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**Minutes**  
**Board of Regents' Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission**  
**July 12, 2022**

The Louisiana Board of Regents' Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission met Tuesday, July 12, 2022, in Room 1-155 in the Claiborne Building. Prior to calling the meeting to order, new commission member Susana Schowen, appointed by Louisiana Community and Technical College System was administered the oath of office. Chair James Fontenot called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. The roll was then called, and a quorum was established. There were no public comments to be read.

**Commission Members Present**

Melanie Amrhein, Vice Chair  
Sherrie Despino  
James Fontenot, Chair  
Randy Plaisance  
Susana Schowen

**Commission Members Absent**

Jada Lewis  
Carmen Million  
James Dorris

**Staff Members Present**

Courtney Britton  
Chandra Cheatham  
Dr. Susannah Craig  
Mighan Johnson  
Antonio Williams

**Guests Present**

(See Appendix)

The first item of business was the approval of minutes from the Commission's meeting of May 10, 2022.

**On motion of Sherrie Despino, seconded by Randy Plaisance, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously adopted the minutes of the May 10, 2022 Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission meeting.**

The next agenda item considered by the Commission was the change of ownership applications for schools recently purchased by Education Management. The schools are Acadiana Career College-Lafayette, Louisiana, Blue Cliff College-Alexandria, Alexandria, LA, Blue Cliff College-Lafayette, Lafayette, LA, Blue Cliff College-Metairie, Metairie, LA, Blue Cliff College-Metairie Satellite Location, Metairie, LA, They were represented by DeKenya Douglas, COO, and LaShawn Colligan. Ms. Chandra Cheatham, Board of Regents, reviewed the materials for the Commission members, informing them that the institutions offer a variety of courses in the following areas: Clinical Medical Assisting, Massage Therapy, Health Information Management Billing and Coding, Clinical Administrative Medical Assisting, Medical Office Administration, etc. The applications met all legal and administrative requirements to be approved for a change of ownership and new licenses.

The discussion focused on how often change of ownerships occurs and the purpose for change of ownership, the history of the school, any possible name changes, Houma campus closure, and plans for potential new location of Blue Cliff College-Baton Rouge in 2023. Following the discussion,

**on motion of Melanie Amrhein, Vice Chair, seconded by Sherrie Despino, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously voted that the Board of Regents approve the change of ownership applications for Acadiana Career College, Lafayette, Louisiana, Blue Cliff College, Alexandria, LA, Blue Cliff College, Lafayette, LA, Blue Cliff College, Metairie, LA, and Blue Cliff College-Satellite Location, Metairie, LA.**

The next item considered by the Commission was the initial license application from Smith Institute of Massage Therapy Continuing Education. The school will be located in Shreveport, Louisiana. The school was represented by its owner, Ms. Mariquita Smith. Ms. Mighan Johnson, Board of Regents, reviewed the materials for the Commission members, informing them that the institution was proposing to offer one program: Massage Therapy Express (560 clock hours). The application met all legal and administrative requirements to be approved for an initial license.

Following further discussion regarding the school owner's training history, purpose for opening the school, the need for a school in the Shreveport area, and future plans for more instructors to expand the school, as well as financial discussion, recruiting efforts and advertising. Following the discussion,

**on motion of Sherrie Despino seconded by Susie Schowen, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously voted that the Board of Regents approve the initial license application for Smith Institute of Massage Therapy Continuing Education, LLC, Shreveport, Louisiana.**

The next item considered by the Commission was the initial license application from 160 Driving Academy - Shreveport. The school will be in Shreveport, Louisiana. The school was represented by Tess Cavalier, Director of Compliance and Real Estate. Mr. Antonio Williams reviewed the materials for the Commission members, informing them that the institution was proposing to offer one program: Class A CDL (160 clock hours). The application met all legal and administrative requirements to be approved for an initial license.

The commission then discussed the opening of the New Orleans area school last year, the company's history, the market for drivers and the company's partnerships to supply several large retailers and businesses with drivers. Following the discussion,

**on motion of Melanie Amrhein, seconded by Susana Schowen, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously voted that the Board of Regents approve the initial license application for 160 Driving Academy - Shreveport, in Shreveport, Louisiana.**

The next item considered by the Commission was the initial license application from OceanPointe Dental Assisting Academy of Prairieville, LLC. The school will be in Prairieville, Louisiana. The school was represented by Dr. Neil Oza, Owner. Mr. Williams reviewed the materials for the Commission members, informing them that the institution was proposing to offer one program: Dental Assisting (161 clock hours). The application met all legal and administrative requirements to be approved for an initial license.

The commission then discussed most recent graduating class job placements for Dr. Oza's Hammond location, the location of the new school and the hosting site practice, the future possibility of night classes. Following the discussion,

**on motion of Sherrie Despino, seconded by Melanie Amrhein, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously voted that the Board of Regents approve the initial license application for OceanPointe Dental Assisting Academy of Prairieville, LLC, Prairieville, Louisiana.**

The next item considered by the Commission was the initial license application from Synergy Massage Institute. The school will be in Metairie, Louisiana. The school was represented by the owner, Erin Warner. Mr. Williams reviewed the materials for the Commission members, informing them that the institution was proposing to offer one program: Massage Therapy (500 clock hours). The application met all legal and administrative requirements to be approved for an initial license.

The commission then discussed history of the school owner and their first proprietary school location opened last year, the most recent graduating classes job placements for that location and the need to duplicate the model in other areas, and the school's low student/teacher ration. Following the discussion,

**on motion of Sherrie Despino, seconded by Susana Schowen, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously voted that the Board of Regents approve the initial license application Synergy Massage Institute, Metairie, LA.**

The next item considered by the Commission was the initial license application from Kingdom Technical College. The school will be located in Shreveport, Louisiana. The school was represented by its manager Latesha Heard and instructor, Mr. DeCarlos Heard. Mr. Williams reviewed the materials for the Commission members, informing them that the institution was proposing to offer three programs: Welder 1 (600 clock hours), Welder 2 (1000 clock hours) and Welder 3 (1500 clock hours). The application met minimum requirements to be approved for an initial license.

Following further discussion regarding loss of the school's previous license, the background of school staff, curriculum history, job prospects, school equipment and the school's financial capabilities,

**on motion of Melanie Amrhein, seconded by Susana Schowen, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously voted that the Board of Regents approve the initial license application for Kingdom Technical College, Shreveport, Louisiana.**

The next agenda item considered by the Commission was operating license renewals. Over the previous two months, 21 schools submitted complete renewal applications. Ms. Britton noted one school, Advanced Healthcare Institute of Prairieville, LA, chose to not renew their license. The school has submitted copies of student transcripts digitally to the Board of Regents.

**On motion of Melanie Amrhein, seconded by Susana Schowen, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously voted that the Board of Regents renew the licenses of the following proprietary schools:**

Ben D. Johnson Educational Center, Natchitoches, LA – License #2300  
CDL Mentors of Baton Rouge Truck Driving School, Baton Rouge, LA – License #2319  
Delta College of Arts & Technology, Baton Rouge, LA – License #857  
Diesel Driving Academy, Baton Rouge, LA – License #717  
Global Trucking Academy, Marksville, LA – License #2245  
Holmes Healthcare Training Center, New Orleans, LA – License #2301  
Integrated Education Solutions, Violet, LA – License #2292  
Lincoln College of Technology, Nashville, TN – License #2051  
Louisiana Institute of Massage Therapy, Lake Charles, LA – License #2180  
McCann School of Business, Monroe, LA – License #2294  
Med-Advance Training, Baton Rouge, LA – License #2272  
Oak Park School of Dental Assisting, Lake Charles, LA – License #2118  
OceanPointe Dental Academy of Hammond, Hammond, LA – License #2332  
Operation Spark, New Orleans, LA – License #2247  
Ouachita Truck Driving Academy, Sterlington, LA – License #2050  
Petra College, Inc., Hammond, LA – License #2215  
Precision Welding Testing & Training, Geismar, LA – License #2293  
Remington College, Lafayette, LA – License #2152  
Remington College, Shreveport, LA – License #2153  
Safe Road Truck Driving School, New Orleans, LA – License #2333  
Skillz Academy, New Orleans, LA – License #2334

The next agenda item was an update on program approvals. Chair Fontenot reminded the Commission that program approvals were being shared for informational purposes only. No questions were brought forward regarding the following program approvals.

**Academy of Acadiana**

New Iberia, LA

- Added Program  
*Medical Assistant - 480.0 clock hours*

### **Advance Nurse Training**

New Orleans, LA

- Amended Program  
*Clinical Medical Assistant - 720.0 clock hours*

### **Baton Rouge Dental Assistant Academy – South**

Baton Rouge, LA

- Added Program  
*Dental Assistant Hybrid - 180.0 clock hours*

### **Charity Institute of Careers**

Lafayette, LA

- Amended Program  
*Phlebotomy - 600.0 clock hours*

### **Compass Career College**

Hammond, LA

- Amended Programs  
*Medical Assistant (Hybrid) – 750.0 clock hours*  
*Medical Billing and Coding (Hybrid) – 750.0 clock hours*
- Added Programs  
*Phlebotomy Technician (Hybrid) – 150.0 clock hours*  
*Medical Office Specialist (Hybrid) – 200.0 clock hours*  
*Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW) – 280.0 clock hours*  
*Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW) and Flux Core Arc Welding (FCAW) – 280.0 clock hours*  
*Gas Tungsten Arc Welding (GTAW) – 385.0 clock hours*  
*Aluminum Welding—245.0 clock hours*

### **Cross Road CDL Academy**

Harvey, LA

- Added Program  
*Class A CDL - 600.0 clock hours*

### **Delta Arts & Technology**

Baton Rouge, LA

- Amended Program  
*Medical Office Health Information Technician - 794.0 clock hours*

### **Delta Arts & Technology**

Lafayette, LA

- Amended Program  
*Medical Office Health Information Technician - 794.0 clock hours*

**Durham Transport**

Shreveport, LA

- Added Program  
*Class B CDL - 80.0 clock hours*

**ITI**

Baton Rouge, LA

- Amended Program  
*Drafting & Design Technology (AOS) – 96.5 quarter credit hours*

**Lafayette Dental Assistant School**

Lafayette, LA

- Amended Programs:  
*Dental Assistant Hybrid - 180.0 clock hours*

**Shreveport Dental Assistant School**

Shreveport, LA

- Amended Programs:  
*Dental Assistant Hybrid - 180.0 clock hours*

For the other business items, a discussion of the upcoming rule changes was held and Ms. Courtney Britton updated the commission on the board's vote regarding the previous meeting's adjudicatory hearing results. The next meeting of the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, September 13, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 1-155 of the Claiborne Building. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

APPENDIX A  
GUESTS

LaShawn Colligan	Blue Cliff College / Education Management
Tess Cavellier	160 Driving Academy
DaKenya Douglas	Blue Cliff College
LaTasha Heard	Kingdom Technical College
DeCarlos Heard	Kingdom Technical College
Amanda LaGroue	LA Department of Justice
Neil Oza	OceanPointe Dental
Mariquita Smith	Smith Institute
Erin Warner	Synergy Massage Institute