

MINUTES  
COMMISSION ON PROPRIETARY SCHOOL AND COLLEGE REGISTRATION  
August 17, 2017

The Commission on Proprietary School and College Registration (CPSCR) met on Thursday, August 17, 2017 at 1:00 p.m., Mississippi Community College Board, 3825 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, Mississippi.

Members Present: Mr. Donald Benjamin, Dr. George Terry, Dr. Dean Belton, Ms. Esther Cash and Mr. Otis Stanford

Staff Attending: Ms. Kim Verneuille

Visitors Present: Debbie Moore and Michele Steele – Antonelli College/Jackson & Online, Milton Anderson & Brock Haas – Virginia College/Jackson, and Bill Stanfill – Healing Touch Career College/Jackson.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Donald Benjamin at 1:02 p.m.

II. PRELIMINARIES

A. The invocation was given by Ms. Esther Cash.

B. Adjustments / Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Dr. Dean Belton to accept the agenda and second the motion by Dr. George Terry, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

C. Acknowledgments / Introductions

All visitors present gave their names and the schools that they represent.

D. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Donald Benjamin asked if there were any adjustments that needed to be made to the minutes. On a motion made by Dr. George Terry, and a second by Ms. Esther Cash the Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2017 meeting.

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Since the last meeting, we have received three (3) request(s) for application packets.
  - Torneeta Hardin – Shelby, MS – Phlebotomy
  - Latonya Hailes – Shubuta, MS – Phlebotomy
  - Donna Smith - Dothan, AL – Heavy Equipment Training
- Medical 2 Career College is requesting approval of a new annex in Cleveland MS. The staff will be working with Cleveland Career and Development Center to offer CNA and Medical Assistant training.
- Jackson Medical Mall Proprietary Healthcare Institute is requesting approval of a new program – Environmental Infection Prevention Control

Certification. The program will be focusing in healthcare and food safety industry

- Lincoln College of Technology is requesting approval of a program modification for the Collision Repair and Refinishing Service Management program. The modifications will integrate the I-Car Development program allowing graduates to receive a Pro-Level 1 technician certification and include I-CAR aluminum and welding certifications. Courses will move to a blended course delivery method. Clocks are reduced from 1785 to 1325 and will reduce the tuition from \$31,031 to \$25,563
- New Campus Directors
  - Blue Cliff College in Gulfport new director is Michelle Hammothe
  - Tulsa Welding School in Tulsa, OK new director is Brandon Milligan
- Gross Annual Tuition - the reminders for Gross Annual Tuition fees went out late last month. However, a few schools were on the ball and have submitted their fees already. Everyone was told to have fees submitted by the October meeting.
- Online Certification Software has been approved and the beginning stages are underway to build our system. Hoping to begin the testing phase by October 1.
- ACICS notified CPSCR they have hired a new president/CEO – Michelle Edwards.
- US Department of Education:
  - The Department will now give higher education institutions until July 1, 2018, to comply with disclosure requirements originally due on July 1, 2017, regarding the distribution of gainful employment data to students and in promotional materials. The Department is also extending the deadline for programs to file alternate earnings appeals in light of the Court Order in *American Association of Cosmetology Schools v. DeVos*.
  - *On July 24<sup>th</sup>, the US Senate and US House of Representatives have unanimously passed the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017 – the “Forever GI Bill”.*
    - Bill would eliminate the provision that currently requires eligible veterans to use tuition assistance benefits within 15 years of active-duty service.
    - The bill would also partially restore educational benefits used by veterans who attend institutions that close, such as occurred with ITT Technical Institute and Corinthian Colleges. The bill allows eligible participants to maintain their GI-Bill entitlement for the semester that the institution

shut down, as well as up to four months of additional monthly housing allowance (MHA).

- In June 19th, U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos announced Year Round Pell grants will be available to students beginning July 1, 2017.
  - Although institutions have the flexibility to assign crossover payment periods to either of the relevant award years, the new law provides that an institution must make the assignment "as it determines is most beneficial to students."

Dr. George Terry asked about the GI Bill are the school's held accountable. Ms. Verneuille stated she was not sure. Mr. Milton Anderson stated he had some information on that during the Public Participation.

Ms. Verneuille reported that Title IV schools are still required to do third-party audits in regard to Title IV reporting. That rule was not postponed.

Upon a motion made by Dr. George Terry and a second by Ms. Esther Cash, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Director's Report.

#### IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Milton Anderson explained in the GI Bill a line in the bill states the closed institution will still be held accountable to the paying to the students. Mr. Anderson stated that he is hearing that the US Department of Education is still planning on pushing more responsibility to the States in regulatory matters. There is a second rulemaking session to happen this year. In this session, it is rumored that public input is asking for more virtual and blended classes available in schools with online capabilities. Tax credit incentive is to companies that offer internet access cheaper to schools.

Mr. Benjamin asked about the push to the State agency regulatory rumor and if the Commission would be responsible. Ms. Verneuille stated that nothing officially has been told to the States. However, should that come about, the law would have to be reviewed because CPSCR may not have the authority needed to accomplish requirements.

#### V. REPORTS

##### A. School List

- 50 registered schools total
  - 47 Traditional campuses
  - 3 online schools

##### B. Financial Report

- Ms. Kim Verneuille reviewed the report.

Dr. Belton asked about a notation on the fee report. Ms. Verneuille explained fees are missing for two schools and the notation is reminder that those fees are on their way to be delivered in the next two days. This has been ongoing issue with UPS delivering packages.

## VI. DOCKET ACTION

### A. Registrations:

Upon a motion made by Mr. Otis Stanford and a second by Dr. Dean Belton, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the renewal certification:

- Southeastern Career Training Center – Flowood, MS
- Creations CNA Training School – Greenwood, MS

Staff Recommendation: Approval

### B. Agent Permit Application

Upon the Staff's recommendation, a motion made by to approve Mr. Otis Stanford and a second by Esther Cash, the Commission voted unanimously to issue agent permits for the following:

Agent Permit Application (Initial)

- Blue Cliff College – Michelle Hammothe
- Blue Cliff College/Online – Heather Reed-Hill
- Creation CNA Training School – Amanda Griffin
- Crescent Schools of Gaming & Bartending/Robinsonville – Heather Wheeler
- Tulsa Welding School/FL – Sonia Kettering, Donalee McIntosh-Cordova, & Christine Kile
- Virginia College/Biloxi – Brannon Rosebush
- WyoTech/FL - Angela Kline-Claycomb

Staff Recommendation: Approval

Upon the Staff's recommendation, a motion made by Dr. Dean Belton and a second by Dr. George Terry, the Commission voted unanimously to renew agent permits for the following:

Agent Permit Application (Renewal)

- Antonelli College/Flowood – Terry Griffin (C-2861)
- Blue Cliff College/Gulfport – Denise Crouse (C-2571)
- Concorde Career College/MS –Myra Stewart (C-3163) & Shequetta Shayli-Linzy (C-3156)
- Delta Technical College/Horn Lake – Samantha Elred (C-2759) & Eric Johnson (C-3066)
- Healing Touch Career College/HAT – Amy Schmidt
- Lincoln College of Technology – Cynthia Whitley (C-2431)
- MS Truck Driving School – Sonny Meeks (C-3271), Tracy Garrison (C-3272), & Guy Garrett (C-3274)
- National College – Sharon Turner (C-3254)
- Stepping Stones Career College- Safronia Knowles (C-2947)
- Taylor Dental Assisting School – Ariel Taylor (C-2409) & Austin Taylor (C-2408)
- Truck Driver Institute/Tupelo – Kristi Lynn Bell (C-2639)
- Tulsa Welding School/ OK & FL – Joe McKinney (C-3090)
- Virginia College/Biloxi – Dale Robinson (C-3246), Leo Brown (C-2968), & Sophia Fairley (C-2617)

- Virginia College/Online – Cecelia McWhorter (C-2958), Michael Miller (C-2959), & Brittnei Tucker (C-3072)
- Staff Recommendation: Approval

C. New Program of Studies

Upon the Staff’s recommendation, a motion made by Dr. George Terry and a second by Ms. Esther Cash, the Commission voted unanimously to approve new programs for the following:

- Jackson Medical Mall Foundation
  - Environmental Infection Prevention Control Certification

Staff Recommendation: Approval

D. Program Modifications

Upon the Staff’s recommendation, a motion made by Mr. Otis Stanford and a second by Dr. Dean Belton, the Commission voted unanimously to approve program modifications for the following:

- Lincoln College of Technology – Collision Repair & Refinishing Service Management
  - Modify program hours from 1785 hours to 1325 hours
  - Adding blended learning to the program
  - Integration of I-Car Professional Development program to curriculum
  - Allowing students to receive a Pro-Level 1 technician certification and I-CAR aluminum & welding certifications
  - Tuition cost changing from #31,031 to \$25,563

Staff Recommendation: Approval

E. Exemptions

None

F. Instructor Approval

Upon the staff’s recommendation, a motion made by Ms. Esther Cash and a second by Dr. Dean Belton, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Instructors as listed for the following schools:

- Delta Technical College/Horn Lake
  - Angela Sims Medical
  - Stewart Smith CDL
  - Jerry Ray Cullum CDL
  - Jamie WardDental Teaching Assistant
  - Edward Snooks CDL
  - Benjamin Fierro CDL
  - Kenneth West CDL
  - Paul Pearson CDL
  - Pam Farris Medical
  - Brett Shaw HVAC
- Delta Technical College/Ridgeland
  - Shundra Small Medical
  - Katherine Windom CDL

- Healing Touch Career College/Jackson
  - Clarissa Smith      Medical
  - Zacharia Varughese      Medical
- Jackson Medical Mall Foundation
  - Valera Bullock      Medical
  - Martha Caston      Medical
  - Ronnie Blossom      EIPC
  - Suzette Blossom      EIPC
- Lincoln College of Technology/Nashville
  - Brandon Reed      Welding
  - Tony Adair      Welding
  - Lukaz Sycik      Automotive
- Medical 2 Career College/Cleveland
  - Pamela Morrison      Medical
  - Regina Howard      Medical
  - Mississippi Truck Driving School
  - Billy Gene Garrison      CDL
- NASCAR Technical Institute/NC
  - Michael Lessig      Automotive
- Universal Technical Institute/FL
  - Rene Gonzalez      Automotive
  - Paul Runion      Automotive
- Tulsa Welding School/FL
  - Ulric Rodney      HVAC-R
- Tulsa Welding School/OK
  - Robert Hines      Welding
  - Steven Pearce      Welding
- Virginia College/Jackson
  - Judia Coleman      Medical Coding/Billing

Staff Recommendation: Approval

G. Other

Ms. Verneuille presented the final draft proposal for new regulations for CPSCR after 30 comment period for the MS Secretary of State’s APA Guidelines. No comments were received.

Upon the staff’s recommendation, a motion made by Dr. Dean Belton and a second by Ms. Esther Cash, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the proposed regulations to be submitted to the Secretary of State’s office.

Ms. Verneuille asked the Commission members if the December meeting which is schedule for December 21, 2017 was still convenient in their schedules. Several members asked about moving the meeting ahead seven days to December 14, 2017 to make the time more acceptable with the members busy schedules at the holidays.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Otis Stanford and a second by Ms. Esther Cash, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the moving the December meeting for CPSCR from December 21, 2017 to December 14, 2017.

VII. COMPLAINTS


None

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION  
Not needed

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion made by Dr. George Terry and a second by Mr. Otis Stanford, the Commission voted unanimously to approve adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.



Ms. Audra Love Kimble  
Associate Executive Director  
Commission on Proprietary School  
& College Registration



Mr. Donald Benjamin, Chairman of  
the Commission on Proprietary  
& College Registration