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AGENDA
PLANNING, RESEARCH and PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 14, 2022
1:25 p.m.

Claiborne Building, 1st Floor
Thomas Jefferson Room A&B 1-136
1201 North Third Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Consent Agenda
 - A. Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission
 1. Initial Applications
 - a. Rosebud Training Academy, Baker, LA
 2. Renewal Applications
 - a. 160 Driving Academy, Metairie, LA - License #2340
 - b. Academy of Interactive Entertainment, Lafayette, LA - License #2136
 - c. Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy - Metairie, LA - License #2230***
 - d. Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy - Houma, LA - License #2228***
 - e. Ayers Career College, Shreveport, LA - License #828
 - f. Coastal College - Baton Rouge, New Orleans, LA - License #2019
 - g. Coastal Truck Driving School of New Orleans, LA - License #2200
 - h. Crescent City School of Gaming & Bartending, New Orleans, LA - License #594
 - i. Delta College Inc. - Slidell Branch, LA - License #2066
 - j. Delta College, Inc. - Covington, LA - License #947
 - k. Diesel Driving Academy - Shreveport, LA - License #369
 - l. Durham Transport Academy, Shreveport, LA - License #2341
 - m. Excel Health Careers, Laplace, LA - License #2342
 - n. iWeld Institute, Houma, LA - License #2323
 - o. Joshua Career Institute of Louisiana, Shreveport, LA - License #2307
 - p. Lafayette Dental Assistant School, Lafayette, LA - License #2251
 - q. Mia's Medical Academy, Baton Rouge, LA - License #2202
 - r. National Aesthetic Laser Institute, Baton Rouge, LA - License #2295
 - s. New Orleans Dental Assistant School, New Orleans, LA - License #2252
 - t. Nursing Assistant Network Association (NANA), New Orleans, LA - License #920

- u. Over Drive Truck Driving School of Louisiana, LLC, Pineville, LA - License #2283
- v. Pelican Chapter, ABC - Baton Rouge Campus, Baton Rouge, LA - License #2172
- w. Pelican Chapter, ABC - Southwest Campus, Westlake, LA - License #2173
- x. Phlebotomy Training Specialists, Baton Rouge, LA - License #2344
- y. Shreveport Dental Assistant School, Shreveport, LA - License #2253
- z. The Captain School, Marrero, LA - License #2161
- aa. The Microblading Institute, Lafayette, LA - License #2324
- bb. Thomas Training and Developmental Center, Inc., Franklin, LA - License #948
- cc. Unitech Training Academy - Baton Rouge, LA - License #2256
- dd. Unitech Training Academy - West Monroe, LA - License #2068
- ee. Woodland Healthcare Training, Baton Rouge, LA - License #2284

IV. Proprietary Schools Adjudicatory Hearing Results

V. Teacher Preparation Programs More than 120 Credit Hours Board of Regents Criteria

VI. Other Business

VII. Adjournment

Committee Members: Terrie P. Sterling, Chair; Judy A. Williams-Brown, Vice Chair; Stephanie A. Finley; Robert W. Levy; Charles R. McDonald; Sonia A. Pérez; Wilbert D. Pryor; Felix R. Weill Staff: Susannah Craig, Deputy Commissioner for Strategic Planning and Student Success

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Minutes
Board of Regents' Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission
November 15, 2022

The Louisiana Board of Regents' Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission met Tuesday, November 15, 2022, in Room 155 in the Claiborne Building. Chair James Fontenot called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. The roll was then called by Ms. Courtney Britton and a quorum was established. There were no public comments to be read.

Commission Members Present

Melanie Amrhein, Vice Chair
Chris Broadwater
Sherrie Despino
James Fontenot, Chair
Randy Plaisance
Susana Schowen

Commission Members Absent

James Dorris
Jada Lewis
Carmen Million

Staff Members Present

Courtney Britton
Dr. Susannah Craig
Brianna Golden
Mighan Johnson
Deesi Kirkland
Uma Subramanian
Antonio Williams

Guests Present

(See Appendix)

The first item of business was the approval of minutes from the Commission's meeting of September 13, 2022.

On motion of Sherrie Despino, seconded by Susana Schowen, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously adopted the minutes of the September 13, 2022, Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission meeting.

The next item considered by the Commission was the initial license application from Rosebud Training Academy. The school will be located in Baker, Louisiana. The school was represented by its owner, Ms. Vikki Lee and consultant Mr. Eric Lewis. Ms. Mighan Johnson reviewed the materials for the Commission members, informing them that the

institution was proposing to offer one program: Certified Nursing Assistant Training (84 clock hours). The application met all legal and administrative requirements to be approved for an initial license.

Discussion included the owner's healthcare industry background and motivation for opening the school, her current healthcare contract training business, which would also serve as the site for the proposed school, the school's financials, tuition for the program, teaching responsibility and community partner relationships, including Louisiana Workforce Commission.

On motion of Melanie Amrhein seconded by Chris Broadwater, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously voted that the Board of Regents approve the initial license application for Rosebud Training Academy, Baker, Louisiana.

The next agenda item was the Adjudicatory Hearing for the licensed proprietary school, Kingdom Technical College in Shreveport, LA. Mr. Broadwater served as hearing chair, prosecuting attorney was Ms. Brianna Golden and Ms. Britton represented the commission and staff.

The commission considered the evidence to decide if the school was guilty of one charge: 1) failure to submit payment for its initial License, a violation of La. R.S. 17:3140.3(B)(1) – “The fee for an initial license or change of ownership shall be two thousand dollars.” Staff presented evidence via Ms. Britton's testimony and nine staff exhibits. Kingdom Technical did not provide any evidence, though the school was given proper notice of the hearing. After reviewing and discussing the evidence as presented,

On motion of Chris Broadwater and seconded, by Susana Schowen, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously voted that the Board of Regents revoke the license for Kingdom Technical College.

The next agenda item was operating license renewals. Over the previous two months, 31 schools submitted complete renewal applications. Ms. Britton also noted that two schools, Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy-Metairie and Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy-Houma, had made a special request for a shorter license period of 11 months opposed to 12 months, to align the renewal application dates of all Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy schools.

Five school licenses would not be renewed this cycle:

License #2338 BARBRI - Baton Rouge
 License #2339 BARBRI - New Orleans
 License #2001 Eastern College of Health Vocations – New Orleans
 License #2343 Houma Dental Assistant School
 License #2325 United Training Academy – New Orleans.

Proprietary School staff have confirmed student records are being kept at other operating branches, have received student records via digital submission, or are awaiting final teach out of students and expect student records to be delivered within the next two months.

On motion of Sherrie Despino, seconded by Melanie Amrhein, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously voted the Board of Regents renew the licenses of the following proprietary schools:

160 Driving Academy, Metairie, LA - License #2340
 Academy of Interactive Entertainment, Lafayette, LA - License #2136
 Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy - Metairie, LA - License #2230*
 Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy - Houma, LA - License #2228*
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 Woodland Healthcare Training, Baton Rouge, LA - License #2284

The next agenda item was an update on program approvals. Chair Fontenot reminded the Commission that program approvals were being shared for informational purposes only. No questions were brought forward regarding the following program approvals.

Camelot College

Baton Rouge, LA

- Amend

Advance Medical Assistant Program – 900.0 clock hours

Delta College of Arts & Technology-Baton Rouge

Baton Rouge, LA

- Amend
Nursing Assistant – 136.0 clock hours

Delta College of Arts & Technology-Lafayette

Baton Rouge, LA

- Amend
Nursing Assistant – 136.0 clock hours

McCann School of Business & Technology

Monroe, LA

- Amend
CDL Training: Class A Tractor Trailer – 160.0 clock hours

Unitech Training Academy-New Orleans

New Orleans, LA

- Add
Medical Office Assistant – 600.0 clock hours

Unitech Training Academy-Baton Rouge

Baton Rouge, LA

- Add
Medical Office Assistant – 600.0 clock hours

Unitech Training Academy-Houma

Houma, LA

- Add
Medical Office Assistant – 600.0 clock hours

Unitech Training Academy-Lafayette

Lafayette, LA

- Add
Medical Office Assistant – 600.0 clock hours

Unitech Training Academy-Alexandria

Alexandria, LA

- Add
Medical Office Assistant – 600.0 clock hours

Unitech Training Academy-West Monroe

West Monroe, LA

- Add
Medical Office Assistant – 600.0 clock hours

St. Agatha Career Schools, LLC

New Orleans, LA

- Add
Patient Care Technician – 130.0 clock hours
Certified Nursing Assistant – 84.0 clock hours

Next Level Educational Solutions

LaPlace, LA

- Add

Patient Care Technician – 170.0 clock hours

Certified Nursing Assistant – 84.0 clock hours

Woodland Healthcare Training, LLC

Denham Springs, LA

- Amend

Advance Medical Assistant Program – 300.0 clock hours

Phlebotomy Technician – 128.0 clock hours

Goodwill Technical College

New Orleans, LA

- Amend

Hospitality – 255.0 clock hours

IT Support Specialist – 255.0 clock hours

The next agenda item was the 2021-2022 Year End reporting. Ms. Britton presented the numbers related to the schools, applications and program changes and Ms. Deesi Kirkland, Fiscal Administrator, presented the financial records for the Proprietary School accounts.

For the other business items, meeting dates for 2023 were distributed. The next meeting of the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, January 31, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., in Room 1-153 of the Claiborne Building. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

APPENDIX A
GUESTS

Vikki Lee	Rosebud Training Academy
Amanda LaGroue	LA Department of Justice
Eric Lewis	Rosebud Training Academy

Agenda Item IV.

Advisory Commission on Proprietary Schools Adjudicatory Hearing

Background

Kingdom Technical College was licensed as a Louisiana Proprietary School from December 2019 until December 2021. During that time the school never enrolled any students. In December of 2021, the school was unable to produce a complete renewal application, specifically they had no financial information to provide. Due to the incomplete application, the license expired per Louisiana R.S. 3140. The school submitted a new license application in May of 2022. This application was heard at the July 2022 meeting of the Advisory Commission on Proprietary Schools (“Commission”) and the new license was granted by the Board on August 24, 2022.

Fees associated with the application were sent for deposit in August and were returned as insufficient funds. The school was contacted and informed staff that the account had been closed by the bank and that the school would need 2-3 weeks to submit payment. The school was given a due date of two weeks. After that deadline passed the school was afforded an additional week. When the school still did not submit repayment, a hearing was called before the next scheduled Commission meeting.

Hearing Summary

This summary is to inform you that, at its November 15, 2022 meeting, the Commission held an adjudicatory hearing and by a formal vote in a public hearing, found that Kingdom Technical College, LLC. (“the School”) was in violation of the following provisions of the Louisiana Proprietary School laws, rules, and/or regulations:

1. One (1) violation of La. R.S. 17:3140.3(B)(1) – “The fee for an initial license or change of ownership shall be two thousand dollars.”

Pursuant to La. R.S. 17:3140.7(D)(3), “The commission may recommend to the board that the license of a school be suspended, revoked, cancelled, or restricted for any of the following reasons: ... Failure to comply with the provisions of this Chapter.” Accordingly, the Commission voted to recommend the school’s license be revoked. A copy of the fully executed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law has been provided.

This summary is being sent pursuant to La. R.S. 17:3140.9(D), which requires the Commission to transmit its findings and recommendations to the Board of Regents. Additionally provided is the record of this proceeding for the Board’s review.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Senior Staff recommends the Board accept the recommendations of the commission to revoke the Proprietary School License of Kingdom Technical College, based on the record of proceedings conducted before the commission.

LOUISIANA BOARD OF REGENTS
ADVISORY COMMISSION ON PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS
ADJUDICATORY HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF
KINGDOM TECHNICAL COLLEGE

CASE NO: 2022-1115

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Advisory Commission on Proprietary Schools (“Commission”) held an administrative adjudicatory hearing in this matter on November 15, 2022. A quorum of the Commission was present with Chris Broadwater, commission member, serving as hearing officer. The Commission’s representative was Courtney Britton and its prosecuting attorney was Brianna Golden. Kingdom Technical College, LLC (“the School”) owner, Canavery Martin, and the school director and registered officer, LaTasha Heard, were not present in proper person, nor were they represented by counsel

The Commission determined that the School had been properly served with notice of the hearing and proceeded with the hearing.

A. Findings of Fact:

After receiving the evidence presented, including exhibits and testimony, the Commission made the following findings of fact:

1. The School did not provide payment of the Proprietary School License fees as required for initial licensure.

B. Conclusions of Law:

Based upon the evidence presented and the aforementioned findings of fact, the Commission concluded that, as a matter of law, the School is guilty of one (1) violation of the following provision of the Louisiana Proprietary School laws, rules, and/or regulations:

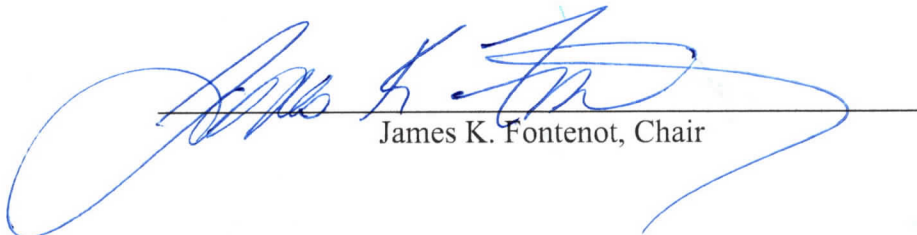
1. Louisiana Revised Statute 17:3140.3(B)(1) – “The fee for an initial license or change of ownership shall be two thousand dollars.”

C. Recommended Penalties

After making the aforementioned findings of fact and conclusions of law, the Commission recommends to the Board that the license of the School be revoked.

The findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommended penalty were approved by the Commission in an open hearing on November 15, 2022, at Baton Rouge Louisiana

This document signed this 16th day of November, 2022, at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.


James K. Fontenot, Chair

AGENDA ITEM V.

Teacher Preparation Programs More than 120 Credit Hours Board of Regents Criteria

Executive Summary

Act 255 of the 2022 Regular Session amended and reenacted statute relative to the certification of teachers; to provide relative to the responsibilities of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; to provide for teaching certification qualifications and requirements; to provide eligibility criteria; to provide for the granting of teaching certifications; and to provide relative to approved teacher education programs. One of the requirements, charged the Louisiana Board of Regents with identifying criteria to determine if a teacher preparation degree is recognized as dual degree or dual certification.

According to the law, beginning with the 2024-25 academic year, each approved teacher education program shall not require more than one hundred twenty semester hours of college credit for degree completion, inclusive of any classroom observation time or mentorship requirements. Programs designated by the Board of Regents as dual degrees or dual certifications shall be permitted to exceed the one hundred twenty semester-hour credit limit.

In September of 2022, all College of Education Deans/Directors were surveyed to determine the number of programs over the 120-hour requirement and asked to provide the rationale. Board of Regents staff worked with the leadership team of the Louisiana Association of Colleges for Teacher Education to recommend four criteria:

1. The degree program results in licensure in two certification areas;
2. The degree program results in licensure in two or more grade categories (B-K, PreK-3, 1-5, 4-8, 6-12);
3. The degree program is bound by specific accreditation course requirements when the program is accredited by a content-specific body (e.g. NASM, NASAD); and
4. The degree program results in two degrees.

In addition, Board of Regents staff consulted with all the College of Education Deans/Directors/Chairs and staff members at the Louisiana Department of Education to discuss the rationale for the four criteria and recommend approval.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Senior Staff recommends approval of the criteria to allow certain teacher preparation programs to be over the 120 semester hours of college credit for degree completion.