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**Agricultural Education Commission**

***Tuesday, May 26, 2015***

***1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.***

## Meeting Summary

**In Attendance**:

**Commissioners:** Ken Bradford, Dr. Lisa Vospers (for BOR), Kathy Conerly, Dr. Jenee Slocum, Tommy Peters (for Larry Boyte), Megan Gravois, Dwayne Martin, Donna Bailey, and Dr. Carrie Castille.

**Guests & Staff:** Nia Crutchfield, Kevin Moreau, Shannon Davis (BESE), Paul Theriot, Martha Moore, Lisa French, Jennifer Falls.

**Absent**: Dr. J. C. Bunch, Dr. Adell Brown, Steve Monaghan, Catherine Segura and Blake Cooper.

**Meeting Notes**

**Welcome/Introductions/Meeting Objectives/Roll Call/Approval of Minutes**

*Ken Bradford, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Student Opportunities, LDOE*

Bradford, Commission Chair, welcomed attendees to meeting, requested that roll be called and reviewed the agenda. Dwayne Martin moved and Dr. Carrie Castille seconded the Approval of the Minutes.

**Legislative Updates**

Ken Bradford reported on legislative action during the current session: the continued inclusion of the Career Development Fund 6% adder and the Supplemental Course Academy funding in the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) and alignment of the Career Diploma with TOPS Tech.

**National FFA Program**

Kathy Conerly introduced Dr. Nina Crutchfield, National FFA Regional Local Program Success Coordinator for the Southeast US, who shared information about the National FFA program and the direction of agriculture education programs. National effort are supporting implementation of agriculture standards focusing on the science of agriculture, emphasizing integrated curricula, and aligning rigorous agricultural programs with 21st century demands.

**CASE Agriculture Curriculum**

Ken Bradford introduced Kevin Moreau, State CASE Lead Teacher/Trainer, Agriscience Teacher, Starks High School, who shared information about CASE (Curriculum for Agricultural Science Education). CASE teachers are working to develop a certification aligned with the curriculum and requested that additional CASE courses be added to the Agriculture Tech pathway. Currently, there are eight (8) courses in the CASE curriculum: Introduction to Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, Principles of Agricultural Science – Animal, Principles of Agricultural Science – Plant, Animal and Plant Biotechnology, Natural Resources and Ecology, Food Science and Safety, Agricultural Power and Technology, and Agricultural Research and Development.

Commission members discussed alignment of CASE curricula with Agriculture Tech Pathway and the proposed Bio-Tech Agriculture Pathway and agreed to invite Mr. Moreau to Agricultural Standards and Pathways to IBCs subcommittee meetings when appropriate.

Kathy Conerly moved and Dr. Carrie Castille seconded the motion that “LDE pursue adding two course codes for two CASE courses: CASE: Food Science and Safety and CASE: Introduction to Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources.” Motion approved.

**Agricultural Standards and Pathways to IBCs (Articulated Credit)**

Kathy Conerly reviewed status of Agriculture IBC, specifically updated commission on the subcommittee’s efforts to revise Louisiana’s agriculture standards and add agricultural IBCs and provided the commission with listing of AEST Blueprint – Agritechnology 3.0. The subcommittee is incorporating these benchmarks into the development of agricultural pathways and suggests referencing these benchmarks as revise Louisiana’s Agriculture Standards.

Standards review is underway with first meeting scheduled for early August. Subcommittee continues reviewing proposed IBC and is preparing the application package for presentation to the Workforce Investment Council (WIC) in early fall.

Ken Bradford motioned and Kathy seconded that “subcommittee draft the agriculture IBC and bring that draft with its application package to commission for review prior to submission to WIC.” Motion passed.

Tommy Peters motioned and Kathy Conerly seconded that “review of model course guidelines include the agritechnology benchmarks.” Motion passed.

**Next Steps**

* Summarize and distribute minutes of this meeting
* Poll commission members and set date for next meeting (September)

**Public Comment:**

None

**Adjourned**