

Louisiana Commission on Civic Education



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MINUTES

November 4, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Louisiana Commission on Civic Education was held on Friday, November 4, 2016 in the John J. Hainkel Jr. Room at the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The chairwoman, Beth Courtney called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

The secretary called the roll and the following was noted:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Beth Courtney (Chair)
John Alexander
Fredell Butler
Peggy Cotogno
Shan Davis
Barry Erwin
Ryan Gremillion
Doris Hicks
Brenda Hodge
Judge Wendell Manning
Josh McNemar
Pamela Mitchell-Wagner
Lauren Russell
William Stoudt
Monica Taylor

MEMBERS ABSENT

Sen. Yovonne Dorsey-Colomb (Vice-Ch)
Rep. Patrick Jefferson
Polly Johnson
Terry Landry
Sen. Blade Morrish
Lawrence Narcisse
Kelly Pepper
Rep. Ed Price
Criketa Matlock
Anita Sexton
Erin Monroe Wesley

STAFF PRESENT

Tammy Crain-Waldrop, Researcher
Nanette Normand, Administrative Secretary

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Judge Wendell Manning made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 20, 2016 meeting, and there being no objection, the minutes were approved.

IV. BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Erin Bendily, Assistant Superintendent for Policy and Governmental Affairs gave a power point presentation on Louisiana's Education Plan and the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The department has spent most of this year reading and researching a new federal law that was passed in December of last year. Congress reauthorized the Elementary and Secondary Education Act which was previously known as No Child Left Behind. It goes into full effect with the 2017-2018 school year. There are a number of new requirements as well as new opportunities to serve our students even better. (Ms. Bendily then follows the handout to describe the new program. See attachment for full powerpoint)

Ms. Courtney asked that members of the commission look over the annual report that has to be officially voted on. The current copy is just a draft so if there are any changes to be made now would be the time to note that before the vote is taken.

Mr. Fredell Butler made a motion to accept the 2015-2016 Annual Report and there being no objection, the report was accepted.

Austin Sarver, President of the Legislative Youth Advisory Council gave an update of the council to the commission.

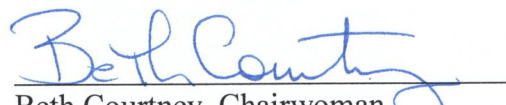
Lauren Russell gave an update on the Legislators Back to School Program. The program should pick up in the coming year with all the new legislators.

Morgan Blanchard gave an update for the Senate Legislators Back to School Program and how they are looking for new ways to encourage participation.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, Judge Manning moved to adjourn. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Beth Courtney, Chairwoman

Approved: 