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**Agricultural Education Commission**

***Wednesday, September 2016***

***1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.***

## Meeting Summary

**In Attendance:**

**Commissioners:** Ken Bradford, Kathy Conerly, Patricia Felder, Tommy Peters, Megan Gravois, Dwayne Martin, Lori Cherry, and Donna Bailey

**Guests & Staff:** Robert J. Lobos, Fran Harvey, Dr. Leslie Blanchard, Leslie Hill, Taylor Dunn, Jill Cowart, Lydia Hill, Morgan Landry, Bryan Bertucci, Lisa French, Martha Moore.

**Not in Attendance**: Dr. Karen Denby, Dr. Adell Brown, Gabe Patterson, Steve Monaghan, and Catherine Segura, Dr. J. C. Bunch, and Dr. Joey Blackburn.

**Meeting Notes**

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

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

Ken Bradford, Commission Chair, introduced commission members, welcomed attendees to meeting, reviewed the agenda and requested that roll be called. Dwayne Martin moved and Lori Cherry seconded the Approval of the Minutes. Motion approved.

**Jump Start / LDOE Updates**

Ken Bradford, Commission Chair, shared updates with commission including link to Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) website to review suggested implementation guidelines, creation of Science Standards Review Panel, posting of updated Agriculture Tech Pathway, updating of Financial Aid webpage, highlighting expansion of the Jobs for America’s Graduates (JAG) program, and expanding Jump Start communications through video network and automated text response system. Lisa French, Executive Director, Career and Technical Education, Office of Student Opportunities, reported on the status of Louisiana Agritechnology Industry-Based Certification affirming the addition of the Workforce Investment Council (WIC) approved credential to the Agriculture Tech Pathway as a basic statewide credential. Dr. Blackburn and Dr. Bunch requested the spotlighting of this credential in communications and through affiliated organizations.

**Our Future Workforce and Geographic Information System (GIS)**

Fran Fetzer Harvey from Global Geospatial Solutions shared GIS applications in the classroom including lesson plans and professional development and information about summer camps and other opportunities for students to apply GIS. Dr. Harvey shared that drafting application for GIS Industry-Based Certification and that developing a course using GIS. Commission members suggested that Dr. Harvey consider working with West Carroll since district has program using GIS and drones.

**Agriculture Teacher Association / FFA Update**

Kathy Conerly, Commission Vice-Chair shared FFA updates highlighting summer convention and leadership camps for students. Tommy Peters representing the Agriscience Teachers Association reported the creation and listing of the Agriscience Career Readiness Course among Jump Start universal career readiness courses and presented a rough draft for an advanced Louisiana Agritechnology Industry-Based Certification, specifically a level two of that credential. Dr. Leslie Blanchard shared information about the Louisiana Governor’s School for Agricultural Sciences, “a residential educational program for Louisiana’s academically talented high school seniors interested in agricultural sciences.”

**Science Standards Timeline and Review Process**

Jill Cowart, Math and Science Manager, Office of Academic Content, reported that two workgroups of the Science Standards Review Panel are reviewing these standards for the first time in 19 years using frameworks from Oklahoma and Kentucky. She introduced Lydia Hill, science specialist for Louisiana Department of Education.

**Next Steps**

* Summarize and distribute minutes of this meeting
* Coordinate sharing of GIS PowerPoint with commission members
* Coordinate sharing of Louisiana Governor’s School for Agricultural Sciences information, including flyer and program application
* Date for next meeting set for during week of December 12

**Public Comment:**

None

**Adjourned**

Dr. Joey Blackburn moved and Tommy Peters seconded the adjournment of the meeting. Motion approved.