

**Minutes of the  
Economic Development Council  
Meeting**

June 9, 2014

Hosted by Connors State College

Miss Addie's Café and Pub, 821 W. Broadway Street Muskogee, OK 74401

Members present:

Arun Tilak, CU; Ryan Blanton, CSC; Rick Wetherill, ECU; Linda Tillman, LU; Sheri Snyder, NOC; Kathy Hendrick, SOSU; Mark Kinders, UCO

Guests present:

President Faltyn, CSC; Arthur Younger, LU; Mary Jo Diessner, SOSU; Randy McCrary State Regent Staff.

**1. Welcome and Introductions of all members and guests**

Chairperson, Rick Wetherill, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Introductions were made and guests were welcomed.

**2. Approval of May 13, 2014 EDC meeting minutes**

Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the minutes of the May 13, 2014, meeting of the Economic Development Council were approved as presented.

**3. Confirmation vote of the 2014-15 Vice Chairperson from the four-year tier, Arun Tilak of Cameron University**

It was a unanimous decision of the four-year tier representatives to approve Arun Tilak of Cameron University to serve as the vice chairperson for 2014-15.

**4. Election of 2014-15 executive committee members (two from each of the two-year and four-year)**

- a. Four-year tier members will vote on their executive committee representation from the following nominees: Mark Kinders of University of Central Oklahoma, Doug Misak of Southwestern Oklahoma University, and Kathy Hendrick of Southeastern Oklahoma University.

Since there were three nominees for two available positions, the four-year tier members voted by ballot. Ballots were handed out and tabulated. Dr. Wetherill announced to the members that Mark Kinders and Kathy Hendrick were selected. Dr. Wetherill made a motion to approve Mark Kinders and Kathy Hendrick as executive committee members for the four-year tier members; the motion was seconded and carried.

- b. Confirmation vote on two-year tier representatives – Kathy Harrell of Carl Albert State College and Sheri Snyder of Northern Oklahoma College, for the two-year institutions.

Dr. Wetherill reopened nominations, none were made, and nominations closed. Dr. Wetherill made motion to approve Kathy Harrell and Sheri Snyder as executive committee members for the two-year tier members; the motion was seconded and carried.

**5. New Business**

Mr. McCrary shared with the Council information from the Council of Presidents meeting from the previous week regarding the Economic Development Institute (EDI). It was the consensus of the presidents, because of the importance of the economic development efforts at the institutions, that the EDI training would continue as an annual event. Mr. McCrary advised the Council that Ms. Lake was in the process of contacting Heather Reichert with OU's Center for Business and Economic Development for their help in determining if a date later in the year was possible. Ms. Lake is also considering a late February date as well.

**6. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.