

Louisiana Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline

Tuesday, December 12, 2017  
Claiborne State Office Building, Rapides Room, 3-230  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Official Minutes

The December 12, 2017 meeting of the Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Ms. Jennifer Coco, council chair. Members present were: Ms. Anna Arkin-Gallagher, Ms. Katie Barras, Ms. Jennifer Coco, Ms. Julie Comeaux, Ms. Christina Conforto, Ms. Brenda Cosse', Ms. Gina Easterly, Mr. Shawn Fleming, Mr. Larry Gage, Supt. Kevin George, Ms. Laci Polotzola, Mr. Brad Prudhomme, Mr. Scott Richard, Ms. Cindy Rutherford, Mr. Rob Schlicher, Mr. Al Simmons, and Ms. Debra Weinberg. Proxies were Dr. Keith Courville for Ms. JoAnn Achord, Mr. Larry Samuels for Ms. Angela Reams-Brown and Ms. Sarah Vandergriff for Ms. Caroline Roemer.

Ms. JoAnn Achord, Ms. Lakesha Beauchamp, Ms. Liz Gary, Mr. Michael Ortego, Ms. Angela Reams-Brown, Ms. Caroline Roemer, and Judge Kim Stansbury were absent.

Public comments were received from Mr. Frank Pasqua, Mr. Jimmy Challis Gore, Mr. Joe Carr, Ms. Kathy Edmonston, Ms. Debbie Meaux, and Ms. Sarah Omojola.

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- 1 A motion was made by Mr. Fleming to amend the minutes from the September 15, 2017 meeting to reflect that a vote on a motion was approved. The motion was seconded by Ms. Coco. The motion to amend the minutes was approved without objection.

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- 2 A motion was made by Mr. Richard to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Prudhomme. The motion to approve the minutes as amended was approved without objection.

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Ms. Coco, Mr. Richard, Mr. Schlicher, Mr. Prudhomme, and Mr. Gage facilitated a discussion with the council regarding the draft recommendations for legislative revisions put together by the discipline statutory revisions working group. The council also discussed and agreed with expanding the membership of the discipline statutory revisions working group to include educators serving on the council that wished to join.

Mr. Gage gave an update on a meeting of the data integrity working group and their findings and recommendations.

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Ms. Coco gave the chairpersons report, reviewing meeting dates for next year and a proposed outline for the council's Annual Report due by the end of the year.

3 Ms. Rutherford moved to authorize the chair, Ms. Coco, to write and submit the annual report to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Legislature on behalf of the council, based on the information in the outline submitted to the council at the December 12 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cosse'. The motion was approved without objection.

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4 A motion was made by Mr. Fleming to recommend that the Department of Education publish any discipline data, including state level totals, shared with the council on the department's website on the Safe and Healthy Schools page under the Discipline Data section. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gage and was approved without objection.

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Ms. Barras facilitated a discussion on alternative education policy and the role of the advisory council. She also gave an overview of PBIS funding from the Department of Education from 2013-2017 and an overview of the funding available for district activity for multi-tiered systems of support for behavioral intervention.

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5 Mr. Fleming moved to recommend that any work group or committee that the Department of Education convenes regarding the topic of discipline share their recommendations with the Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline for feedback prior to submission to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and consider sharing overlapping memberships between council members and those work groups and committees. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cosse' and all approved without objection.

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6 A motion was made by Mr. Prudhomme to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Simmons. All approved without objection. The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.