

PRESIDENT'S CABINET MEETING
October 15, 2024
MINUTES

CALLED TO ORDER

9:06 am

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10:54 am

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bob Austin, Kevin Ball, Denese Skinner, Chris Sharp, Dr. Frank Sobey, Mark White

MEMBERS ABSENT

Joe Bill Sherrod

OTHERS PRESENT

DISCUSSION:

1. Employee Scholarship Parameters	Sharp
Mr. Sharp discussed how the employee scholarships have historically been funded and the costs associated with the program. Cabinet deliberated, determining that this is a good benefit but that there needs to be clear parameters such as receiving a first paycheck before applying and that the employee should be receiving a paycheck consistently afterwards.	
Action Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none">	
1. Amarillo Tribune	Skinner
AC has been asked to be a sponsor of the Amarillo Tribune. Membership would be \$1,000 a year. Cabinet discussed.	
Action Items:	
2. OTHER DISCUSSION Thrive T-Mobile	
Cabinet discussed THRIVE funding options to sustain the scholarship after 2030. The Amarillo Area Foundation will no longer be a partner after this date.	
Mr. Austin provided an update on the discontinuation of the T-Mobile program, stating that a letter will be sent to current participants to notify them of the change. They have identified 211 affected students. Mr. Austin stated it would be best that this letter comes from a cabinet member and that it's important that the message is also sent to faculty and staff who are still promoting the program. Cabinet discussed and asked if we had clarification whether the phones needed to be returned. Mr. Austin stated he would check with Emily Gilbert to confirm that students can keep the phones.	
Action Items: Dr. Sobey will create a white paper explaining this type of model. Mr. Austin will ask Emily Gilbert to confirm with T-Mobile its policy on phone returns.	