

Louisiana Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline

Friday, May 5, 2017, 10:00 a.m.
Iberville State Office Building, Room 1-125 and 1-127
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Official Minutes

The May 5, 2017 meeting of the Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline was called to order at 10:14 a.m. by Ms. Jennifer Coco, council chair. Members present were: Ms. JoAnn Achord, Ms. Jennifer Coco, Ms. Julie Comeaux, Mr. Michael Comeaux, Ms. Christina Conforto, Mr. Shawn Fleming, Mr. Larry Gage, Mr. Kevin George, Mr. Michael Ortego, Ms. Laci Polotzola, Mr. Brad Prudhomme, Mr. Rob Schlicher, Judge Kim Stansbury and Ms. Debra Weinberg. Proxy for Ms. Rachel Gassert was Ms. Anna Arkin-Gallagher and proxy for Ms. Prudence Spooner was Ms. Debbie Meaux.

Ms. Lakesha Beauchamp, Ms. Liz Gary, Ms. Rachel Gassert, Mr. Roy McCoy, Ms. Angela Reams-Brown, Mr. Scott Richard, Ms. Daphne Robinson, Ms. Sherlyn Shumpert, Mr. Al Simmons, and Ms. Prudence Spooner were absent.

- 1 A motion was made by Mr. Prudhomme to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2017 meeting, and seconded by Mr. Schlicher. The minutes were approved without objection.

The chair, Ms. Coco, facilitated a discussion with the council on next steps. Members participated in an exercise where they wrote down their expectations and needs for their goals are with the council and the direction it should go. Members also shared their unique backgrounds and experiences relating how that brings expertise to the challenges schools face with student discipline.

A presentation and discussion on Alternative Education was given by Ms. Katie Barras and Ms. Lisa French with the Louisiana Department of Education.

The council members broke into three groups to facilitate an exercise of small discussions of the purpose, roles and responsibilities in a state discipline statute. Each group broke down the rights and responsibilities of all participants in a school system and discussed how the importance of those roles and shared their findings with everyone.

- 2 A motion was made by Ms. Coco to adjourn and was seconded by Ms. Weinberg. The motion was approved without objection.