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## Minutes Board of Regents' Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission November 10, 2015

The Louisiana Board of Regents' Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission met on

Tuesday, November 10, 2015, at 10:05 a.m. in Room 1-190 of the Claiborne Building,

Baton Rouge. Vice-Chair Jones called the meeting to order. The roll was called and a quorum was established.

#### **Commission Members Present**

Melanie Amrhein Sherrie Despino James Dorris Theresa Hay Keith Jones, Vice-Chair Raymond Lalonde

#### **Staff Members Present**

Chandra Cheatham Kristi Kron Carol Marabella Larry Tremblay

#### **Commission Members Absent**

Ralph Bender, Chair Richard D'Aquin James Fontenot

### **Guests Present**

(See Appendix A.)

The first item of business was approval of the minutes from its meeting of September 8, 2015.

On motion of Mr. Lalonde, seconded by Mr. Dorris, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously adopted the minutes of the September 8, 2015 Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission meeting.

The next agenda item considered by the Commission was three initial license applications, the first from Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy, LLC, for a proposed location in Hammond Louisiana, and represented by the school's Manager, Mr. David B. Roux. Ms. Marabella reviewed the materials for the Commission noting that this proposed school is owned by a practicing dentist, Dr. Jarrad Bencaz of Denham Springs, Louisiana, who currently has twelve proprietary schools licensed by the Board of Regents. This new institution, like its sister schools, would be offering one program of study, Dental Assisting, which is a ten-week, 80.0 clock hour program with classes held on Saturday. The application for Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy (Hammond) had met all the legal and administrative requirements to be approved for an initial license.

Following further discussion regarding the number of students enrolled at each campus, the positive business activity experienced by the group of currently licensed schools, and the marketing strategies currently utilized,

On motion of Ms. Amrhein, seconded by Ms. Hay, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously recommends that the Board of Regents approve an initial operating license for Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy, located in Hammond, Louisiana.

The second initial license application considered by the Commission was from Assist to Succeed, located in Denham Springs, Louisiana, and represented by the school's solicitor/instructor, Ms. Ashley Territo. Ms. Marabella reviewed the materials for the Commission noting that this proposed school is owned by two practicing dentists, Dr. Andrew H. Hood and Dr. E. Edward Hood,

Jr., of Denham Springs, Louisiana. This new institution would be offering one program of study, Dental Assisting, which is a ten-week, 80.0 clock hour program. The program will be taught at the owner's dental clinic on Saturdays. The application for Assist to Succeed had met all the legal and administrative requirements to be approved for an initial license.

Following further discussion regarding the anticipated starting salary of Dental Assistants in the greater Baton Rouge area, the differences between the job responsibilities of a Dental Assistant and a Dental Hygienist, and the anticipated maximum class size,

On motion of Mr. Lalonde, seconded by Ms. Despino, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously recommends that the Board of Regents approve an initial operating license for Assist to Succeed, located in Denham Springs, Louisiana.

The third and final initial license application considered by the Commission was from the New Orleans Culinary and Hospitality Institute, Inc., located in New Orleans, Louisiana, and represented by Ms. Carol A. Markowitz, Executive Director. Ms. Kron reviewed the materials for the Commission informing it that the proposed institution would be offering two programs of study, Culinary Arts and Baking & Pastry Arts. Both programs are 643.5 clock hours with a program length of five months. New Orleans Culinary and Hospitality Institute, Inc., had met all the legal and administrative requirements to be approved for an initial license.

Following further discussion regarding the scope and vision of the school, its planned location, and the school's anticipated collaboration with other area institutions,

On motion of Ms. Amrhein, seconded by Mr. Dorris, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously recommends that the Board of Regents approve an initial operating license for the New Orleans Culinary and Hospitality Institute, Inc., located in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The next agenda item considered by the Commission was an Associate in Occupational

Studies (AOS) Degree application from ITI Technical College, located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Ms. Cheatham reminded the Commission members that the Proprietary Schools Law requires that AOS degrees be offered only by schools that hold recognized accreditation and that the Board of Regents must approve all AOS degree program offerings. ITI Technical College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC).

The proposed curriculum for the AOS Degree in Construction Management consists of 97.0 quarter credit hours/1,440.0 clock hours. Full-time students should be able to complete the program requirements in 24.0 months. ITI Technical College's proposed AOS degree program had met all the legal and administrative requirements to be approved by the Board of Regents.

Following further discussion regarding the curriculum, entrance requirements for admission into this program of study, the comparison between the baccalaureate degree and the AOS degree in construction management, and employment opportunities available to graduates,

On motion of Mr. Lalonde, seconded by Ms. Hay, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously recommends that the Board of Regents approve the Associate in Occupational Studies Degree program in Construction Management for ITI Technical College, located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The next agenda item considered by the Commission was operating license renewals. Ms. Marabella informed the Commission members that there were twenty-nine (29) schools seeking renewal. These schools scheduled for renewal were in complete compliance, having met all the legal and administrative requirements to be re-licensed.

Following further discussion,

On motion of Ms. Despino, seconded by Ms. Hay, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously recommends that the Board of Regents renew the licenses of the following proprietary schools (initial license date in parentheses).

**Academy of Interactive Entertainment** (09/22/10)

Acadiana Area Career College--A Division of Blue Cliff College (09/28/12)

Advantage Dental Academy, LLC (09/25/14)

**American School of Business** (09/24/09)

Avers Career College (10/25/90)

**Becker Professional Education--New Orleans** (10/24/96)

The Captain School, LLC (09/22/11)

Cardiovascular Technology Training (09/27/07)

Coastal College--Baton Rouge (09/28/00)

Coastal Truck Driving School of New Orleans (09/25/14)

Compass Career College (09/23/04)

**Crosby Court Reporting Center** (10/28/93)

**Delta College, Inc.** (10/26/95)

Delta College, Slidell Branch (09/23/04)

**Dental Assisting Academy of Louisiana** (09/25/14)

**Diesel Driving Academy--Shreveport** (06/21/73)

Eastern College of Health Vocations (10/28/99)

McCann School of Business and Technology (formerly Career Technical College) (09/28/06)

McCann School of Business and Technology (formerly Career Technical College of Shreveport (09/28/06)

Mia's Medical Academy, LLC (09/25/14)

**Nursing Assistant Network Association** (10/27/94)

Pelican Chapter, Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc., Training Center--Baton Rouge Campus (09/27/12)

Pelican Chapter, Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc., Training Center--Southwest Campus (09/27/12)

Saint Agatha Career School, LLC (09/22/11)

Spartan College of Aeronautics and Technology (09/26/13)

Sparx Welding & Technology Institute (08/26/10)

Thomas Training & Development Center, Inc. (10/26/95)

**Unitech Training Academy, West Monroe** (09/23/04)

The World's Only Tattoo School, LLC (09/27/07)

Ms. Marabella informed the Commission that there were two institutions that chose not to renew their licenses this renewal cycle: Becker Professional Education--Baton Rouge (10/24/96) and Oklahoma College of Construction (09/25/14). Staff will follow through to secure the student records from each school for safekeeping.

The next item on the agenda was an update on program approvals. Vice-Chair Jones

reminded the Commission that staff approved these updates administratively and course approvals were being shared for informational purposes only.

Under Other Business, the Commission formally approved the 2016 meeting calendar as presented at the September 8, 2015 Commission meeting. Ms. Kron updated the Commission on the anticipated e-mail delivery format that members will utilize to receive agenda materials beginning in January.

The next meeting of the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 1-190 of the Claiborne Building. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

# APPENDIX A GUESTS

Michael Champagne ITI Technical College

Lisa Launey ITI Technical College

Carol Markowitz NOCHI

Sally Stuart Morgan ITI Technical College

David Roux Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy, LLC

Kara Sibley Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy, LLC

Morgan Spring Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy, LLC

Ashley Territo Assist to Succeed

Patricia Wilton LA Department of Justice

Mark Worthy ITI Technical College