

DRAFT MINUTES

College and Career Readiness Commission
Wednesday, January 11, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.
East Baton Rouge Career & Technical Education Center
2101 Lobdell Boulevard
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

The College and Career Readiness Commission met at the East Baton Rouge Career & Technical Education Center (CTEC), 2101 Lobdell Boulevard, Baton Rouge, at 1:11 p.m.

Welcome and Roll Call

Ms. Martha Sealy, Executive Director CTEC, welcomed the Commission members. She graciously encouraged them to tour the facility after the meeting adjourned. Chair Jim Henderson thanked Ms. Sealy for again hosting the meeting and next asked that the roll be taken:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Robert “Paul” Baker
Dr. Ernise Singleton (proxy for Dr. Cade Brumley)
Mr. Preston Castille
Dr. Keith Courville
Mr. Ronnie Morris (proxy for Ms. Ashley Ellis)
Ms. Angelina Drago
Mr. Michael Faulk
Mr. James Garvey, Jr.
Dr. James Henderson, Chair
Ms. Denise Young
Ms. Elizabeth “Beth” O’Quinn
Ms. Kayla Pagel
Ms. Mattilyn Karst (proxy for Bambi Polotzola)
Ms. Debbie Schum (proxy for Dr. Janet Pope)
Ms. Cynthia Posey
Dr. Kim Hunter Reed
Dr. Nathan Roberts
Mr. Jason St. Pierre
Ms. Susana Schowen (proxy for Dr. Monty Sullivan)
Ms. Kellie Taylor-White
Dr. Lisa Vosper

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dr. Fredrick Pinkney
Mr. Darren Rutledge
Ms. Jamie Tindle
Mr. Bryan Trahan

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Board of Regents

Ms. Mellynn Baker

East Baton Rouge Career & Technical Education Center

Ms. Martha Sealy

University of Louisiana System

Dr. Jeannine Kahn

Ms. Carol Slaght

Dr. Henderson invited all members to introduce themselves to the group.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Dr. Lisa Vosper, seconded by Dr. Kim Hunter-Reed, members unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the September 12 and December 1, 2022 meetings.

Finalization of Definition of College and Career Readiness

Dr. Henderson reminded the Commission members that a proposed definition of college and career readiness had been discussed during the previous two meetings, and the draft version was included in member folders. Mr. Faulk also distributed a document from AASA The School Superintendents Association titled “Redefining Ready!” Particularly College Ready Indicators and Career Ready Indicators, including community service, were discussed.

Dr. Reed and other members noted a distinction between a definition and measures. Other discussion points included the fact that the definition is intended for traditional students as well as the value of local industry-recognized certifications. Dr. Baker said that a broader definition is desirable, with indicators or measures to follow.

Upon motion of Ms. Beth O’Quinn, seconded by Dr. Kim Hunter-Reed, the Commission voted to approve the definition as distributed:

“College and career ready means that individuals graduate from high school prepared for university, community college, or technical college programming without need for remediation or corequisite support and/or graduate prepared for employment with the foundational skills required for entry into career pathways, possessing both rigorous content knowledge and the ability to apply that knowledge.

“Graduates possess a baseline of the core competencies tied to life and career success in the 21st century—effective communication and collaboration, critical and creative problem solving, adaptable resilience, cultural competence, and self-reflectiveness awareness—and are poised for further development based on individual plans and goals through higher education or career training.

“This definition is aspirational. It is incumbent upon the components of Louisiana’s education enterprise in policy and practice to meet students where they are and facilitate the development of individuals to their fullest potential.”

Additionally, Dr. Henderson said that a document produced by Deloitte Global titled *The journal to 2030: Choosing the human agenda* was included in folders for their information.

Discussion of Potential Measures

It was stated that the measures and indicators will be spelled out by the Board of Regents policies, and Dr. Reed stated that she will distribute information to the Commission members.

Ms. Schowen, Dr. Vosper, and Ms. Taylor-White volunteered to work together on comprehensive and appropriate wording concerning metrics.

Ms. Shenell Deville briefly introduced the LYFT Learning program that is being utilized with juveniles in the Louisiana Juvenile Justice system to help these young people gain social skills to prepare them for post-secondary options and re-entry into a diverse society.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

It was agreed that the Commission would meet prior to June. At 2:50 p.m., upon motion of Mr. Ronnie Morris, seconded by Dr. Lisa Vosper, the Commission voted to adjourn.