ABFSE College and University Council
Friday, April 17, 2026
Houston Marriott West Loop by the Galleria – Houston, Texas

1. **Call to Order, Welcome, and Introduction/Invitation of invited guests**
   Eboné Dukes, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM (Central). Three (3) guests were in attendance: Robert C. Smith, III, Executive Director; Michael G. Landon, Assistant Executive Director; and Trudy R. Ellmore, Administrative Assistant. A motion was made and seconded to invite the ABFSE staff as guests. Motion carried.

2. **Roll Call**
   Forty-five (45) of 58 schools were present. A quorum was determined.

3. **Purpose of the Meeting**
   The purpose of the meeting was to put forth names to fill upcoming vacancies on the Committee of Accreditation (COA).

   In addition to those names previously submitted, Chair, Eboné Dukes called for nominations from the floor. One individual requested to be removed from those nominated.

4. **Private Educator Nominations**
   MOTION: Cody Lopasky (Commonwealth Institute of Funeral Service), (second) Rebecca Gardner (Northeast Texas Community College) to put forth the following names for COA-Private Educator:
   Leili McMurrough (Worsham College of Funeral Service)
   Lisa Meehan (Dallas Institute of Funeral Service)
   Donald Cymbor (AAMI)

   Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Voting Tabulator**
   MOTION: Leili McMurrough (Worsham College of Funeral Service), (second) Donald Cymbor (AAMI) to allow ABFSE staff members to be tabulators for the Public Educator Nominations.
   Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Public Educator Nominations**
   Due to the number of nominees, election of Public Educators to put forth to the COA were done by ballot. Staff members Michael Landon and Trudy Ellmore tabulated the results. At the conclusion of the tabulation, the following names are put forth for COA-Public Educator:
   Rebecca Gardner (Northeast Texas Community College)
   Jzyk Ennis (Jefferson State Community College)
   Faith Haug (Arapahoe Community College).

7. **College and University Council**
   The following names are put forth for CUC Representative to the COA:

Wayne Cavender (Pierce Colleges)
Jennie Fredrickson (Lake Washington Institute of Technology)
Eboné Dukes (Northwest Mississippi Community College)

All business having been concluded, Cody Lopasky (Commonwealth Institute of Funeral Service), (second) David Penepent (SUNY-Canton) to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

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