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Minutes
Board of Regents' Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission
July 14, 2015

The Louisiana Board of Regents' Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission met on Tuesday, July 14, 2015, at 10:08 a.m. in Room 1-190 of the Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge.

Commissioner Lalonde called the meeting to order and the roll was called.

Commission Members Present

Melanie Amrhein
James Dorris
James Fontenot
Theresa Hay
Raymond Lalonde

Staff Members Present

Nancy Beall
Chandra Cheatham
Kristi Kron
Carol Marabella

Commission Members Absent

Ralph Bender, Chair
Richard D'Aquin
Sherrie Despino
Keith Jones, Vice-Chair

Guests Present

(See Appendix A)

Following a word of welcome from Acting Chair Lalonde to new Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission member Theresa Hay, who will serve as the Commissioner of Higher Education's representative on the Commission, the first item of business was approval of the minutes from its meeting of May 12, 2015.

On motion of Ms. Amrhein, seconded by Ms. Hay, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously adopted the minutes of the May 12, 2015 Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission meeting.

The next agenda item considered by the Commission was seven initial license applications of which the first six applications were submitted from Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy, LLC, for proposed locations in Lafayette, Lake Charles, Mandeville, Marrero, Monroe, and Slidell, Louisiana, and represented by the school's manager, Mr. David B. Roux. Ms. Marabella reviewed the materials for the Commission noting that these proposed six schools are owned by a practicing dentist, Dr. Jarrad Bencaz of Denham Springs, Louisiana, who gained licensure for his initial proprietary school, Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy located in Denham Springs, on August 24, 2011. These six proposed new institutions, like their main campus, 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 a dental clinic either on a Friday or Saturday, depending on school location. Each of the applications for Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy had met all the legal and administrative requirements to be approved for an initial license.

Following further discussion regarding an explanation of the company's business model

for the proposed schools, success with the currently licensed school, qualifications of the instructors who will teach at each school's location, and a comparison of the curriculum to area competition,

On motion of Mr. Fontenot, 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 Lafayette, Louisiana.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Dorris, 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 Marrero, Louisiana.

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

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

The seventh and final initial license application considered by the Commission was from Rock Bridge Training Institute, LLC, located in Shreveport, Louisiana, and represented by the

school's owner, Ms. Felicia A. Posey. Ms. Kron reviewed the materials for the Commission noting that Ms. Posey previously owned a proprietary school, Training Academy for Dental Assistants, which closed on September 23, 2011. The institution is proposing to offer two programs of study, Dental Assisting (540.0 clock hours/6.0 months) and Personal Home Care Aide (96.0 clock hours/8.0 weeks). Rock Bridge Training Institute, LLC, had met all the legal and administrative requirements to be approved for an initial license.

Following further discussion regarding the reasons for the closure of the previous school and the owner's plans for the proposed school and its curricula, that simulated dental operatories will be included in the Dental Assistant program, employment opportunities and available job placement assistance for graduates, comparison of curricula to that of competition, and duties of a Personal Home Care Aide,

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 Rock Bridge Training Institute, LLC, located in Shreveport, Louisiana.

The next agenda item considered by the Commission was the reconsideration of the initial license application from Stick It Phlebotomy located in Jonesboro, Louisiana, that was previously recommended to the Board of Regents for initial licensure at its May 12, 2015 meeting. The school's owner, Ms. Sherry Hinton, represented the school. Ms. Marabella reviewed for the Commission the reason that the application was referred back to the Commission due to violation of advertising rules and regulations.

Following further discussion regarding the circumstances surrounding the posting of

advertisements prior to licensure and the owner's acknowledgement of the error and reassurance to the Commission of future compliance with the proprietary schools law,

On motion of Mr. Dorris, seconded by Ms. Amrhein, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously recommends that the Board of Regents approve an initial operating license for Stick It Phlebotomy, located in Jonesboro, Louisiana.

The next agenda item considered by the Commission was operating license renewals.

Ms. Marabella informed the Commission members that there were twenty-three (23) 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 Mr. Fontenot, 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):

Advance Healthcare Institute, LLC (05/26/11)
BAR/BRI (Baton Rouge) (05/23/12)
BAR/BRI (New Orleans) (05/23/12)
Blue Cliff College--Alexandria (05/25/06)
Cameron College (06/29/83)
D.D.C. School for Dental Assisting, LLC (05/22/13)
Delta College of Arts & Technology (06/25/92)
Dental Careers Institute, LLC (05/26/11)
Diesel Driving Academy (Baton Rouge) (06/25/87)
Eastern College of Health Vocations--Shreveport (05/27/04)
God's Way--Project Excel, Inc. (05/26/11)
Grace & Favor Training Academy, LLC (05/21/14)
Lincoln College (formerly Nashville Auto-Diesel College) (05/22/03)
Louisiana Institute of Massage Therapy (05/22/13)
Oak Park School of Dental Assisting (05/28/09)
Ouachita Truck Driving Academy, LLC (05/22/03)
Remington College (Baton Rouge Campus) (05/26/11)
Remington College (Lafayette Campus) (05/26/11)

Remington College (Shreveport Campus) (05/26/11)
SIHAF Career Institute (05/21/14)
Southern Medical Corporation School of Ultrasound (06/26/97)
Virginia College (Baton Rouge) (05/27/10)
Virginia College (Shreveport) (05/26/11)

Ms. Marabella informed the Commission that there was one institution that chose not to renew its license this renewal cycle--Central Louisiana Medical Academy (06/24/99). Ms. Kaylon G. Smith, school owner, taught out all students prior to the school's interrupted status and ultimate closure. Staff will work with Ms. Smith to secure the student records for safekeeping.

The next item on the agenda was an update on program approvals. Acting Chair Lalonde reminded the Commission that staff approved these updates administratively and course approvals were being shared for informational purposes only.

The next meeting of the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, 2015, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 1-190 of the Claiborne Building. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

APPENDIX A

GUESTS

Sherry Hinton

Stick It Phlebotomy

Felicia Posey

Rock Bridge Training Institute

Mishaux Ramirez

Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy

David Roux

Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy

Patricia Wilton

LA Department of Justice

Dr. Sherwood Young

Rock Bridge Training Institute