



**Minutes**  
**Advisory Commission on Proprietary Schools**  
**January 14, 2025**

The Louisiana Board of Regents' Advisory Commission on Proprietary Schools met on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, in Room 6-242 in the Claiborne Building. Chair James Fontenot called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.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**

Benjamin Baudoin  
James Fontenot, Chair  
Melanie Amrhein, Vice Chair  
Sherrie Despino  
Larry Tremblay

**Commission Members Absent**

Carmen Million  
Chris Broadwater  
Chandler LeBoeuf  
Randy Plaisance

**Staff Members Present**

Courtney Britton  
Chandra Cheatham  
Mighan Johnson  
Antonio Williams

**Guests Present**

(See Appendix)

The first item of business was the election of officers. Commission members nominated current sitting officers.

**On motion of Melanie Amrhein, seconded by Sherrie Despino, the Advisory Commission on Proprietary Schools unanimously voted for James Fontenot to continue as Chair.**

**On motion of James Fontenot, seconded by Sherrie Despino, the Advisory Commission on Proprietary Schools unanimously voted for Melanie Amrhein to continue as Vice-Chair.**

The next item of business was the approval of minutes from the Commission's meeting on November 12, 2024.

**On motion of Carmen Million, seconded by Larry Tremblay, the Advisory Commission on Proprietary Schools unanimously adopted the minutes of the November 12, 2024, Advisory Commission on Proprietary Schools meeting.**

The next item considered by the Commission was the deferred initial license application from Orphic Training Academy, located in Shreveport, LA. The initial license application was deferred pending the review of additional requested information. The school was represented by the owner, LaTasha P. Hunter-Lee and would offer three programs: Phlebotomy Technician at 193 hours for eight weeks, Clinical Medical Assistant at 283 hours for sixteen weeks, and EKG

Technician at 203 hours for eight weeks. Discussion included the owner's motivation for opening the school, program costs, the school's financial stability, grant funding, community partnerships, and the functions of two different businesses due to a complaint: Orphic Training Academy and Orphic Training Solutions.

**On motion of James Fontenot, seconded by Larry Tremblay, the Advisory Commission on Proprietary Schools unanimously voted that the Board of Regents approve the initial license application for Orphic Training Academy, Shreveport, Louisiana.**

The next item considered by the Commission was the initial license application from Phlebotomy Training Specialist located in Elmwood, LA. The school was represented by Licensing Representative, Savanna Sanborn and would offer one program: Phlebotomy Training at 40 hours for four weeks. Discussion included the location choice, length of program, cost of program, certification test, and the company's other locations, including the location already licensed in Louisiana.

**On motion of Melanie Amrhein, seconded by Sherrie Despino, the Advisory Commission on Proprietary Schools unanimously voted that the Board of Regents approve the initial license application for Phlebotomy Training Specialist, Elmwood, Louisiana.**

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

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

1. Brow Design by Dina – Denham Springs – License #2345
2. Compass Career College – Hammond – License #237
3. Gonzales Medical Assistant School – Gonzales – License #2164
4. Infinity College – Lafayette – License #2140
5. National Driving Academy – Greensburg – License #2376
6. New Orleans Culinary & Hospitality Institute (NOCHI) – New Orleans – License #2237
7. SIHAF Career Institute – Shreveport – License #2347
8. Southern Security School – New Orleans – License #2200
9. The Laser and Medical Aesthetic Academy at ACWH – Gonzales – License #2346
10. Tulsa Welding School – Tulsa – Tulsa, Oklahoma – License #2096
11. Williams Technical College – Houma – License #2141

Staff also provided information on a school that chose not to renew their license for this renewal period.

Conversations regarding obtaining student records will be part of continuing dialogue with owners as they work to complete a change of ownership application for the institution's second location.

- License #2139 – Medical Education, LLC – Lake Charles, LA

The next agenda item considered by the Commission was incomplete license renewal applications. Melba Beauty, License #2311, located in Prairieville, LA, began a license renewal application but did not submit a complete and compliant application by the expiration date. As such, outlined in La. R.S. 3140, the license expired. As the school did not dispute the expiration, no voting action was required.

The next agenda item considered by the Commission was the deferred renewal application of Nursing Assistant Network Association (NANA), License #2311, located in New Orleans, LA. At the previous Commission meeting on November 12, 2024, the Commission voted to defer the renewal application until the school could complete the items on their Compliance Action plan from a recent site visit. Commission members were presented with information regarding the completed items and received Staff's opinion that all requested items had been provided. In addition, a public comment by the school owner, Latrina Bates, was submitted and read by Ms. Britton.

**On motion of Sherrie Despino, seconded by Melanie Amrhein, the Advisory Commission on Proprietary Schools unanimously voted that the Board of Regents renew the license of the Nursing Assistant Network Association-New Orleans.**

The next agenda item was program approval updates. Staff reminded the commission that program approvals are completed by staff and the provided list is an informational item only.

- Hospitality Opportunity and Service Training Program (HOST), Baton Rouge, LA

*Add- Retail Industry Fundamentals (hybrid) – 30.0 clock hours*

*Add- Retail Industries: Customer Service & Sales (hybrid)– 30.0 clock hours*

*Add- Business of Retail: Operations and Profit (hybrid)– 30.0 clock hours*


*Add- Warehouse, Inventory, and Logistics (hybrid)– 30.0 clock hours*

- H.E.A.R.T Academy—Baton Rouge, LA

*Add- Certified Phlebotomy Technician (hybrid)– 80.0 clock hours*

*Add- Certified Phlebotomy Technician (in-person)– 80.0 clock hours*

For the final agenda item of other business, discussion included the introduction of the Commission representative from the Louisiana Attorney General's office, Tyler Savoy.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for March 11, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 1–155 of the Claiborne Building. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m. 

APPENDIX A  
GUESTS

Latasha P. Hunter-Lee

Orphic Training Academy

Helen Plater

Orphic Training Academy

Savanna Sanborn

Phlebotomy Training Specialist

Amanda LaGroue

LA Department of Justice

Tyler Savoy

LA Department of Justice