

Agriculture Education Commission  
July 1, 2021  
Claiborne Building  
1-190 Arkansas Room  
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**1. Roll Call and Approval of Minutes**

*Jessica Vallelungo, Executive Director of Quality Diplomas, Louisiana Department of Education*

Last Name	First Name	Member	Designee	Designee Name
Bailey	Donna		x	Melanie Chapman
Blackburn	Joey, Dr.	x		
Carter	Larry			
Cintron	Rene	x		
Phelps	Sadie	x		
Fletcher	Bobby, Dr.	x		
Gravois	Megan	x		
Little	Peyton	x		
Marshall	Renita			
Mahler	Marcy	x		
Schowen	Susana	x		
Segura	Catherine			
Smith	Eric, Dr.	x		
Stair	Kristin, Dr.	x		
Taylor-White	Kellie	x		
Vallelungo	Jessica	x		
Williams	Lisa, Dr.	x		

**Guests & Staff:** *Kellie Neuman, Jawanda Givens, Luke Laborde*

**Welcome/Meeting Objectives/Roll Call/Approval of Minutes**

- Approval of Minutes – *Susana Schowen* moved that the minutes be approved and it was seconded by *Marcy Mahler*. Motion passed

**2. Ducks Unlimited Ecology Conservation & Management Certification**

*Dr. Lucien P. Laborde Jr. and Kelli Neumann*

- Presentation and discussion regarding adding Ducks Unlimited Ecology Conservation & Management Certification.
- Susana Schowen moved to approve. Seconded by Joey Blackburn.
- *Eric Smith* - Recommended on approval of Duck Unlimited is tagged to Environmental Studies in Ag or another IBC.
- Motion Passed.

**3. Update on Career Development and Leadership Development Credentials, Louisiana Agritechnology Credentials, and Forestry Credentials earned in 2020-2021**

*Eric Smith, Ph.D, Executive Director of Agricultural Education*

- *Eric Smith* held discussion regarding Career Development and Leadership Credentials, Louisiana Agritechnology Credentials, and Forestry Credentials earned in 2020-2021. Eric also introduced the new FFA President, Peyton Little, to the commission.

**4. Update on LCTCS and FFA Ag Mechanics credential progress**

*Eric Smith, Ph.D, Executive Director of Agricultural Education*

- *Eric Smith* held discussion about building an IBC that focuses on small engines, electrical, and welding. It was mentioned that contacts were made with SOWELA and Alexandria about creating and IBC. Eric stated this IBC will consist of 10 to 15 modules.

**5. Future Meeting Dates**

- October 21, 2021 11:00am
- *Jessica* suggested future meeting be held at LSU, Southern University, LCTCS, and LDOE. Next meeting will discuss meeting venues, along with taking legislative sessions into consideration for future meeting dates.

**6. Other Business**

- Recertification goes to Ag Ed Commission
- Put Ag Ed Commission on Certification/ contact

**7. Public Comment**

- *LSU* - New cert pathway in masters – students want to be teachers we can certify them through master degree program
- *LSU* – starting Process to work with SU to have SU students to work with LSU

**8. Adjournment**

*Sadie Phelps* moved for adjournment and it was seconded by *Susana Schowen*. Motion passed.