

MINUTES  
COMMISSION ON PROPRIETARY SCHOOL AND COLLEGE REGISTRATION  
June 21, 2018

The Commission on Proprietary School and College Registration (CPSCR) met on Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 1:00 p.m., Mississippi Community College Board, 3825 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, Mississippi.

Members Present: Mr. Donald Benjamin, Ms. Esther Cash and Mr. Otis Stanford

Staff Attending: Ms. Kim Verneuille & Liz Bolin

Visitors Present: Milton Anderson & Brock Haas – Virginia College/Jackson, Kambrey Hunter & JT Robinson – CRW Truck Driver Training, and Dr. Marvin Hogan – Friends of Children of MS

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Donald Benjamin at 1:00 p.m.

II. PRELIMINARIES

A. The invocation was given by Mr. Otis Stanford.

B. Acknowledgments / Introductions

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

C. Adjustments / Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Mr. Otis Stanford to accept the agenda and second the motion by Ms. Esther Cash, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

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 Mr. Otis Stanford, and a second by Ms. Esther Cash the Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2018 meeting.

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Since the last meeting, we have received three (3) request(s) for application packets.
  - Jennifer Johnson – Flora, MS – CNA
  - Selection Healthcare – Hattiesburg, MS – Allied Health
  - Catrena Seiber – Gloster, MS – CNA
  - Rose Johnson – Magnolia, MS - CNA
- Institute for Health and Technology is requesting an extension on their renewal until the August meeting due to changes in the Jackson director position. I have received the fees and paperwork.

- Lincoln College of Technology in Nashville requesting approval for a program modification in the Collision Repair & Refinishing Service Management program. Program is increase the instruction time from 74 weeks to 84 weeks. However, the instruction hours and credits will remain the same. This is after a review on the work needed to master the general education courses which have moved to the online delivery format.
- Exemptions – letters were mailed out at the end of May to all schools that had been granted exemption since 2002. One school has already responded by submitting their application. As of today, we received six returned undeliverable.
- On May 24, 2018, USDOE announced a delay in the effective date of the federal state authorization for distance education from July 1, 2018 to July 1, 2020
  - The delay applies to the entire rule, including the requirement that institutions obtain state authorization for distance education programs in any state that requires it.
  - The delay of the *federal* distance education rule has nothing to do with the legal obligation of every provider to comply with *state* law licensing and disclosure requirements.
  - With this being said, we are beginning again to receive requests from distance learning schools about CSCPR rules and I am sending out letters for the schools that do not meet our requirements.
  - For the June meeting, I have notified the following school administration that their institutions do not meet the requirement for registration:
    - Recording Film Connection – Los Angeles, CA
    - Penn Foster Career School – Scranton, PA
    - The Art of Education – Osage, IA
    - LA Film School – Hollywood, CA
    - New England College of Business – Boston, MA
- Virginia College notified us of their new director Mr. Leon Kelley.
- Virginia College Online which closed in March has paid all fees due to CPSCR.
- Accreditation News
  - On May 1, 2018, CPSCR received notification from ACCET that the accreditor was denying initial accreditation application from all 34 campuses of Virginia College.
  - All state regulators were sent a 59 page letter detailing their reasons for the denial. After review of this letter, I scheduled visits to both the Jackson and Biloxi campuses to review the specifics highlighted in the letter by ACCET.
  - On May 8, 2018, ACICS notified CPSCR that due to the denial by ACCET, they were placing all the campuses on a Show Cause directive. A response is due by July 9, 2018 and the school must appear in person at the ACICS August meeting.

- On May 18, 2018, CPSCR was notified of Virginia College's intent to appeal the ACCET denial of the application. ACCET Commission meeting is sometime next month (July).
- Campus Visits – I scheduled a visits to each Virginia College campuses to address the issues that applied to CPSCR regulations as possible violations.
  - Jackson campus – had two highlighted issues – did not find any violations to regulations for the campus.
  - Biloxi campus – had four issues - did not find any violations to regulations for the campus.
- ITT Bankruptcy Request for Repayment of fees
  - On May3, 2018. CPSCR received a notice from the ITT Bankruptcy Trustee of a request for CPSCR to repay \$19,251.36 back for fees the institution paid within a 90 period of the company filing for bankruptcy.
  - Liz referred us to James Bobo in the Litigation dept of the AG's office to assist. I provided documentation to show these funds were paid as part of regular business operations. Mr. Bobo has sent the documentation to the trustee. I have not heard anything back yet.
- Legislative Changes
  - Changes to statue to consider:
    - Changing the use of bond funds to take care of records for closed schools
    - Make changes to the exemptions in regard to practical nursing
  - HEA does not look to new laws in 2018
  - DeVos reinstate ACICS as fully recognized due to a ruling by a federal judge and review additional response from ACICS. All schools are fully accredited until the review.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Esther Cash and a second by Mr. Otis Stanford, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Director's Report.

#### IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Milton Anderson thanked Ms. Verneuille for her support during the ACCET visits to the Virginia College campuses. He stated the issues listed by ACCET in the denial were all explained in the response to ACCET denial. He explained the struggles the school has gone and is going through with seeking a new accreditor and continue working towards remaining accredited. ACICS issued the show-cause due to ACCET's denial and on for Jackson campus specifically due to low placement rates. Mr. Anderson explained the placement verification process and that ACICS is allowing the campus time to verify the placements again for reporting. The new numbers being reported with have the Show Cause removed within the next 30 days.

Mr. Anderson reported that USDOE has just announced the Gainful Employment is delayed yet again. He explained the Virginia College has had some staffing turnover on campuses and at the corporate level. However, they are continuing to strive for excellence in a volatile environment. He also wished

his dean. Brock Haas happy birthday and extolled on the importance of Mr. Haas' worked on his campus.

Mr. Benjamin asked about the timeline for Virginia College's response to ACCET. Mr. Anderson said there are to steps with one in July 2018 and one August 2018.

## V. REPORTS

### A. School List

- 48 registered schools total
  - 46 Traditional campuses
  - 2 online schools

### B. Financial Report

- Ms. Kim Verneuille reviewed the reports.

## VI. DOCKET ACTION

### A. Registrations:

Upon a motion made by Mr. Otis Stanford and a second by Ms. Esther Cash, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the renewal certification:

- CompuSystems, Inc. – Greenville, MS
- Friends of Children of Mississippi – Jackson, MS
- Systems IT, Inc. – Jackson, MS

Upon a motion made by Ms. Esther Cash and a second by Mr. Otis Stanford, the Commission voted unanimously to approve to postpone renewal certification until August 2018 meeting:

- Institute of Health & Technology – Hattiesburg & Jackson, MS

Staff Recommendation: Approval

### B. Agent Permit Application

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

- Concorde Career College/Memphis – Preston King
- Concorde Career College/MS – Keith Malone
- System IT, Inc. – Patricia Leeks
- Universal Technical Institute/TX & FL – Yvette Acala, Robert Dale, & Jason Pollock
- Institute of Health & Technology/Jackson - Ibrahima Sidibe (C-2851)

Staff Recommendation: Approval

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

- Antonelli College/Jackson – Lesa Morris (C-2849)
- Access Training Center, Inc. – George Jones (C-1996)
- Blue Cliff College/Gulfport – Becky Hanzalik (C-3147), Denise Crouse (C-2571), & Michelle Hammothe (C-3323)

- Institute for Health & Technology/Hattiesburg – Ibrahima Sidibe (C-2851)
- Truck Driver Institute/Saucier – Andrea Bradford (C-3245)
- Virginia College/Biloxi – Leo Brown (C-2968) & Sophia Fairley (C-2617)

Staff Recommendation: Approval

C. New Program of Studies  
None

D. Program Modifications

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

- Lincoln College of Technology – Collision Repair & Refinishing Service Management program
  - Program length increase from 74 weeks to 82 weeks
  - No price or credit hour increase

Staff Recommendation: Approval

E. Exemptions

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

- At-Home Professions – Fort Collins, CO
  - Correspondence Courses
- Coast Dealing Academy – Biloxi, MS
  - Oversight by the MS Gaming Commission

Staff Recommendation: Approval

F. Instructor Approval

Upon the staff's recommendation, a motion made by Mr. Otis Stanford and a second by Ms. Esther Cash, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Instructors as listed for the following schools:

- Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy/Olive Branch
  - Gabrielle Mora                      Dental Assisting
- Blue Cliff College/Gulfport
  - Michelle Schaubhut                  Medical
  - Patricia Farris                         Dialysis
- Delta Technical College/Horn Lake
  - Gerald Gholson                        CDL
  - Vanessa Ward                          CDL
- Delta Technical College/Ridgeland
  - Keshia Lindsey                        Medical
  - Ronnie Sims                             HVAC
  - Jack Williams                          CDL
  - Michael Funchess                     CDL
  - Jackson Marlow Sr.                   CDL
  - LaShundra Brown                     Dental Assisting

- Grant Allied Healthcare & Training Institute/Southaven
  - Barbara Stewart Pharmacy Tech
- Kaho Healthcare Training Facility/Brookhaven
  - Lori Doss CNA
- MS Truck Driver School/Hickory Flat
  - Herman Kidd CDL
- Universal Technical Institute/TX
  - Nicky Holland Automotive
  - Brian Ritchie Automotive
- Universal Technical Institute/FL
  - Jason Greene Automotive
  - David Bobitaille Automotive
  - Fabian Jackson Motorcycles

Staff Recommendation: Approval

G. Other

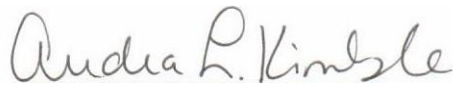
VII. COMPLAINTS  
None

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion made by Mr. Otis Stanford and a second by Ms. Esther Cash, the Commission voted unanimously to approve adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.




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




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Mr. Donald Benjamin, Chairman of  
the Commission on Proprietary  
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