

**MINUTES**  
**2017-18 College and Career Readiness Commission**  
**Claiborne Conference Center**  
**1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana**  
**Thomas Jefferson Room – 136A-B**  
**Friday, October 13, 2017**

The College and Career Readiness Commission met on Friday, October 13, 2017 at 9:10 a.m. in the Thomas Jefferson Room of the Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The roll was called.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dr. Robert “Paul” Baker  
Representative Christopher Broadwater  
Ms. Emily Broussard  
Dr. Keith Courville  
Ms. Angelina Drago  
Mr. Michael Faulk  
Mr. James Garvey, Jr.  
Dr. James Henderson, Chair  
Ms. Kathy Edmonston (proxy for Dr. Gary Jones)\*  
Ms. Cheramie B. Kerth  
Ms. Nicole Learson\*  
Ms. Kim Mims  
Ms. Meredith Trahan (proxy for Mr. Todd McDonald)  
Senator Michael Walsworth (Proxy for Senator Dan “Blade” W. Morrish)  
Ms. Elizabeth “Beth” O’Quinn  
Mr. Donald Songy (proxy for Ms. Bambi Polotzola)  
Dr. Janet Pope  
Dr. Joseph Rallo  
Dr. Nathan Roberts\*  
Ms. Nikki Landry (proxy for Mr. Thomas Roque)  
Dr. Monty Sullivan  
Ms. Debra Schum (proxy for Ms. Christal Sylvain)  
Ms. Kellie Taylor-White  
Ms. Doris Voitier  
Dr. Lisa Smith Vosper  
Mr. Ken Bradford (proxy for Mr. John White)

*\*Arrived after roll call*

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Ms. Melinda Mangham  
Mr. Jim Randels  
Mr. Jason St. Pierre  
Ms. Jamie Tindle

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

*BESE/Department of Education Staff*

Ms. Leslie Hill  
Mr. Pete Mills  
Ms. Jennifer Womack

*Board of Regents Staff*

Dr. Karen Denby  
Dr. Larry Tremblay

*Legislative Staff*

Ms. Aimee Richard  
Ms. Cheryl Serrett

*Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges & Universities*

Dr. Stanton McNeely

*Louisiana Economic Development*

Ms. Susie Schowen

*Louisiana School Boards Association*

Mr. Scott Richard

*University of Louisiana System Staff*

Ms. Rachel Kincaid  
Mrs. Carol Slaght

***Welcome, Roll Call, and Approval of Minutes***

Dr. Jim Henderson, Chair of the Commission, welcomed the members and other attendees to the meeting. Included in the folders for review were the following:

- A copy of the Board of Regents August 23, 2017 Agenda VB, Proposed New Policy, Minimum Requirements for Dual Enrollment and Staff Summary; and
- A copy of draft minutes from the October 6 meeting of the Commission.

Dr. Henderson asked that the members briefly introduce themselves.

### **Review of Proposed Board of Regents Dual Enrollment Policy**

Dr. Henderson commented that the work of the Commission is vital to the evolution of the Dual Enrollment Policy that Board of Regents ultimately adopts. Commissioner of Higher Education Joseph Rallo stated that he champions dual credit and is committed to partner with the universities to utilize dual enrollment as a bridge from secondary to higher education. He also indicated that the Board of Regents' response to Act 619 sets the goal "for eligible high school students to earn up to one year of college credit through dual enrollment agreements." He and Dr. Larry Tremblay, Regents Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research, and Academic Affairs, discussed the reasoning behind the originally proposed policy, including the need for rigor, quality of faculty, the need for students to address identified academic deficiencies prior to graduation, and allocation of additional funding, etc.

Dr. Tremblay distributed a document titled *Conceptual Framework: BOR Dual Enrollment Policy* and outlined the modifications to the previous proposal, some of which resulted from recommendations made at the Commission's October 6 meeting. One addition noted by Dr. Tremblay was that "students may concurrently address deficiencies in several ways, e.g., by enrolling in a High School transition course or development course in the subject area, continuing to complete core classes, participating in online subject area reviews before re-taking the assessment, etc." He concurred with Commission members that some of the eligibility requirements in the original staff draft of the proposed policy could create barriers of access for some students.

Members commented on the *Conceptual Framework* with a variety of questions for clarification, suggestions, and specific areas of concern. Dr. Tremblay stated that he will ask the Board of Regents at its October meeting to postpone consideration of the policy until its December meeting to allow more time to address remaining issues in the draft policy.

Senator Walsworth said that he supports an increase in dual enrollment, rather than restrictions to dual enrollment, and that the ultimate goal is to increase the number of students who graduate. Representative Broadwater indicated that he advocates for investment in students, and that dual enrollment gives a student the opportunity to advance while in high school.

### **Drafting of Recommendation**

*Upon motion of Dr. Monty Sullivan, seconded by Ms. Kellie Taylor-White, and amended by Representative Christopher Broadwater, the College and Career Readiness Commission recommends that the Board of Regents, in collaboration with the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) and the Department of Education, develop a holistic policy framework that defines dual enrollment and sets statewide aspirational goals for dual enrollment that can guide the work of the Commission. The framework should consider the potential role and impact of dual enrollment on postsecondary access, college and career readiness, postsecondary attainment, and meeting the workforce demands of industry partners. The Commission shall receive a report on the policy framework by no later than February 1, 2018.*

The Commission voted to approve the recommendation. Representative Broadwater also specified that a copy of the holistic policy framework, supporting data and analysis be disseminated, prior to consideration by the Board of Regents, to the College and Career Readiness Commission for its review and input.

**Public Comments**

Mr. Scott Richard, Executive Director of the Louisiana School Boards Association, requested that K-12 leaders also be included as stakeholders in the recommendation approved by the Commission.

**Next Steps and Adjournment**

It was decided that the next meeting of the Commission would be held on Monday, November 27, in the Claiborne Building.

At 11:39 a.m., the Commission adjourned.