



Minutes
Advisory Commission on Proprietary Schools
July 31, 2025

The Louisiana Board of Regents' Advisory Commission on Proprietary Schools met on Thursday, July 31, 2025, in Room 6-242 in the Claiborne Building. Vice Chair Melanie Amrhein called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. The roll was then called by Ms. Courtney Britton, and a quorum was established. There were no public comments to be read.

Commission Members Present

Melanie Amrhein, Vice Chair
Chris Broadwater
Sherrie Despino
Chandler LeBoeuf
Larry Tremblay

Commission Members Absent

Benjamin Baudoin
James Fontenot, Chair
Carmen Million
Hunter Thevis

Staff Members Present

Courtney Britton
Chandra Cheatham
Susannah Craig, Ph.D.
Ann Evans
Mighan Johnson
Allison Vicknair
Antonio Williams

Guests Present

(See Appendix)

The first item of business was the approval of minutes from the Commission's meeting on May 13, 2025.

On motion of Chris Broadwater, seconded by Larry Tremblay, the Advisory Commission on Proprietary Schools unanimously adopted the minutes of the May 13, 2025, Advisory Commission on Proprietary Schools meeting.

The next item considered by the Commission was the initial license applications from Accelerated Academy, campuses located in Covington and Geismar, LA. The schools, which were represented by the Corporate Compliance Manager, Keith Torres, would each offer one program: Dental Assisting at eighty hours over ten weeks. Discussion included the school and company history, difference in tuition cost for each campus, dental office partnerships, and the recent move to a hybrid program modality for all campuses.

On motion of Chris Broadwater, seconded by Sherri Despino the Advisory Commission on Proprietary Schools unanimously voted that the Board of Regents approve the initial license applications for Accelerated Academy - Geismar, Louisiana and Accelerated Academy - Covington, Louisiana.

The next agenda item considered by the Commission was submitted license renewal applications. Over the previous two months, twenty-nine schools submitted complete renewal applications.

On motion of Sherri Despino, seconded by Larry Tremblay, the Advisory Commission on Proprietary Schools unanimously voted that the Board of Regents renew the licenses of the following proprietary schools:

1. AAA Crane & Rigging – Addis – License #2371
2. Ben D. Johnson Educational Center – Natchitoches – License #2300
3. CDL Mentors of Baton Rouge Truck Driving School – Baton Rouge – License #2319
4. Cooper’s Defensive Driving – New Orleans – License #2375
5. Delta College of Arts & Technology – Baton Rouge – License #857
6. Diesel Driving Academy – Baton Rouge – License #717
7. Global Trucking Academy – Marksville – License #2245
8. Hands on HVAC School-Shreveport – Shreveport – License #2355
9. Holmes Healthcare Training Center – New Orleans - License #2301
10. Inspire Coding Consulting-Slidell – Slidell – License #2292
11. Integrated Education Solutions – Violet – License #911
12. Louisiana Green Corps – New Orleans – License #2356
13. Louisiana Institute of Massage Therapy – Lake Charles – License #2180
14. Med-Advance Training – Baton Rouge – License #2272
15. Nashville Auto-Diesel College – Nashville, TN– License #2051
16. Operations Spark – New Orleans – License #2247
17. Ouachita Truck Driving Academy – Sterlington – License #2050
18. Petra College – Hammond – License #2215
19. Precision Welding Testing & Training – Geismar – License #2293
20. Premier Diagnostic Institute – Metairie – License #2382
21. Remington College-Lafayette – Lafayette – License #2152
22. Remington College-Shreveport – Shreveport – License #2153
23. Safe Road Truck Driving School – New Orleans – License #2333
24. Unitech Training Academy-Alexandria – Alexandria – License #2384
25. Unitech Training Academy-Baton Rouge – Baton Rouge – License #2385
26. Unitech Training Academy-Houma – Houma – License #2386
27. Unitech Training Academy-Lafayette – Lafayette – License #2387
28. Unitech Training Academy-New Orleans – New Orleans – License #2388
29. Unitech Training Academy-West Monroe – West Monroe – License #2389

MedEra Technical Institute, Hammond, LA, License #2391, did not submit a complete renewal application by its’ license expiration date and was notified by Staff that its’ license expired. The school owner submitted additional materials and, via Staff, asked for the Commission to consider an exception.

On motion of Chris Broadwater, seconded by Chandler LeBoeuf, the Advisory Commission on Proprietary Schools acknowledged the expiration of MedEra Technical Institute’s license and unanimously voted not to grant an exception and for the partial fees submitted to be returned.

The next agenda item was program approval updates. The commission was reminded that program approvals were approved by staff, and the provided list was for informational purposes only.

Accelerated Academy – Baton Rouge, LA

- Amend: Dental Assisting – Hybrid – 80.0 clock hours

Accelerated Academy – Denham Springs, LA

- Amend: Dental Assisting – Hybrid – 80.0 clock hours

Accelerated Academy – Hammond, LA

- Amend: Dental Assisting – Hybrid – 80.0 clock hours

Accelerated Academy – Houma, LA

- Amend: Dental Assisting – Hybrid – 80.0 clock hours

Accelerated Academy – Lafayette, LA

- Amend: Dental Assisting – Hybrid – 80.0 clock hours

Accelerated Academy – Lake Charles, LA

- Amend: Dental Assisting – Hybrid – 80.0 clock hours

Accelerated Academy – Metairie, LA

- Amend: Dental Assisting – Hybrid – 80.0 clock hours

Accelerated Academy – Monroe, LA

- Amend: Dental Assisting – Hybrid – 80.0 clock hours

Accelerated Academy – Slidell, LA

- Amend: Dental Assisting – Hybrid – 80.0 clock hours

Delta College-West – Lake Charles, LA

- Amend: Medical Assistant – Hybrid – 786.0 clock hours/ 48.0 Quarter Credits
- Amend: Medical Assistant – Traditional – 786.0 clock hours/ 48.0 Quarter Credits

Delta College-South – Baton Rouge, LA

- Amend: Medical Assistant – Hybrid – 786.0 clock hours/ 48.0 Quarter Credits
- Amend: Medical Assistant – Traditional – 786.0 clock hours/ 48.0 Quarter Credits

Unitech Training Academy-Lafayette - Lafayette, LA

- Add: Electrical – Traditional – 480.0 clock hours/ 39.0 Quarter Credits

The next agenda item considered by the Commission was the discussion of compliance issues with licensed schools. Discussion included the discovery of several compliance issues during the transition to the online application management system, staff's efforts to ensure schools are in compliance, and the implementation of quarterly compliance training and whether the training is currently mandatory for schools. A motion to require attendance at compliance training annually was considered but withdrawn to be placed on September's Commission agenda under a more detailed

agenda item. The Commission asked staff to prepare more information about potential compliance penalties, processes when noncompliance is discovered, authority of the Commission to enforce penalties for noncompliance, and various methods and timing of offering regular compliance trainings, which school representatives should be required to complete compliance training if it were enforced, and the next steps to enforce compliance taken by the Commission and Board.

During the final agenda item, "Other Business," the discussion covered the agency's efforts to better inform the Board of Regents about school licensure of all types, a future board development on licensure, and the potential for the Board to recommend changes to Louisiana's licensure laws and rules.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for September 16, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1–153 of the Claiborne Building. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:28pm.

APPENDIX A
GUESTS

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