



**Minutes**  
**Advisory Commission on Proprietary Schools**  
**July 9, 2024**

The Louisiana Board of Regents' Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission met Tuesday, July 9, 2024, in Room 153 in the Claiborne Building. Chair James Fontenot called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. The roll was then called by Ms. Courtney Britton and a quorum was established. There were no public comments to be read.

**Commission Members Present**

Melanie Amrhein, Vice Chair  
Chris Broadwater  
Sherrie Despino  
Chandler LeBoeuf  
Carmen Million  
James Fontenot, Chair

**Staff Members Present**

Courtney Britton  
Dr. Susannah Craig  
Chandra Cheatham  
Antonio Williams  
Mighan Johnson

**Commission Members Absent**

Benjamin Baudoin  
Randy Plaisance

**Guests Present**

(See Appendix)

The first item of business was the approval of minutes from the Commission's meeting on May 14, 2024.

**On motion of Melanie Amrhein, seconded by Chris Broadwater, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously adopted the minutes of the May 14, 2024, Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission meeting.**

A change to the agenda was made to allow representatives from a school more time to arrive, so the next item considered by the Commission was the initial application for licensure from Louisiana Truck Driving Academy located in Tickfaw, LA. The school, represented by the owner Jonathan Parsons, would offer three programs: Class A CDL at 120 hours for three weeks, Class A Modified for 40 hours for one week, and Class B CDL at 40 hours for one week. Discussion included the owner's motivation for opening the school, the location of the classroom instruction, and details about road driving instruction and the maximum class size.

**On motion of Chris Broadwater, seconded by Carmen Million, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously voted that the Board of Regents approve the initial license application for Louisiana Truck Driving Academy, Tickfaw, Louisiana.**

After the representatives arrived, the next item considered by the Commission was the change of ownership application for The Captain School located in New Orleans, LA. The Captain School, represented by new owners Mark and Kimberly Woods, would be offering four programs: Operator of Uninspected Passenger Vessels (OUPV) at 60 clock hours for two weeks, Master Upgrade at 24 clock hours for one week, 200 GT (Gross Tonnage) Master at 28 clock hours for one week, and Marine Surveyor at 120 clock hours for three weeks. Discussion included the length of the previous ownership and operation, the new owners' experience running another captain school in Florida, maximum class sizes, changes in operations, coursework and online educational training, and potential obstacles the school could face.

**On motion of Chris Broadwater, seconded by Chandler LeBoeuf, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously voted that the Board of Regents approve the change of ownership application for The Captain School, New Orleans, Louisiana.**

The next item considered by the Commission was the Association of Occupational Studies Application for Academy of Interactive Entertainment, located in Lafayette, LA. The school, represented by the outgoing Head of School Robin Couvillon, proposed an Associate of Occupational Studies in Filmmaking program. The program will be a two-year degree consisting of 80 semester hours/1590 clock hours. Discussion included the history of the school, information about new advances in filmmaking, new technology the school and program would use, financial aid available to students, and the possibility of future degree collaborations with the University of Louisiana – Lafayette.

**On motion of Melanie Amrhein, seconded by Chris Broadwater, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously voted that the Board of Regents approve Associate of Occupational Studies in Filmmaking at the Academy of Interactive Entertainment, Lafayette, LA.**

The next agenda item considered by the Commission was submitted license renewal applications. Over the previous two months, 22 schools submitted complete renewal applications.

**On motion of Sherrie Despino, seconded by Carmen Million, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously voted that the Board of Regents renew the licenses of the following proprietary schools:**

1. Ben D. Johnson Educational Center – Natchitoches – License #2300
2. Brow Canvas Academy – Mandeville – License #2354
3. CDL Mentors of Baton Rouge Truck Driving School – Baton Rouge – License #2319
4. Cooper's Defensive Driving – New Orleans – License #2375
5. Delta College of Arts & Technology – Baton Rouge – License #857
6. Diesel Driving Academy – Baton Rouge – License #717
7. Global Trucking Academy – Marksville – License #2245
8. Hands on HVAC School – Shreveport – License #2355
9. Holmes Healthcare Training Center – New Orleans – License #2301
10. Integrated Education Solutions – Violet – License #2292
11. Lincoln College of Technology – Nashville, TN – License #2051

12. Louisiana Green Corps – New Orleans – License #2369
13. Louisiana Institute of Massage Therapy – Lafayette – License #2180
14. McCann School of Business – Monroe – License #2294
15. Med-Advance Training – Baton Rouge – License #2272
16. Operation Spark – New Orleans – License #2247
17. Ouachita Truck Driving Academy – Sterlington – License #2050
18. Petra College – Hammond – License #2215
19. Precision Welding Testing & Training – Geismar – License #2293
20. Remington College – Lafayette – License #2152
21. Remington College – Shreveport – License #2153
22. Safe Road Truck Driving School – New Orleans – License #2333

There was one school that chose not to renew their license for this renewal period, and as the school has another open location, they will maintain student records at that location.

- License # 2332 – Ocean Pointe Dental Academy of Hammond – Hammond, LA

The next agenda item was other business. Discussion included updates to laws passed during the 2024 Louisiana Regular Legislative session that impact proprietary schools, updates on final tuition reimbursement payments to be made from the Student Protection Fund due to the 2022 closure of the Advanced Welding School, Walker, LA, and staff's next steps due to an unplanned closure of Moore Career College, Baton Rouge.

The next meeting of the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission is scheduled for September 10, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 1-153 of the Claiborne Building. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

APPENDIX A  
GUESTS

Robin L. Couvillon	Academy of Interactive Entertainment
Amanda LaGroue	LA Department of Justice
Scott Lissard	Academy of Interactive Entertainment
Jonathan Parsons	Louisiana Truck Driving Training, LLC
Brandy Parsons	Louisiana Truck Driving Training, LLC
Vicki Templet	Academy of Interactive Entertainment
Mark Woods	The Captain School – New Orleans
Kimberly Woods	The Captain School – New Orleans