

*South Arkansas Community College
Board of Trustees Meeting
May 16, 2023 – 3:45 pm
ADM Board Room – 309*

Minutes

Board of Trustees Present: Steve Cousins – Chair, Gary Griffis – Vice Chair, Crystal Yeager – Secretary, Kerri Brown, Jose Covas, Wayne Gibson, Melissa Jerry

Absent: Courtney Kelley

SouthArk Staff Present: Dr. Bentley Wallace, Dr. Stephanie Tully-Dartez, Michael Armstrong, Ann Southall, David Campbell, Jennifer Schroeder, Brandi Cotterman, Ray Winiecki, Dr. Justin Geurin, Christy Wilson, Cynthia Reyna, Dr. Cindy Meyer, Philip Shackelford, Mary Kate Sumner, Veronda Tatum, Heath Waldrop

- I. Call to Order – Mr. Steve Cousins*
- II. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes: March 29, 2023 – Jerry / Yeager - Approved*
- III. Recognitions and Awards – Dr. Wallace recognized SkillsUSA winners and Employee Recognition Award winners*
- IV. Approval of Consent Agenda - Gibson / Jerry – Approved*
- V. Board Committee Reports*
 - a. Budget / Finance Committee – FY24 Budget recommendations brought forward by committee (Jerry) - Approved*

** Supplemental Agenda / Action Items:*

- a. Review / Approval of Updated College Seal Concept: Covas / Brown – Approved*
 - b. Inclusive Access Fee Correction for one course: Jerry / Covas – Approved*
 - c. Ratification of New Foundation Board Members (Gunter, Jacob-Jones, Thomas, Winkenwerder): Covas / Yeager – Approved*
- VI. Chair's Report*
 - a. Board Process and Performance Monitoring*
 - b. Board Evaluation of Own Performance Reviewed*
 - c. President's Evaluation Process Update*
 - VII. Financial Services Reports and Update*
 - a. March 2023 Monthly Statements Presented and Reviewed*
 - b. April 2023 Monthly Statements Presented and Reviewed*
 - VIII. Administrative Reports*
 - a. VPAA, VPSA, VPFA, Conference Center, Marketing, Foundation – Included in Packet*

- b. *President's Updates: Dr. Wallace discussed:*
 - i. *Recent commencement and pinning ceremonies*
 - ii. *Vice President for Student Services search update*
 - iii. *Challenges related to construction projects and associated costs*
 - iv. *Launch of the non-credit Catalyst Program*
 - v. *Recently-hosted regional Registered Apprenticeship event*
 - vi. *Status update on Board Appointment process from Governor's office*

IX. *Executive Session - None*

X. *Announcements / Upcoming Events*

XI. *Adjournment: Covas / Jerry – Approved*

Ms. Crystal Yeager, Secretary