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**Minutes**  
**Board of Regents' Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission**  
**July 9, 2019**

The Louisiana Board of Regents' Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission met on Tuesday, July 9, 2019, at 10:06 a.m., in Room 1-190 of the Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge. Chair Fontenot called the meeting to order and the roll was called.

**Commission Members Present**

Melanie Amrhein, Vice-Chair  
Sherrie Despino  
James Dorris  
James Fontenot, Chair  
Theresa Hay

**Staff Members Present**

Nancy Beall  
Kristi Kron  
Carol Marabella  
Dr. Uma Subramanian

**Commission Members Absent**

Raymond Lalonde  
Carmen Million  
Mary Lou Potter

**Guests Present**

(See Appendix A.)

The first item of business was the approval of the minutes from its meeting of May 14, 2019.

**On motion of Ms. Despino, seconded by Ms. Hay, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously adopted the minutes of the May 14, 2019 Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission meeting.**

The next agenda item considered by the Commission was four initial license applications, the first from AAA Crane and Rigging, LLC, located in Addis, Louisiana, and represented by the school's Office Manager, Mr. James L. Munn, Jr., and Ms. Jamie M. Colson, instructor. Ms. Kron reviewed the materials for the Commission members informing them that the institution is proposing to offer a variety of programs specific to the crane and rigging industry. These programs are intended to prepare both the novice and experienced operator for employment and certification in their chosen occupation. Training is available for single positions as well as for multiple positions, with the length of programs ranging from three days to four weeks. AAA Crane and Rigging, LLC, had met all the legal and administrative requirements to be approved for an initial license.

Following further discussion regarding the proposed training programs and available certifications, types of cranes and rigs utilized in the training programs, maximum class size, federal regulations governing instructor qualifications, educational requirements for admission into the proposed training programs, available tuition assistance to students, potential salaries for graduates, and competition within the market area,

**On motion of Ms. Amrhein, seconded by Mr. Dorris, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously recommends that the Board of Regents approve an initial operating license for AAA Crane and Rigging, LLC, located in Addis, Louisiana.**

The second and third initial license applications considered by the Commission were from Louisiana Dental Assistant Academy (Alexandria), located in Alexandria, Louisiana, and Louisiana Dental Assistant Academy (Baton Rouge), located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and represented by the institutions' Director of Compliance, Mr. Peter Gilkey. Ms. Marabella reviewed the materials for the Commission noting that these two institutions are owned by Vandelay Education, LLC, which currently operates six licensed proprietary schools in Louisiana. These proposed new locations would offer one program of study, Dental Assistant, which is a ten-week, 116.5 clock hour program. The program would be taught on nine consecutive Saturdays at a dental office with an additional 40 clock hour (one week) externship. Each of the applications from Vandelay Education, LLC, had met all the legal and administrative requirements to be approved for an initial license.

Following further discussion regarding the company's business plan and licensure in other states, advertising and marketing strategies, available payment plan options for students, potential competition, and available job placement assistance to graduates,

**On motion of Mr. Dorris, seconded by Ms. Hay, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously recommends that the Board of Regents approve an initial operating license for Louisiana Dental Assistant Academy (Alexandria), located in Alexandria, Louisiana.**

**On motion of Mr. Dorris, seconded by Ms. Amrhein, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously recommends that the Board of Regents approve an initial operating license for Louisiana Dental Assistant Academy (Baton Rouge), located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.**

The fourth and final initial license application considered by the Commission was from Louisiana Driver Training and Vocational Career Center, Inc., located in LaPlace, Louisiana, and represented by the school owners, Mr. Samuel D. Davenport and Mr. Michael Dillon, as well as by Mr. Dwayne Grant, Director of Communications. Ms. Kron reviewed the materials for the Commission members, informing them that this institution would be offering one program of study, Advanced Tractor-Trailer Driver Training, which is a nine-week, 300.0 clock hour program. Louisiana Driver Training and Vocational Career Center, Inc., had met all the legal and administrative requirements to be approved for an initial license.

Following further discussion regarding owners' background and experience in the trucking industry, admission requirements to the program, marketing strategies, financial projections included in business plan, financial assistance available to students, and competition within the market area,

**On motion of Ms. Hay seconded by Ms. Despino, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously recommends that the Board of Regents approve an initial operating license for Louisiana Driver Training and Vocational Career Center, Inc., located in LaPlace, Louisiana.**

The next agenda item considered by the Commission was operating license renewals. Ms. Marabella informed the Commission members that there were twenty-one (21) schools seeking renewal. These schools scheduled for renewal were in complete compliance, having met all the legal and administrative requirements to be re-licensed.

Following further discussion,

**On motion of Mr. Dorris, seconded by Ms. Hay, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously recommends that the Board of Regents renew the licenses of the following proprietary schools (initial license date in parentheses).**

**Advance Healthcare Institute, LLC (05/26/11)  
BAR/BRI (Baton Rouge) (05/23/12)  
BAR/BRI (New Orleans) (05/23/12)  
Blue Cliff College--Alexandria (05/25/06)  
Delta College of Arts & Technology (06/25/92)  
Diesel Driving Academy (Baton Rouge) (06/25/87)  
Global Trucking Academy (06/29/16 )  
Integrated Education Solutions, LLC (05/23/18 )  
J W Training Center, LLC (05/22/17 )  
Lincoln College (05/22/03)  
Louisiana Institute of Massage Therapy (05/22/13)  
McCann School of Business and Technology (05/23/18)  
Med-Advance Training (05/22/17 )  
Oak Park School of Dental Assisting (05/28/09)  
Operation Spark (06/29/16 )  
Ouachita Truck Driving Academy, LLC (05/22/03)  
Petra College, Inc. (05/27/15)  
Precision Weld Testing & Training, LLC (05/23/18)  
Remington College (Lafayette Campus) (05/26/11)  
Remington College (Shreveport Campus) (05/26/11)  
SIHAF Career Institute (05/21/14)**

Ms. Marabella informed the Commission that there were five institutions that chose not to renew their licenses this renewal cycle: A Breath Away, LLC (05/23/18), Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy (05/23/18), Grace & Favor Training Academy, LLC (05/21/14), Medical Technical Institute (05/27/15), and Southern Medical Corporation School of Ultrasound (06/26/97). Staff will follow through to secure the student records from each school for safekeeping.

The next item on the agenda was an update on program approvals. Chair Fontenot reminded the Commission that staff approved these updates administratively and course approvals were being shared for informational purposes only.

Under Report from Staff, Ms. Marabella informed the Commission members that HB 562, signed by Governor Edwards on June 24, 2019, is now Act 437 of 2019. The Louisiana Proprietary Schools Law, found at R.S. 17:3140 et seq. amends R.S. 17:3141.1 et seq. Staff will submit revisions to the Louisiana Administrative Code to reflect the amended statute. In addition, staff will continue to communicate with the licensed schools that offer CDL training in anticipation of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Entry-Level Driver Training Regulation which becomes mandatory on February 7, 2020.

The next meeting of the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 1-190 of the Claiborne Building. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

APPENDIX A  
GUESTS

Jamie M. Colson	AAA Crane and Rigging, LLC
Samuel Davenport	Louisiana Driver Training & Vocational Career Center, Inc.
Michael Dillon	Louisiana Driver Training & Vocational Career Center, Inc.
Peter Gilkey	Louisiana Dental Assistant Academy (Alexandria and Baton Rouge)
Dwayne Grant	Louisiana Driver Training & Vocational Career Center, Inc.
James Munn	AAA Crane and Rigging, LLC
Patricia Wilton	Louisiana Department of Justice