

MINUTES
COMMISSION ON PROPRIETARY SCHOOL AND COLLEGE REGISTRATION
October 18, 2018

The Commission on Proprietary School and College Registration (CPSCR) met on Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 1:00 p.m., Mississippi Community College Board, 3825 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, Mississippi.

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

Staff Attending: Ms. Kim Verneuille & Liz Bolin

Visitors Present: Debbie Moore & Michele Steele/Antonelli-Jackson, Tom Pullin & Beth Anderson/Delta Technical College, Chris Burgio/Concord Career College-Southaven, Deanna Southerland, Leon Kelley, Larry Terrence/Virginia College/Jackson & Biloxi

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 Ms. Esther Cash.

B. Acknowledgments / Introductions

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

C. Adjustments / Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Dr. George Terry to accept the agenda and second the motion by Mr. Otis Stanford, 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 Ms. Esther Cash, and a second by Mr. Otis Stanford the Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2018 meeting.

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Since the last meeting, we have received five (5) request(s) for application packets.
 - Tarilyn Jackson – Pascagoula – CNA
 - Penny Chiasson – Flowood – Hypnosis Training
 - Janice Charles – Memphis – Allied Health Training
 - Sober Living – Meridian – CNA & Phlebotomy
 - Shelia Farr – Biloxi – Vocational Training
- Concorde Career College – Memphis & Southaven – notified CPSCR of program name changes – school has updated the program titles to better reflect workplace job titles and descriptions.

- Concorde's Southaven campus is no longer offering the Medical Office Professional diploma program.
- CPSCR received notification on a complaint submitted by a former student of Delta Technical College to their accreditor, ACCSC. Mr. Fitzgerald supplied a copy of his response with CPSCR. The response is 131 pages and appears to answer the complaint. However, the accreditor has asked then for more information by October 26th. I will continue to monitor this situation. We have not received any complaints from this student.
- CPSCR received notification by the parent company of Virginia College of the planned closure of their Mississippi campuses by August 1, 2019.
 - A summary is provided with some detailed information.
 - One September 27th, CPSCR was notified that Dr. Melissa McCoy will be overseeing the teach-out on Jackson campus as of October 1 (Academic Dean) & Mr. Leon Kelley (Campus President) will be overseeing the Biloxi campus. One October 15, after a phone call telling me Dr. McCoy was no longer at the Jackson campus, I spoke with John Carreon who told Ms. Deana Southerland is overseeing Jackson campus.
 - Teach out is scheduled to complete in August 2019. Fifteen students in surgical technologist program were offered a full reimbursement since they would not have time to complete their program. Approximately 25 cosmetology students were also not going to be able to complete and Mr. Anderson spoke with Delta Technical College about these students since their program is the closest to Virginia College's program.
 - Twenty six total campuses are closing. However, the parent corporation, ECA, plans to remain open and operate their remaining campuses.
 - My plan is to do official scheduled visits at each campus, rotating months, so schools will have a review every 60 days. These visits may include, but not limited to, speaking with staff, students, & faculty.
- ACICS News
 - Back in March 2018, Secretary DeVos announced the full reauthorization of ACICS due to a federal ruling on unreviewed documentation submitted by the accreditor in 2016 by the former secretary under President Obama.
 - After several delays on a decision by DeVos, on September 28, 2018, Under Secretary Jones issued an opinion after reviewing the documents and suggested that ACICS had met "19 of 21 relevant federal criteria" and should be placed on 12 month probation to allow to meet the additional standards.
 - One of those key regulations is 602.13 – Acceptance of the Agency by Others. US DOE states in their official response that four national and five regional accreditors supported ACICS.

- However, on October 8th, Politico has reported they contacted these agencies and only one (ABHES) states that support ACICS. The others, all dispute this claim of support.
- US DOE has responded that the citation is an “inadvertent error and that it would formally correct the statement.”
- As of today, no correction has been published and no formal response by Secretary DeVos has been made.
- Legislative Suggestions
 - Change the language CPSCR has with use of the bond money due to closure. Add language to allow CPSCR to use the bond funds for administrative cost to protect and disposition of records (transcripts) for students. This may have CPSCR partnering with a third party repository to take care of the records.
 - Minor updates with definitions, agent proof and exemption section in relation to state authorization.
 - Discuss this issue more in December to see if this needs to go further in the legislative process.

Dr. George Terry asked about the states responsibility for programs falling short of outcomes. He asked is the state does a market analysis of the program’s success. Ms. Kim Verneuille stated the Commission does not have authority to require a school to show a need for a program or deny them based on the type of program. However, Ms. Verneuille further explained she highly encourages all schools to make sure that jobs are available because the institution must report graduation and placement to CPSCR each year.

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

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chris Burgio stated he was starting their sixth year in Southaven and looked for to more successful years in Mississippi.

V. REPORTS

A. School List

- 44 registered schools total
 - 41 Traditional campuses
 - 3 online schools

B. Financial Report

- Ms. Kim Verneuille reviewed the reports.

VI. DOCKET ACTION

A. Registrations:

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

- Crescent School of Gaming and Bartending – Gulfport & Robinsonville, MS
- Kaho Healthcare Training – Fayette & Brookhaven, MS
- National College of Business & Technology – Memphis, TN

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

- Antonelli College – Jackson & Hattiesburg
- Concorde Career College-Southaven & Memphis, TN

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 Dr. George Terry, the Commission voted unanimously to issue agent permits for the following:

- Institute of Health & Technology/Jackson – Vincent Milton
- Delta Technical College/Ridgeland – Veronica Hunter

Staff Recommendation: Approval

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

- Antonelli College/Hattiesburg – Carstel Felder (C-2520), LeeAnn McRaney (C-2976), & Barbara Stephens (C-3089)
- Burns Healthcare Institute/Indianola – Niki Burns (C-3333)
- Coastal College/Hammond, LA – Jules Morales (C-2707)
- Compusystems, Inc./Greenville – Gene Finley (C-2320)
- Concorde Career College/Memphis – Lisa Nelson (C-2885) & Lisa Love (C-3330)
- Delta Technical College/Ridgeland- Laura Armstrong (C-3334)
- Kaho Healthcare Training/Fayette & Brookhaven – Alicia Kaho (C-3282)
- Ms Truck Driving School – Jeremy Boyle (C-3336)
- National College of Business & Technology/Nashville – Sharon Turner (C-3254)
- Stepping Stones Career College/Louisville – Safronia Knowles (C-3947)
- Tulsa Welding School/FL – William Clemons Jr. (C-3166) & Joe McKinney (C-3090)

Staff Recommendation: Approval

C. New Program of Studies

None

- Jamie Ward Dental Assisting
- James Wade CDL
- Chakira Jones Medical
- Deremie Robinson HVAC Teaching Assistant
- Tiara Whitelow Dental Assisting TA
- Sheenna Harris-Gladney Medical Coding
- LeKita Warren CDL
- Delta Technical College/Ridgeland
- Elizabeth Ellett Medical
- Randy McRaney HVAC
- Keyaira Young Medical Teaching Assistant
- Marc Ruiz CDL
- Carrie Fronalarger Dental Assisting
- Felita Peace CDL
- Porcha McKinzie Pharmacy Technician
- Institute of Health & Technology/Jackson
 - Tinequa Fuller Medical
 - Denise Davis Medical
 - Nicole Clark Pharmacy Tech
 - Porsha Ellis Medical
- Kaho Healthcare Training/Brookhaven
 - Lori Doss CNA
- Lincoln College of Technology/Nashville
 - Nelson Cravens Welding
 - Michael Seniuk Welding
- Tulsa Welding School/FL
 - Darren Buford Welding
 - Keith Morris Electrical
- Universal Technical Institute/FL
 - Davis Robert Motorcycles

Staff Recommendation: Approval

G. Other

Ms. Esther Cash asked the representatives from Virginia College what provision have been made to assure the school have proper staffing to teach out the students remaining enrolled at the Biloxi & Jackson Campuses.

Ms. Deana Southland stated all current faculty had signed letters of intent and committed to teaching out the remaining students through August 2019.

VII. COMPLAINTS
None

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.



Ms. Audra Love Kimble
Associate Executive Director
Commission on Proprietary School
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Mr. Donald Benjamin, Chairman of
the Commission on Proprietary
& College Registration