

DUAL ENROLLMENT FRAMEWORK TASK FORCE

Minutes

Wednesday, July 22, 2020 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Dr. Kim Hunter Reed called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m., Wednesday, July 22, 2020, via Zoom. The roll was taken, and a quorum was established.

Members Present	Affiliation
Mr. Richard Hartley	Office of the Governor
Dr. Kim Hunter Reed	Board of Regents
Mr. Ken Bradford	Department of Education
Ms. Doris Voitier	State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education
Dr. Markey Pierre (designee)	Louisiana School Boards Association
Mr. Mike Faulk	Louisiana Association of Superintendents
Ms. Denise Latour	Louisiana School Counselor Association
Dr. Jeannine Kahn	College and Career Readiness Commission
Ms. Carrie Monica	Stand for Children
Mr. Barry Erwin	Council for a Better Louisiana
Ms. Linda Johnson	Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools
Members Absent	Affiliation
Mr. Tommy Byler	Louisiana Association of Principals

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Kim Hunter Reed asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 19th, 2020 meeting. On motion of Ms. Linda Johnson, seconded by Dr. Marley Pierre, the Task Force approved the minutes.

WELCOME – SUPERINTENDENT BRUMLEY

Mr. Mike Faulk introduced Dr. Cade Brumley, LA State Superintendent of Education, to the Task Force.

Dr. Brumley spoke to the Task Force of his commitment to continuing and strengthening the relationship

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between the K-12 community and LA higher institutions and indicated that this is a priority for the LA Department of Education (LDOE). He also expressed gratitude for the work of this Task Force, acknowledging the opportunity for more students in Louisiana to take part in the dual enrollment program. Dr. Reed thanked Dr. Brumley for joining the Task Force meeting and stated that she is looking forward to working with him in partnership on this endeavor.

ACT 204 OF THE 2020 REGULAR SESSION (DUAL ENROLLMENT LEGISLATION)

Dr. Reed introduced Representative Ken Brass to the Task Force and invited him to provide an update on ACT 204 of the 2020 Regular Session. Representative Brass acknowledged the Task Force, Dr. Reed, the Board of Regents, and LA Department of Education (LDOE) for their commitment and dedication in supporting the passage of legislation to expand the capacity of dual enrollment throughout the state. Related to the efforts of the Task Force, he shared that Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) funds of \$250,000 will be allocated to create an online dual enrollment portal. This online portal will provide outreach to parents, students and counselors throughout the state. Representative Brass expressed support for the work of the Task Force moving forward and his intention to continue his work to increase access to dual enrollment for our students across the state. Dr. Reed informed the Task Force that Representative Brass brought two students to the Senate Finance Committee to ensure the legislators could hear from students who have directly benefitted from dual enrollment programs at their respective high schools.

BOARD OF REGENTS EMERGENCY DUAL ENROLLMENT POLICY OVERVIEW

Dr. Reed invited Ms. Mellynn Baker to give the Task Force a brief overview of the Board of Regents Emergency Dual Enrollment Policy. Ms. Baker cited the factors that led to the creation of the policy and reviewed its provisions. She also stated that the BoR hosted a webinar in partnership with LDOE on April 9th regarding this emergency policy and that a recording of the webinar, along with FAQs, could be found on the BoR website. Mr. Ken Bradford, LDOE, asked for clarification on whether, in the absence

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of spring assessment score, a counselor recommendation would suffice. Ms. Baker stated that it is up to the postsecondary institution to determine whether a counselor recommendation will be accepted in placement of the spring assessment scores.

DISCUSSION OF REVISED TASK FORCE PRIORITIES FOR 2020

Dr. Reed invited Dr. Lupe Lamadrid, BoR, to speak to the Task Force about her findings when researching other states with dual enrollment programs that have developed exemplary websites. She stated that of the eight states reviewed (Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, and Texas), each had a website that contained helpful information but some lacked organization and proved difficult to navigate. Dr. Lamadrid explained that the proposed dual enrollment online portal for Louisiana will be a “one-stop shop” where information is clearly identified for each constituent type, including stakeholders, parents, students, high school counselors, etc. She listed certain components that the portal must have, such as clearly articulating that the dual enrollment program is accessible to all eligible students, and indicated that it will be designed to provide a resource hub made up of a comprehensive dual enrollment course menu, links to institutions, admission requirements, financial aid information, the BoR articulation matrix, the LA common course catalog, and links to video testimonials from students and parents speaking on how beneficial the dual enrollment program was for them.

Dr. Lamadrid then introduced Mr. Adam Lowe, ESG, and invited him to lead the discussion. Task Force members spoke in favor of the conceptional layout of the future online portal. Many members stated that online portal must be user friendly. Dr. Reed stressed the importance of how this online portal will be communicated and advertised to all stakeholders. She mentioned the possibility of partnering with the Education Trust to host engagements in communities, and specifically communities of color, to promote the dual enrollment portal. She added that it is necessary to keep in mind the digital divide around our state and planning to make information accessible to those who lack access to a computer and/or internet.

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Mr. Mike Faulk, LA Association of Superintendents, raised the idea of hosting a Dual Enrollment Week statewide, as well as working with local school boards to adopt a resolution to push forward in a unified effort. Ms. Denise Latour, LA School Counselor Association, suggested the idea of an electronic common application for dual enrollment statewide. She stated that as the Dual Enrollment Coordinator for her high school, an electronic common application would aid in the time-intensive process of entering the application information in the student database. Mr. Lowe directed the conversation to previous meeting topics of accountability and incentives for high schools and higher education institutions, the building of teacher core capacity, and a sustainable long-term funding mechanism, which all Task Force members agreed are still priorities. Dr. Reed then asked Mr. Lowe to briefly walk through the recommendations from the dual enrollment report in order to refresh everyone on goals that were set forth. Mr. Lowe then invited Ms. Baker to brief the Task Force on next steps.

Ms. Baker stated that at the next meeting the Task Force will discuss a draft supplemental report to the legislature on recommendations in response to COVID-19, with the goal of submission to the legislature by October 1st. She then shared the focus topics of the September and October Task Force meetings. Ms. Baker stated that a Doodle poll will be sent out to identify the best dates and times for these meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Baker opened the floor for public comments. Ms. Caronda Bean, South Louisiana Community College, shared that she is aware of software that may aid the Task Force in creating a common application. Ms. Courtney Istre, McNeese State University, also commented that it may be beneficial for the Task Force to partner with the Louisiana Association of College Registrars and Admission Officers (LACRAO), which might assist in developing the website/portal. Ms. Baker responded that BoR staff will follow up with both these attendees prior to the September meeting.

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OTHER BUSINESS & ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Reed requested a motion for adjournment. On the motion of Mr. Barry Erwin, seconded by Dr. Marley Pierre, the Task Force adjourned the meeting at 2:29 p.m.

ATTENDEES & GUESTS

Name	Affiliation
Meredith McGovern	LDOE
Keisha Smith	Education Trust
Cade Brumley	LDOE
Rep. Ken Brass	LA House of Representatives
Adam Lowe	ESG
Caronda Bean	SLCC
Courtney Istre	McNeese