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**Minutes**

**Board of Regents - Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission**  
**September 11, 2012**

The Louisiana Board of Regents - Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission met on Tuesday, September 11, 2012, at 10:07 a.m. in Room 1-190 of the Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge. Chair Bender called the meeting to order and the roll was called.

**Commission Members Present**

Ralph Bender, Chair  
Richard D'Aquin  
James Dorris  
Keith Jones, Vice-Chair  
Gloria Simmons

**Staff Members Present**

Chandra Cheatham  
Ann Evans  
Deesi Kirkland  
Kristi Kron  
Carol Marabella  
Larry Tremblay

**Commission Members Absent**

Tina Begnaud  
James Fontenot  
Raymond Lalonde

**Guests Present**

(See Appendix A.)

The first item of business was the approval of the minutes from its meeting of May 8, 2012 and the notes from the August 7, 2012 meeting.

**On motion of Mr. D'Aquin, seconded by Mr. Dorris, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously adopted the minutes of the May 8, 2012 meeting and the notes of the August 7, 2012 meeting of the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission.**

The next agenda item considered by the Commission was three initial license applications, the first two from the Pelican Chapter, Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc., Training Centers--Baton Rouge Campus and Southwest Campus, located in Baton Rouge and Westlake, Louisiana, and represented by Mr. Al Bargas, President, and Mr. Robert J. Clouatre, Director of Education & Training. Ms. Marabella reviewed the materials for the Commission, informing it that the two institutions would be offering the same curricula--Electrical (676.0 clock hours), Heavy Equipment (332.5 clock hours), Instrumentation (710.0 clock hours), Millwright (622.5 clock hours), Mobile Crane (307.5), Pipefitting (655.0), and Welding 1 (600.0 clock hours), 2 (600.0 clock hours), & 3 (300.0 clock hours). Pelican Chapter, Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc., Training Center--Baton Rouge Campus and Southwest Campus, had met all the legal and administrative requirements to be approved for an initial license.

Following further discussion regarding the need for the training of craftsmen to alleviate the industrial market shortage, tuition cost differences between specific programs, projected salaries for graduates, and job placement availability,

**On motion of Mr. D'Aquin, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously recommends that the Board of Regents approve an initial operating license for Pelican Chapter, Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc., Training Center--Baton Rouge Campus and Westlake Campus, located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and Westlake, Louisiana respectively.**

The third and final initial license application considered by the Commission was from Lazarus Driving Academy, located in Opelousas, Louisiana, and represented by the owner, Mr. Murphy L. Tyler and Mr. Louis Thomas, instructor. Ms. Kron reviewed the materials for the Commission, informing it that the institution would be offering one program of study, CDL Training, which is a 160.0 clock hour program. Lazarus Driving Academy had met all the legal and administrative requirements to be approved for an initial license.

Following further discussion regarding the name of the school, requirements for the commercial drivers license, market competition, and specific aspects of the curriculum and planned instructional components,

**On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Dorris, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously recommends that the Board of Regents approve an initial operating license for Lazarus Driving Academy, located in Opelousas, Louisiana.**

The next agenda item considered by the Commission involved a change-of-ownership license application from Acadiana Area Career College--A Division of Blue Cliff College, located in Lafayette, Louisiana, and represented by Dr. Janie Ponthieux, Director of Compliance at Blue Cliff College. Ms. Cheatham reviewed the materials for the Commission, informing it that Acadiana Area Career College has been licensed under the ownership of Ms. Patricia Bertrand since October 22, 1997. The change of ownership of the school will be seamless for the students in that the curricula, instructors, and staff will remain the same.

Following further discussion regarding the history of the school, Blue Cliff College=s acquisition of Acadiana Area Career College becoming the seventh Louisiana campus in the management group, and the seamless transition for students, faculty, staff, and administration,

**On motion of Ms. Simmons, seconded by Mr. D'Aquin, the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission unanimously recommends that the Board of Regents approve the change-of-ownership license application for Acadiana Area Career College--A Division of Blue Cliff College, located in Lafayette, Louisiana.**

The next agenda item considered by the Commission was operating license renewals. Ms. Marabella informed the Commission that there were twenty-two (22) 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 Ms. Simmons, seconded by Mr. D'Aquin, 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):**

**Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy (08/24/11)**  
**Ark-La-Tex Dental Assisting Academy (08/26/10)**  
**Art Instruction School (09/21/74)**  
**Baton Rouge School of Computers (08/28/97)**  
**Camelot College (08/28/86)**  
**Coastal College--Alexandria (08/28/97)**  
**Crescent City Career Institute (08/28/03)**  
**Crescent City School of Gaming & Bartending (09/14/83)**  
**Dominion Technical College, LLC (08/24/11)**  
**Falck Alford Training Center--Houma (08/24/11)**  
**Falck Alford Training Center--Maurice (08/24/11)**  
**Fortis College (formerly MedVance Institute of Baton Rouge) (08/26/10)**  
**Healthcare Training Institute (08/27/08)**  
**Houston Marine Training Services (08/24/11)**

**Julian Certified Nursing Assistant Training School (08/27/08)**  
**Medical Training College (08/22/96)**  
**N.O.D.C. School for Dental Assisting (08/24/11)**  
**Peach Tree School of Dental Assisting, Inc. (08/26/10)**  
**River Cities School of Dental Assisting, Inc. (08/24/06)**  
**Spartan College of Aeronautics & Technology (08/24/11)**  
**Unitech Training Academy--Lake Charles (08/27/09)**  
**Yoga School, LLC (08/27/08)**

Ms. Marabella informed the Commission that no institution chose not to renew its license this renewal cycle.

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

Under Report from Staff, Ms. Denise Kirkland presented a financial summary of the proprietary school activities, as well as a summary of the Student Record Administration Account of the Student Protection Fund for FY 2011-2012. Ms. Marabella shared with the Commission a numerical summary of proprietary school activities for FY 2011-- 2012. She also distributed a schedule of proposed meeting dates for calendar year 2013 to review for formal adoption at the next meeting of the Commission.

The next meeting of the Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 1-190 of the Claiborne Building. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

APPENDIX A  
GUESTS

Janie Arceneaux	Associated Builders & Contractors, Inc.
Al Bargas	Associated Builders & Contractors, Inc.
Patricia Bertrand	Acadiana Area Career College
Matt Campbell	Associated Builders & Contractors, Inc.
Kelly Carpenter	Associated Builders & Contractors, Inc.
Robert Clouatre	Associated Builders & Contractors, Inc.
DaKenya Douglas	Blue Cliff College
Katherine Green	LA Department of Justice
Janie Ponthieux	Blue Cliff College
Louis Thomas	Lazarus Driving Academy
Murphy Tyler	Lazarus Driving Academy
Mrs. Murphy Tyler	Lazarus Driving Academy