

MINUTES
COMMISSION ON PROPRIETARY SCHOOL AND COLLEGE REGISTRATION
December 14, 2017

The Commission on Proprietary School and College Registration (CPSCR) met on Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 1:04 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, Audra Love Kimble, & Liz Bolin

Visitors Present: Lakeisha White – Lakeisha School of Phlebotomy, Bill Stanfill & Alumme Lewis – Healing Touch Career College/Jackson, Debbie Moore & Michele Steele – Antonelli College/Jackson & Online, Alicia Kaho & Barron Kaho – Kaho Healthcare Training Facility, Brock Haas – Virginia College/Jackson, Randal Hayes & W.B. Bates II – Delta Technical College/Ridgeland, Latonya Chambers, Kelvin Chambers & Brandi Jefferson – Simply the Best Kare/Hattiesburg.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Donald Benjamin at 1:04 p.m.

II. PRELIMINARIES

A. The invocation was given by Dr. Dean Belton.

B. Adjustments / Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Dr. George Terry to accept the agenda and second the motion by Ms. Esther Cash, 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 Dr. Dean Belton the Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2017 meeting.

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Since the last meeting, we have received three (3) request(s) for application packets.
 - Jasmine Dodd – Greenwood, MS – Medical
 - Lanivea Fowler – Greenwood, MS – Medical
 - Danae Brow & Makeba White – Byram, MS – CNA

- Staffing changes with Concorde Career Colleges – Corporate structure changes – Not replacing the CEO – created a new partnership of in the Office of the President (members) :
 - CFO – Juli Fisher
 - COO – Ceelia Levensgood
 - Senior VP Academics – Jami Frazier
 - Senior VP Operations – Derek McCallum
- Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy is requesting approval for an annex in Olive Branch, MS.
- SEC Training Center notified CPSCR they would begin offering night classes this December.
- Tulsa Welding School/Tulsa, OK (C-668) has notified CPSCR they are cancelling the certificate due to no MS residents enrolling at the campus. They will continue to maintain their FL campus with CPSCR.
- Healing Touch Career College has submitted a request for name change to the Institute of Health and Technology.
- Kaho Healthcare Training Facility in Fayette, MS is requesting approval for an annex location in Brookhaven, MS.
- Tuition Increase Notifications:
 - Concorde Career College (Memphis & Southaven)
 - Lincoln College of Technology
- Virginia College – ACCET is mandating that the Virginia College restructure their corporate ownership of their 70 campuses down to one corporation.
 - Presently, the parent company, Education Corporation of Alabama has 70 campuses among the structure of four groups.
 - ACCET is requiring they combine all campuses under one ownership, Virginia College LLC.
 - Presently, Jackson campus is under the Virginia College ownership. However, the Biloxi campus is technically under Medical Career Center.
 - This does not appear to trigger our change on ownership criteria.
 - The company has contact each state and been informed that this looks like it will not trigger a new ownership.
- Zenith Education Group, parent company of the three WyoTech campuses has notified CPSCR they will be closing these three campuses. In a press release the corporation announced the closure of 21 colleges across the United States. They will maintain and expand three Altierus Campuses in Tampa, FL, Norcross, GA and Houston, TX and close the other 21 campuses including the three WyoTech campuses. They will be providing a teach-out of all programs and anticipate remaining open through most of 2018 to assist students presently enrolled.

- All active recruiting has been cancelled and all MS agent license have been cancelled per the company's request.
 - CPSCR was notified that at present only Blairsville, PA campus has and enrolled MS resident and that student is set to complete that program in March of 2018.
 - CPSCR will be provided an official copy of the teach-outs and student information once completed for their accreditor. Probably have it early 2018.
 - Schools Operating without a Certificate
 - Contacted two phlebotomy schools about obtaining certification.
 - Magic Touch Phlebotomy Services in Gautier, MS
 - a. I left Ms. Adams a follow up message asking about her progress on her application.
 - b. No response yet.
 - Lakeisha School of Phlebotomy in Vicksburg, MS
 - a. Ms. Kimble and I took a day trip to Vicksburg on October 30th. No one was present when we arrived.
 - b. I left a copy of the certified letter and my business card on the front door of the school with my card asking to be contacted.
 - c. Ms. White called me the next day. We discussed the requirement for registration. She stated she would apply and get into compliance.
 - d. I sent her an application on November 2. I left her a message to follow up but no response yet.
 - CSCPR received notification the Miller Motte Colleges and McCann School of Business (Owned by Delta Educational Systems, Inc.) have been sold to Ancora Education out of Texas.
 - CPSCR received notification by Adtalem Global Education will be transferring ownership of DeVry University and Keller Graduate School of Management to Cogswell Education LLC, out of California.
 - Higher Education Act is in the works to be updated. Last authorization was in 2008. House has introduced a bill titled PROSPER. This bill established the Pell Grant and the new version talks to accreditation among other items. This is the House of Representatives version. The Senate version is expected to be different and perhaps will be introduced in 2018. HEA is expected to be an important topic in 2018 for Congress.
- Dr. Belton asked if the change in the corporate setup for Virginia College would trigger the change in ownership for CPSCR. Ms. Verneuille stated that it would not trigger CPSCR's criteria for change in ownership classification.
- Upon a motion made by Mr. Otis Stanford and a second by Dr. Dean Belton, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Director's Report.

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
Brock Haas, Virginia College/Jackson, announced they will be having their ACCET accreditation visit in February. Alicia Kaho, Kaho Training Facility, announced they have graduate 62 students with all passing their CNA certification exam.
- REPORTS
 - A. School List
 - 50 registered schools total
 - 47 Traditional campuses
 - 3 online schools
 - B. Financial Report
 - Ms. Kim Verneuille reviewed the report.
- DOCKET ACTION
 - A. Registrations:

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

 - Heavy Equipment College – Alabama –Dothan, AL

Staff Recommendation: Approval

Upon a motion made by Ms. Esther Cash and a second by Dr. George Terry, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the renewal certification:

 - New Horizons Computer Learning Center – Biloxi, MS

Staff Recommendation: Approval

Upon a motion made by Dr. Dean Belton and a second by Ms. Esther Cash, the Commission voted unanimously to approve to postpone renewal certification until February 2018 meeting:

 - Stepping Stones Career College – Louisville, MS
 - Swift Transportation Academy – Memphis, TN

Staff Recommendation: Approval

Upon a motion made by Ms. Esther Cash and a second by Mr. Otis Stanford the Commission voted unanimously to approve the cancellation of Certificate of Registration:

 - Keplere Institute of Technology – Greenville, 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 Dr. Dean Belton, the Commission voted unanimously to issue agent permits for the following:

Agent Permit Application (Initial)

 - Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy/Olive Branch – Patricia Hovis

- Blue Cliff College/Gulfport – LaTorya Martinez
- Concorde Career College/TN – Chris Walker & Andrew Cody
- Delta Technical College/Horn Lake – Myra Stewart
- Healing Touch Career College/Hattiesburg – Rachel Haden Hinton
- Heavy Equipment College – Alabama – Donna Smith
- Delta Technical College/Horn Lake & Ridgeland – Tad Haroldsen
- Virginia College/Biloxi – Joseph Gresham, Sarah Anne Jones & Sheena Joy Myles

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/Online – Clarence Thompson (C-3001)
- Careers Plus Institute – Jarius Lee (C-2434)
- Crescent Schools/Tupelo – Kay LeBoeuf (C-3100) & John LeBoeuf (C-3099)
- Healing Touch Career College/HAT – Felicia Hogan (C-3194)
- Healing Touch Career College/JKN – Bill Stanfill (C-3193)
- Lincoln College of Technology/TN – Robert Black (C-2528), Denise Neal (C-3294), & David Osman (C-3298)
- Medical 2 Career College/Tupelo – Donna Steele (C-3110)
- Tulsa Welding School/FL – LaurieAnne Shockman (C-3287)
- Virginia College/Jackson – Vincent Milton II (C-3266)

Staff Recommendation: Approval

C. New Program of Studies

None

D. Program Modifications

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

- New Horizons Computer Learning Center –
 - Medical Office Administration Program
 - Reduced program hours from 324 to 180
 - Network Systems Administrator
 - Added one new course

Staff Recommendation: Approval

E. Exemptions

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 exemptions for the following:

- Ballet Magnificent - Jackson

Ms. Verneuille explained this school is for avocational purposes and qualifies for exemption.

Staff Recommendation: Approval

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:

- Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy/Olive Branch
 - Chelsea Harris Dental Assisting
 - Taylor Spencer Dental Assisting
 - Sarah Smith Dental Assisting
- Delta Technical College/Horn Lake
 - Shana Russell Coding Teaching Assistant
 - Felicia Pulliam Medical & Coding
 - Tony McGuire CDL
 - Tanya Smith Medical
 - Christopher Ayers HVAC
 - Delton Keener HVAC
- Healing Touch Career College/Jackson
 - Sharon Vaughn Phlebotomy
 - Anjelica Rosse Medical/Phlebotomy
 - Aisha Walker Medical
- Healing Touch Career College/Hattiesburg
 - Oradell Rowze Medical & Phlebotomy
- Mississippi Truck Driving School/Hickory Flat
 - Jeff Medlin CDL
 - Shannon Carter CDL
 - Brian Lansdell CDL
- Truck Driver Institute/Tupelo
 - Randy Taylor CDL
- Universal Technical Institute/FL
 - Jacob Albertson Automotive
 - Michael Carpenter Automotive
 - Ronnie Simmons Automotive
- Virginia College/Jackson
 - Antonie Williams Computers/IT
 - Antuwan Shade Computers/IT
- WyoTech/WY
 - Bart Long

Staff Recommendation: Approval

G. Other

- Truck Driver Institute – Donnie Sartain – New Agent License
Mr. Sartain has applied for a new agent license. Mr. Sartain has reported a conviction but has completed required court mandate in regard to the conviction.

Upon the Staff's recommendation, a motion made by to approve Dr. Dean Belton and a second by Ms. Esther Cash, the Commission voted unanimously to issue new agent permit.

- Exemption process – Ms. Verneuille explained a new process she is proposing for the individuals and groups requesting exemption from registration with CPSCR. This process and procedure makes the request and submission more formal and documentation detailed for the request. Ms. Verneuille also suggested the process be added to the regulations.

Mr. Benjamin asked what the Commission need to do. Ms. Verneuille stated they can make a motion to adopt the suggestion or table it until the next meeting. Mr. Benjamin stated they would revisit this at the February meeting.

VII. COMPLAINTS

None

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Not needed

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion made by Dr. Dean Belton and a second by Dr. George Terry, the Commission voted unanimously to approve adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 1:54 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