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**Agricultural Education Commission**

***Tuesday, April 5, 2016***

***2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.***

## Meeting Summary

**In Attendance:**

**Commissioners:** Ken Bradford, Kathy Conerly, Will Seaman for Patricia Felder, Dr. Bobby Fletcher, Tommy Peters, Megan Gravois, Dr. Susana Schowen, Dwayne Martin, Steve Monaghan, and Donna Bailey

**Guests & Staff:** Niki Landry (BESE), Jennifer Falls, Lisa French, Martha Moore.

**Absent**: Dr. Karen Denby, Dr. Adell Brown, Dr. Joey Blackburn, Gabe Watts, Catherine Segura, and Dr. J. C. Bunch.

**Meeting Notes**

**Welcome/Introductions/Meeting Objectives/Roll Call/Approval of Minutes**

*Ken Bradford, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Student Opportunities, LDOE*

Bradford, Commission Chair, introduced commission members, welcomed attendees to meeting, reviewed the agenda and requested that roll be called. Dr. Bobby Fletcher moved and Dr. Susana Schowen seconded the Approval of the Minutes. Motion approved.

**2016 – 2017 High School Planning Guide**

Ken Bradford, Commission Chair, shared this year’s planning guide answering questions and highlighting changes, specifically the inclusion of financial aid as part of college and career planning.

**Final Versions of Agriscience I, II, and III Guidelines**

Kathy Conerly and Tommy Peters reported that the Science Coordinator (Office of Academic Content) completed review of alignment of science and agriscience guidelines. Kathy Conerly suggested that link to guidelines be distributed to Agriscience teachers. Tommy Peters moved and Kathy Conerly seconded that Agriscience Guidelines be received, that guidelines be sent to Public Affairs for formatting and branding, and that guidelines be placed on *All Things Jump Start* web page and linked to Science Guidelines. Motion approved.

**Agriculture Technology IBC**

Kathy Conerly, Commission Vice-Chair and State FFA Director reported on the current status of the Industry-Based Certification. Dr. Mike Strain and Dr. Bobby Fletcher assisted with the presentation at the Workforce Investment Council meeting. Dr. Fletcher shared charter group (ADM, Agribusiness Council of Louisiana, La Croix, Louis Dreyfus Commodities, Manda Fine Meats, Roy O Martin, Two Run Farm, and Jim Monroe of Farm Bureau) supporting the approval of the IBC at the council. Council approved the IBC. It was suggested that commission use this presentation as model for future IBC presentation.

Lisa French, Executive Director, Career and Technical Education, Office of Student Opportunities, shared the Agriculture Tech Pathway and requested that commission members review current pathway components for its long term viability. Pathway is under review and will include science, technology, engineering, math, and Project Lead The Way (PLTW) courses as well as Agriculture IV.

Committee will work with Dave Lefkowich to develop Agriculture Tech Pathway.

During discussion, it was requested information affirming that Agriscience Career Readiness Course is listed among Jump Start universal career readiness courses.

**Next Steps**

* Summarize and distribute minutes of this meeting
* Once branded, share Agriscience I, II, and II guidelines with agriscience teachers
* Send Counselor Newsletter to commission members
* Tommy Peters will report on feedback from agriscience teachers
* Kathy Conerly and Tommy Peters will report on professional development with agriscience teachers
* Dual Enrollment/Course Articulation subcommittees will report at next meeting
* Poll commission members and set date for next meeting (April)

**Public Comment:**

None

**Adjourned**

Dr. Susana Schowen moved and Dwayne Martin seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion approved.