



BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

FEBRUARY 16, 2012

AGENDA

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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| A. | Opening and Welcome | Charlotte Bollinger, Co-Chair
of Blue Ribbon Commission |
| B. | Approval of Minutes | Glenny Lee Buquet, Co-Chair
of Blue Ribbon Commission |
| C. | Meeting Materials and Outcome | Jeanne M. Burns, Co-Director of
Blue Ribbon Commission |
| D. | Panel: Challenges and Opportunities to Prepare
Students to Successfully Address the
Common Core State Standards and PARCC
Assessments to be Career and College Ready | Bruce Vandal, Education Commission
of the States

Debbie Schum, Louisiana Department of
Education

Karen Denby, Louisiana Board of Regents

Deborah Paul, Louisiana Office of Student
Financial Assistance

Ken Bradford, Louisiana Department of
Education |

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Lunch

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

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| E. | PARCC and State Waiver Updates | Scott Norton, Co-Director of Blue Ribbon
Commission and Jeanne Burns |
| F. | Blue Ribbon Commission Interaction

➤ Response to Draft Recommendations
➤ Development of New Recommendations | Blue Ribbon Commission Members |
| G. | Public Input and Closing | Charlotte Bollinger and Glenny Lee
Buquet |

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CHARGE TO THE 2011-12 BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION

To prepare students who are career and college ready as new Common Core State Standards and PARCC assessments are implemented in Louisiana

EXISTING LDOE TARGETS TO BE ADDRESSED

- 80% of students graduate high school in four years by 2014
- 55% of high school graduates enroll in post-secondary institutions by 2016
- 15% of high school graduates earn an industry-based certification by 2016

QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED BY COMMISSION

1. Should the same cut-off scores on the new PARCC assessments for placement in entry-level credit-bearing courses in mathematics and English be the same for technical colleges, community colleges, and four year post-secondary programs?
2. What options should be made available to high school students who attain readiness scores on the PARCC assessments for entry-level, credit bearing courses prior to their senior year in high school?
3. What options should be made available to high school students who attain passing grades in Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry but do not attain readiness scores for entry-level, credit bearing courses prior to high school graduation?
4. What support should be provided to experienced teachers who lack the depth of content knowledge and depth of pedagogical knowledge/skills to prepare students to successfully address the Common Core State Standards and PARCC assessments?
5. How will schools in Louisiana develop the necessary technological infrastructure for students to naturally apply knowledge through the use of technology when completing learning activities throughout the school year and when completing formal PARCC assessments?

OVERVIEW OF BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION MEETINGS 2011-2012

Dates & Meeting Locations	Meeting Topics and Presenters	
<p>October 6, 2011 Louisiana Municipal Association Building, 700 North 10th Street, Baton Rouge, LA.</p>	<p>Topic:</p> <p>Presenters:</p>	<p><i>Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers Leadership – A National and State Perspective</i></p> <p><i>Allison Jones (Senior Fellow for Postsecondary Engagement) Achieve – Washington, DC; Jeanne M. Burns (PARCC Higher Education Lead for Louisiana); & Scott Norton (PARCC K-12 Lead for Louisiana)</i></p>
<p>November 10, 2011 West Baton Rouge Parish Conference Center 2750 North Westport Drive Port Allen, LA</p>	<p>Topic:</p> <p>Panel:</p>	<p><i>How are the Common Core State Standards Different and What Do We Need to do to Support Change?</i></p> <p><i>Sandra Alberti (Student Achievement Partners); Ann J. Kendrick (National PTA); Scott Norton (Louisiana Department of Education); Kathy Noel (Desoto Parish School District); & Patty Glaser (Lusher Charter School – New Orleans)</i></p>
<p>February 16, 2011 West Baton Rouge Parish Conference Center 2750 North Westport Drive Port Allen, LA</p>	<p>Topic:</p> <p>Panel:</p>	<p><i>Challenges and Opportunities to Prepare Students to Address the Common Core State Standards and PARCC Assessments to be Career and College Ready</i></p> <p><i>Deborah Paul (Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance); Karen Denby (Louisiana Board of Regents); Debbie Schum (Louisiana Department of Education); Bruce Vandal, (Education Commission of the States); Ken Bradford (Louisiana Department of Education)</i></p>
<p>March 15, 2011 West Baton Rouge Parish Conference Center 2750 North Westport Drive Port Allen, LA</p>	<p>Topic:</p> <p>Presenters:</p>	<p>To be Determined</p>
<p>April 12, 2011 West Baton Rouge Parish Conference Center 2750 North Westport Drive Port Allen, LA</p>	<p>Topic:</p> <p>Presenters:</p>	<p>To be Determined</p>
<p>May 10, 2011 West Baton Rouge Parish Conference Center 2750 North Westport Drive Port Allen, LA</p>	<p>Topic:</p> <p>Presenters:</p>	<p>Final Recommendations</p>

**BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE
COMMISSION OUTCOME FOR
FEBRUARY 16, 2012**

COMMISSION OUTCOME FOR FEBRUARY 16, 2012:

To identify recommendations to address challenges and opportunities to prepare students to successfully address the Common Core State Standards and PARCC assessments to be career and college ready.

INPUT FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

Please respond to each of the following questions.

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