

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL MEETING
Eastern Area Workforce Development Board
October 27, 2009

AS APPROVED December 8, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Shearer called the Special Conference Call meeting of the Executive Committee to order at 10:05 a.m. to approve recommendations made by the board in Roswell on October 13, 2009 where a quorum was not present. The Executive Committee has been granted authority to take action between regularly scheduled board meetings.

ROLL CALL

Executive Committee Members Present: Jimmie Shearer, Christy Beasley, John Hemphill, Sue Bracksieck, John Merchant, Larry Smith, Ray Battaglini, Gail Melpolder and Slade Morgan.

Executive Committee Members Absent: Sue Bracksieck, Terri Douglass and Becky Rowley.

AE Staff Present: Beth Elias, Glennis Erramouspe, Gloria Christian and Ruby Witt.

ACTION ITEMS

Ratification of decision to turn the NMSU-Carlsbad WIA Contracts: On a motion by John Merchant, seconded by Ray Battaglini, the members of the Executive Committee upheld the boards recommendation to terminate the WIA and TANF contracts currently held by NMSU Carlsbad to provide program services in Eddy County (Carlsbad and Artesia) at close of business on November 13, 2009. Hemphill abstained from the vote.

Ratification of Special Task Force Recommendation to Award Eddy County WIA and TANF Contracts to ENMU-Ruidoso: On a motion by Ray Battaglini, seconded by Slade Morgan, the Executive Committee voted to award the Eddy County WIA & TANF Contracts to ENMU-Ruidoso effective November 14, 2009 as recommended by the Special Task Force. Hemphill abstained from the vote.

Approval of EAWDB Local Plan Addendum for Re-employment Services: On a motion by Battaglini, seconded by Merchant, this addendum (**Attachment #1**) was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Keep It Positive: Christy Beasley said she wanted to mention that she felt that it was important that the transition from NMSU-Carlsbad to ENMU-Ruidoso be kept extremely positive. As a resident of Carlsbad she had heard untrue statements which were circulating regarding this transition. Chairman Shearer mentioned that he had been advised by Russell Hardy, President of NMSU-Carlsbad that in no way would the University be protesting this transition in any shape form or fashion even though the University was sorry that such action became necessary . President Hardy also assured Chairman Shearer that the University would to everything in its power to assure a smooth and orderly transition to the new provider in Eddy County. Shearer encouraged anyone who heard or became aware of such rumors to report the source of said rumors to President Hardy to handle on behalf the University.

It was asked whether or not ENMU-Ruidoso would try to keep any of the current employees of NMSU-Carlsbad. Hemphill said ads for positions would be posted this week and all current employees of NMSU would have to re-apply for their positions with ENMU-Ruidoso if they were interested.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

AS APPROVED

Jimmie Shearer
Chairman