

## DUAL ENROLLMENT FRAMEWORK TASK FORCE

### Minutes

Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Claiborne Building

Iowa Room

1201 N. Third St.

Baton Rouge, LA 70802

#### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Dr. Kim Hunter Reed called the meeting to order at 12:05p.m., Monday, January 6, 2020, in the Iowa Room at the Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge, LA. The roll was taken, and a quorum was established.

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Mr. Donald Songy	Office of the Governor
Dr. Kim Hunter Reed	Board of Regents
Mr. Ken Bradford	Department of Education
Ms. Doris Voitier	State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education
Dr. Janet Pope	Louisiana School Boards Association
Mr. Mike Faulk	Louisiana Association of Superintendents
Mr. Tommy Byler	Louisiana Association of Principals
Ms. Denise Latour	Louisiana School Counselor Association
Dr. Jeannine Kahn	College and Career Readiness Commission
Mr. Keith Leger (designee)	Stand for Children
Mr. Barry Erwin	Council for a Better Louisiana
Ms. Linda Johnson	Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Dr. Kim Hunter Reed asked for a motion that the minutes from the December 2, 2019 meeting be approved. On the motion of Mr. Tommy Byler, seconded by Dr. Janet Pope, the Task Force approved the motion.**

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#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Reed proceeded to open the meeting by inviting audience members to come forward to present any public comments. Ms. Emily Distefano, LA Partnership for Children and Families, came forward to make a public comment regarding literacy among high school students. Ms. Distefano informed the Task Force that, according to the National Assessment of Educational Progress, only 27% of entering ninth graders read on grade level, leaving the remaining 73% unable to take advantage of dual enrollment (DE) opportunities. Dr. Reed followed up with Ms. Distefano, noting the Task Force will take into consideration the data regarding literacy in Louisiana (LA) high schools when drafting the Dual Enrollment Report.

#### DISCUSSION & APPROVAL OF DRAFT DUAL ENROLLMENT REPORT

Dr. Reed stated that she would ask the Task Force members, as a whole, to review the draft report and provide their comments, suggested edits, and observations. Ms. Doris Voitier referenced the first paragraph on page one, suggesting that the Task Force need to consider using the word “Eligible” versus “Qualified.” Ms. Voitier stressed that the verbiage needs to refer to all students, whereas the word “qualified” may be interpreted as referring to only academic courses while excluding CTE courses. Dr. Reed validated Ms. Voitier’s suggestion and also recommended that the abbreviation “U.S.” be placed in front of “Department of Education”. Audience member Paula Smith, LOSFA, came forward to ask if the Task Force had received the corrections submitted by LOSFA regarding TOPS Early Start. Dr. Reed stated that the changes had been received and that the Task Force will ensure there is clarification regarding TOPS Early Start in the report. Mr. Ken Bradford asked that on page 2, the word “Academy” be changed to “Allocation.” On page 3, Ms. Voitier asked for some additional information to be added to Table 1. Dr. Reed requested that the following items be added to Table 1: eligible student pool for general education courses, enrollment of those in 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade, those enrolled who are Juniors and Seniors and then those categories broken down by gender. It was also suggested that a table showing

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enrollment be presented first, followed by the table showing Dual Enrollment second, to help with any confusion. Mr. Faulk asked that Mr. Bradford clarify if the 7,305 students mentioned refers to the number of students or the number of exams. Dr. Pope posed the question, “Do other states use the CLEP test toward their accountability system and do other states accept CLEP and Dual Enrollment?” Dr. Reed noted this question for follow up by Regents staff or staff from the Education Strategy Group (ESG). Ms. Voitier requested that there be a strike through “Accountability Commission” in #8 on page 5. Ms. Johnson suggested that the term “Dual Enrollment” be added to the Glossary of Terms in order to make clear that technical and career courses are being included when referring to Dual Enrollment. Mr. Byler showed concern regarding #4 on page 5. He suggested that the Task Force steer clear of listing a specific number of DE courses that can be offered at no cost. According Mr. Byler, rural school systems can barely pay for two DE courses. His concern was that this could develop into another unfunded mandate. There was then lengthy discussion regarding SCA funds. Dr. Reed made a note to add the SCA provider approval process on page 2. Mr. Donald Songy asked that there be verbiage added to make a point on funding for two courses. Ms. Voitier reminded the Task Force that the report mentions in #5 on page 10 that existing MOUs will be honored. Ms. Johnson requested adding to #5 on page 10 a reference to some sort of timeline rather than saying that there would be “continued deliberation” in reviewing uniform pricing. On page 15, Ms. Latour requested to see verbiage regarding counselors receiving training apart from just the college counseling. She suggested that the report contain a statement about access to education for counselors regarding college pathways. It was suggested that all changes made to the draft be noted prior to the next Task Force meeting.

#### **DISCUSSION OF NEXT STEPS**

Dr. Reed announced that a copy of the draft with edits will be sent to Task Force members prior to the February meeting. She stated she would like to see more prioritization of the work and the reviewing of next steps at the February meeting. Dr. Reed shared that she would like the Task Force to vote on the

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report at the February meeting as well. She then went around the room, asking members what they would like to see as the next steps for this Task Force.

#### CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

#### ATTENDEES & GUESTS

<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Dr. Crystal Henderson	FEMA
Dr. Belinda Davis	Future BESE Member
Andre Perez	SLCC
Richard Hartley	Governor's Office
Emily Distefano	LA Partnership
Sandra Cormier	LSUE
Matt Lee	LSU
Jessica Vallelugo	LDOE
Ted Holmes	LDOE
Caronda Bean	SLCC
Keisha Smith	Education Trust
Ann Martin	LSU
David Lafargue	BoR
Tramelle Howard	Education Trust
Ronnie Morris	BESE District 6
Debra Paul	LOSFA
Paula Smith	LOSFA

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Stephanie Smith	SOWELA TCC
Nikki Landry	BESE
Ana Caldwell	Bard College
Camilla Smith Russ	Southern University
Tia Mills	LAE