



**Special Board of Trustees Meeting  
President's Board Room  
August 29, 2019  
12:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Carolyn Collins, David Coker, Ruth Ann Ellis, Doug Cox, Danny Moore, Bob Olvey, Dr. Martin Eggensperger, Karen Liebhaber, Rhonda Stone and Jason Smith. Vickie French was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

**Agenda Item I. Establishment of the Secondary Area Technical Center**

BRTC has participated in a pilot program with the Arkansas Department of Career Education for the past three years, receiving grant funding for the Technical Opportunities and Pathways for Secondary Students (TOPSS) program. BRTC will again participate in a pilot program during FY19-20 with funding based on the new model for secondary area technical center programs. For board consideration, administration is seeking an official secondary area technical center on the Pocahontas campus with a satellite center at the Paragould location. Formal application for approval will be sought from the Arkansas Department of Career Education (ACE).

Doug Cox moved that the Board of Trustees, upon recommendation of the Finance and Facilities Committee, supports and authorizes BRTC to establish an official secondary area technical center and satellite location. David Coker seconded the motion. Unanimous.

**Agenda Item II. Authorize pursuit of FEMA funding for Flood Mitigation and for a Regional Emergency Response Facility**

BRTC has served, and continues to serve, as the de facto emergency response center and emergency shelter for our service area. Consideration of the high probability of recurrent hazards in our area, such as flood, tornado, or earthquake, indicates that the college will continue to serve as such in the future.

Danny Moore moved that the Board of Trustees, upon recommendation of the Finance and Facilities Committee, authorizes and supports BRTC in its efforts to pursue FEMA grant funding for the construction of an emergency response facility for the region in conjunction with the flood mitigation measures for the campus. Bob Olvey seconded the motion. Unanimous.

**Agenda Item III. Approval of Arkansas Methodist Medical Center as an Instructional Site**

BRTC seeks to establish a traditional nursing program in Paragould. The Board of Directors of Arkansas Methodist Medical Center (AMMC) has approved partnering with the college by leasing space for such a program.

Motion by Ruth Ann Ellis that the Board of Trustees, upon recommendation of the Finance and Facilities Committee, authorizes BRTC to develop Arkansas Methodist Medical Center in Paragould as an instructional site. Doug Cox seconded the motion. Unanimous.

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Dr. Eggensperger stated Ray Noel has been an intricate part of this development. Formal applications with HLC, ADHE, and ASBN will be sought for their approval. There are light modifications to be made to the space which may begin in January, with a goal of offering fall classes if everything aligns as we hope.

**IV. Other Business**

**Course Catalog**

Dr. Eggensperger mentioned that ongoing corrections (grammatical, spelling, transposition, etc.) are being made to the 2019-2020 Course Catalog. Doug Cox moved to approve the corrections as needed. David Coker seconded the motion. Unanimous.

**Adjournment**

Doug Cox moved to adjourn at 12:45 p.m. Bob Olvey seconded the motion. Unanimous.



September 3, 2019

Others present:

Brandon Smith – Pocahontas Star Herald  
Steve Shults