

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
11:30 A.M. WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2011
WICHITA ROOM, GREAT PLAINS TECHNOLOGY CENTER
4500 SOUTHWEST LEE BOULEVARD LAWTON, OK.

Notice of the meeting was given by letter to the Stephens County Clerk dated December 1, 2010. Agenda was posted at ASCOG, 802 Main, Duncan, Oklahoma at 8:30 A.M. Tuesday, September 6, 2011 and on the web site.

IN ATTENDANCE

Pat Beck
Diane Denham
Chris Pittman
Jeff Simpson

ABSENT

Cheryl Cook
Rodney Palesano
Lisa Williams

STAFF

Blaine Smith
Nancy English
Ray Friedl
Lisa Thomas

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Simpson, chair. The minutes of the May 4, 2011 meeting were approved on motion by Pat Beck and second by Chris Pittman. Those voting “aye” were Beck, Denham, Pittman and Simpson.

Ray Friedl advised the three workforce centers have managers in place.

The board is required to look at demand occupations each year. The cost to earn a certificate or degree is increasing and there are 186 occupations on the demand occupation list. After discussion, it was suggested staff formulate a recommendation to the full board to develop a new methodology that will reduce the number of occupations on the list.

Blaine Smith discussed ASCOG’s proposal to adopt a 36 hour work week. Since many ASCOG staff members work under the SCOWIB’s oversight, SCOWIB executive committee must concur before this policy can be implemented. ASCOG will coordinate any reduction in work hours this program year with OESC at the center, area and state level before moving to a 36 hour work week. After discussion, Diane Denham moved to approve the restructuring of work hours if it is concurred with by OESC. Chris Pittman seconded and those voting “aye” were Beck, Denham, Pittman and Simpson.

Strategic planning was discussed by Ray Friedl. The role of WIA administrative entity has been transferred from OESC to the Department of Commerce which is placing more emphasis on partnerships and regionalism. Discussion was held on strategic initiatives reported to ODOC for inclusion in WIB planning initiatives. South Central initiatives with Southwest Oklahoma Impact Coalition focused on Career Ladders and deals work place realities with education and getting more involved to bring business into the schools so they will understand

what business needs. South Central and Southwest Oklahoma and North Texas are partnering in order to be designated as a “career ready region”.

This is the procurement year for Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth Service Provider.

The full board meeting is October 13 and the OESC executive director will be invited..

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Pat Beck – Secretary

Blaine H. Smith, Jr.
Executive Director