

**MINUTES**  
**ARKANSAS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**  
**Executive Committee**  
**August 20, 2020**

The Arkansas Workforce Development Board (AWDB) Executive Committee convened on August 20, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. utilizing electronic means of Zoom and teleconference information. Chairman Tom Anderson presided with the following Executive Committee members confirming attendance through roll call: Ms. Karen Breashears, Judge Brandon Ellison, Mr. Jeff Griffin, Ms. Abby Houseworth, Mr. Alan Hughes, Dr. Julie Roberson, and Mr. Robert Thorne.

Executive Committee member Mr. Scott Bull was unable to attend.

Recognizing the presence of a quorum, Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

**Agenda Item 1 – ACTION - Reimagine Workforce Preparation Grant:** Chair Tom Anderson recognized Board Staff Kris Jones to provide an overview of the funding opportunity available to states through their State Workforce Development Board. The committee heard from Shorter College President Jerome Greene and Coordinator of Entrepreneurial Studies Program Michael Harris. For the University of Arkansas Global Campus, the committee heard from Vice Provost of Distance Education Cheryl Ann Murphy and Director of Training – Corporate Development and Academic Outreach Tara Dryer. After hearing both proposals and discussion, the committee requested the two collegiate institutions to collaborate and submit one proposal for the state.

**Hearing no additional discussion, a motion was made for the Arkansas Workforce Development Board to apply for the Reimagine Workforce Preparation Grant, was voiced by Mr. Alan Hughes, with a voiced second made by Robert Thorne. The motion carried unanimously with none opposed and no revisions.**

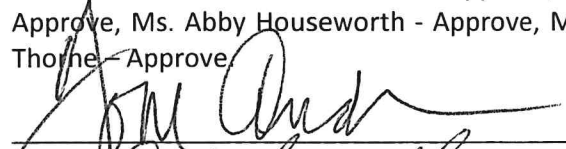
The following voiced votes were recorded for Executive Committee Members by a roll call vote to Approve, Disapprove, or Abstain: Ms. Karen Breashears - Approve, Mr. Scott Bull – Absent, Judge Brandon Ellison - Approve, Mr. Jeff Griffin – Approve, Ms. Abby Houseworth - Approve, Mr. Alan Hughes - Approve, Dr. Julie Roberson - Approve, and Mr. Robert Thorne – Approve.

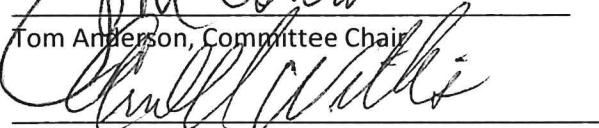
**Announcements:** The Full Board of the Arkansas Workforce Development Board will convene on October 20, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. Board Staff will provide additional information at a later date.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by Chair Tom Anderson at 11:17 a.m. after a roll call vote to adjourn.

**A motion to adjourn was voiced by Mr. Alan Hughes, with a voiced second by Ms. Abby Houseworth, each board member voiced their individual vote in favor to adjourn.**

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Tom Anderson, Committee Chair

  
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Arnell Willis, Director Workforce Investment  
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*Minutes by Rebecca Edwards  
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***Ratified at the October 20, 2020, AWDB Full Board Meeting***