



BOARD of REGENTS
STATE OF LOUISIANA

Minutes

Advisory Commission on Proprietary Schools November 12, 2024

The Louisiana Board of Regents' Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission met on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, in Room 153 in the Claiborne Building. Chair James Fontenot called the meeting to order at 10:02 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
Carmen Million
Randy Plaisance
Larry Tremblay

Staff Members Present

Courtney Britton
Chandra Cheatham
Susannah Craig
Mighan Johnson
Antonio Williams

Commission Members Absent

Melanie Amrhein, Vice Chair
Chris Broadwater
Sherrie Despino
Chandler LeBoeuf

Guests Present

(See Appendix)

The first item of business was the approval of minutes from the Commission's meeting on September 10, 2024. Larry Tremblay identified one amendment, noting that he was appointed by the Commissioner of Higher Education, not the Commission of Higher Education.

On motion of Carmen Million, seconded by Larry Tremblay, the Advisory Commission on Proprietary Schools unanimously adopted the amended minutes of the September 10, 2024, Advisory Commission on Proprietary Schools meeting.

The next item considered by the Commission was the initial license application from AGI CDL Driving Academy, LLC, located in Lake Charles, LA. The school was represented by the owner, Aaron Gott, and would offer one program: Class A CDL at 160 hours for four weeks. Discussion included the owner's motivation for opening the school, instructors and their experience, equipment and the cost, goal for student-to-equipment ratio, financials and credit line, cash flow plans, yard training, and staff concerns regarding the business plan and financials.

On motion of Larry Tremblay, seconded by Carmen Million, the Advisory Commission on Proprietary Schools unanimously voted that the Board of Regents approve the initial license application for AGI CDL Driving Academy, LLC, Lake Charles, Louisiana.

The next item considered by the Commission was the initial license application from Orphic Training Academy, located in Shreveport, LA. 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, financials and grants, programs and the cost of each, and sustainability of school financially. Commission members expressed concerns regarding the discrepancies between presented current financials and the financial projections presented within the business plan. Commission members requested an updated business plan including a detailed breakdown of recruitment of students, detailed breakdown of expenses, and explanation of proposed grants and lines of credit, and a business cash flow plan.

On motion of Larry Tremblay, seconded by Ben Baudoin, the Advisory Commission on Proprietary Schools unanimously voted to defer the initial license application for Orphic Training Academy to the next meeting of the Commission after the review of the additional materials requested.

The next item considered by the Commission was the initial license application from Shreveport-Bossier City Massage Academy, located in Shreveport, LA. The school, represented by the owner, Travis Scott, would offer one program: Massage Therapy Training at 652 hours for forty weeks. Discussion included the owner's motivation for opening the school, location, expected student-to-instructor ratio, and fixed costs.

On motion of Randy Plaisance, seconded by Carmen Million, the Advisory Commission on Proprietary Schools unanimously voted that the Board of Regents approve the initial license application for Shreveport-Bossier City Massage Academy, Shreveport, Louisiana.

The next agenda item considered by the Commission was submitted license renewal applications. Over the previous two months, 26 schools submitted complete renewal applications.

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

1. 160 Driving Academy-Metairie – Metairie – License #2340
2. Academy of Interactive Entertainment – Lafayette – License #2136
3. Ayers Career College – Shreveport – License #828
4. Becker Online – Downers Grove, IL – License #2368
5. Clinical Lynks – New Orleans – License #2376

6. Coastal College – Baton Rouge – License #2019
7. Coastal Truck Driving School of New Orleans – New Orleans – License #2200
8. Crescent City School of Gaming and Bartending – New Orleans – License #594
9. Delta College – Covington – License #947
10. Delta College – Slidell Branch – Slidell – License #2066
11. Diesel Driving Academy – Shreveport – License #369
12. Durham Transport Academy – Shreveport – License #2341
13. Joshua Career Institute of Louisiana – Shreveport – License #2307
14. Lafayette Dental Assistant School – Lafayette – License #2251
15. Mia’s Medical Academy – Baton Rouge – License #2202
16. National Aesthetic Laser Institute – Baton Rouge – License #2295
17. New Orleans Dental Assistant School – Metairie – License #2252
18. Over Drive Truck Driving School of Louisiana – Deville – License #2283
19. Pelican Chapter-ABC – Baton Rouge – License #2172
20. Pelican Chapter-ABC-Southwest Campus – Westlake – License #2173
21. Road Ready Driving Academy, Houma – License #2367
22. Shreveport Dental Assistant School – License #2253
23. The Microblading Institute, Maurice – License #2324
24. Thomas Training and Developmental Center, Franklin – License #948
25. Unimed Academy – New Orleans – License #2378
26. Woodland Healthcare Training, Denham Springs, LA – License #2284

There was one school that chose not to renew their license for this renewal period, and staff have not been in contact with the school owners about obtaining the student records.

- License #2323 – iWeld Institute – Houma, LA

There was one school that submitted a complete renewal application, but their renewal is to be deferred until the next meeting of the Commission, pending the completion of the site visit action plan.

- License #920 – Nursing Assistant Network Association – New Orleans, LA

The next agenda item was program approval updates. Staff reminded the Commission that program approvals are done by staff and don’t require the Commission vote for recommendation.

1. Unitech Training Academy, Lafayette, LA

Amend-Medical Office Assistant (Online) – 600.0 clock hours

The next agenda item was voting on the Commission’s meeting dates for 2025. Discussion included schools’ response to the adoption of the new online system, the new monthly and quarterly trainings staff will be offering, the number of open applications for January, and timing of due dates and meeting dates in regard to state holidays.

On motion of Carmen Million, seconded by Larry Tremblay, the Advisory Commission on Proprietary Schools unanimously voted to accept the 2025 meeting dates as presented.

For the final agenda item of other business, discussion included the outstanding student data submission and potential implications of nonsubmittal of student data, including the revocation of the license. Staff recommended allowing the school until the end of the month to submit student data, and to complete required student data training.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for January 14, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 6-242 of the Claiborne Building. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

APPENDIX A
GUESTS

Aaron Gott	AGI CDL Driving Academy, LLC
Clara Gott	AGI CDL Driving Academy, LLC
LaTasha P. Hunter-Lee	Orphic Training Academy
Amanda LaGroue	LA Department of Justice
Travis Scott	Shreveport-Bossier City Massage Academy