driver's education instructors is to be certified every three years by a recognized First Aid Class. Mr. Thompson asked if an on-line, blended training program was a recognized certification as stated in the rules. Jacqueline Brownell recommended using the language from Arkansas House Bill 2224 which states: *"The course shall not be a certification process but shall follow the standards established by the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, or another nationally recognized organization that uses current, evidence-based emergency cardiac care guidelines and incorporates psychomotor skill development in the instruction and the use of automated external defibrillators."* The board voted to approve the language from House Bill 2224 as the recognized certification for First Aid Classes for driver's education instructors.

Input from SBPCE Members

Alice Obenshain stated that she would like to see what could be done for private career education schools' rules to be more like the Arkansas Division of Higher Education Coordinating Board's rules for colleges and universities in the state of Arkansas. Alana Boles said that she will prepare a document comparing the two boards' rules and will provide it to the board.

Next Meeting

Alana Boles said she anticipates having a luncheon meeting the second or third week in February at the offices of ADHE and will email the board with potential dates for that meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:19 p.m.