

Louisiana Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline

Friday, October 12, 2018  
Claiborne State Office Building, Iowa Room 1-153  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Official Minutes

The October 12, 2018 meeting of the Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Mr. Shawn Fleming. Members present were: Ms. JoAnn Achord, Ms. Katie Barras, Ms. Gina Easterly, Mr. Shawn Fleming, Ms. Liz Gary, Supt. Kevin George, Ms. Melanie Jacobs, Ms. Jill Lockhart, Ms. Arielle McConduit, Mr. Michael Ortego, Ms. Laci Polotzola, Mr. Brad Prudhomme, Ms. Cyndy Rutherford, Ms. Zoe Savitsky, Ms. Ariel Test, Ms. Debra Weinberg, and Ms. Gina Womack.

Ms. Christina Conforto ,Ms. Brenda Cosse', Dr. Alan Coulter, Ms. Tamara Cupit, Ms. Tia Edwards, Mr. Raymond Jetson, Mr. Victor Jones, Dr. Cassidy Juneau, Ms. Caroline Roemer, Mr. Rob Schlicher, Mr. Al Simmons, and Judge Kim Stansbury, and were absent.

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- 1 A motion was made by Mr. Garrett, and seconded by Ms. Polotzola to approve the minutes from the August 24, 2018 meeting. The motion was approved without objection.

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Ms. Barras provided an update to the council on Bulletin recommendations and other discipline related items that were on the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education's meeting agenda for October.

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The full council recessed at 10:39 a.m. for members to meet with their workgroups.

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The full council reconvened at 12:38 p.m.

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- 2 Mr. Garrett made a motion to request that the Department of Education give a presentation on their ESSA plan regarding the competitive grant process for Title I funds for schools identified in need of Urgent Intervention Required and Comprehensive Intervention Required. The motion was seconded by Ms. Weinberg and was approved without objection.

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Mr. Fleming reported to the full council that the Legislative Workgroup sent the draft legislation to Sen. Bishop who will have legislative staff begin drafting a bill. A discussion on the draft language sent to the Senator and Senate staff was facilitated with the full council.

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3 A motion was made by Ms. Weinberg to remove the term “sexual violence” from the zero tolerance language in the draft legislation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Test.

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4 A substitute motion was made by Mr. Garrett to urge the legislative workgroup to develop definitions for “sexual violence”, “weapons”, and “firearms” with regard to the zero tolerance mandate and update Sen. Bishop with that information for the proposed legislation. The motion was seconded by Supt. George. All approved without objection.

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Mr. Fleming provided the full council with an update on the Data Quality Review Committee meeting from earlier that morning. He also updated the group on work from the Proactive, Positive Approaches workgroup. Mr. Ortego provided the full council with an update on work from the Dealing with Challenging Behavior workgroup. Mr. Garrett provided and update on from the Safe Schools and Climate workgroup to the full council.

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5 On motion by Ms. Achord and seconded by Ms. Rutherford, the council meeting adjourned at 2:33.