

Louisiana Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline

Friday, July 21, 2017, 10:00 a.m.
Claiborne State Office Building, Iowa Room, 1-153
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Official Minutes

The July 21, 2017 meeting of the Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline was called to order at 10:16 a.m. by Ms. Jennifer Coco, council chair. Members present were: Ms. JoAnn Achord, Ms. Jennifer Coco, Ms. Julie Comeaux, Mr. Michael Comeaux, Ms. Christina Conforto, Mr. Shawn Fleming, Ms. Liz Gary, Mr. Roy McCoy, Mr. Michael Ortego, Mr. Brad Prudhomme, Ms. Angela Reams-Brown, Mr. Scott Richard, Judge Kim Stansbury and Ms. Debra Weinberg. Proxy for Ms. Laci Polotzola was Ms. Bambi Polotzola.

Ms. Lakesha Beauchamp, Ms. Brenda Cosse', Mr. Larry Gage, Mr. Kevin George, Ms. Rachel Gassert, Ms. Laci Polotzola, Ms. Daphne Robinson, Mr. Rob Schlicher, Mr. Al Simmons, and Ms. Prudence Spooner were absent.

Public comments were received by Ms. Ivy Mathieu, Ms. Tamara Johnson, Mr. Joseph Carr, and Dr. Alan Coulter.

- 1 A motion was made by Mr. McCoy to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2017 meeting, and seconded by Mr. Comeaux. The minutes were approved without objection.

The chair, Ms. Coco, facilitated a discussion with the council on changes to state discipline laws. The council reviewed a document on "Stakeholder's Rights and Responsibilities" and engaged in dialogue on many of the papers components. The council members concurred to set an extra meeting date for September 15, 2017.

The chair, Ms. Coco, reviewed the handout on the "Survey of Master Plan Priorities and Leadership Teams." Council members completed a survey earlier in the month to identify specific behavior/discipline areas they found to be most relevant or urgent to be addressed. Members were provided the opportunity to add or remove themselves from their assigned groups and will report back at a later meeting having identified their topic's best practices for consideration by the full council.

The chair, Ms. Coco, provided her report to the council on several topics and areas of interest from past meetings. She discussed the councils "May 5 Needs and Expertise Survey Summary." She identified two new council members; Ms. Brenda Cosse', representing the LA Parent Teacher Association and Ms. Anna Arkin-Gallagher, representing the LA Center for Children's Rights. Ms. Coco noted that the Data Quality Review Committee had not met with the LA Department of Education yet. Mr. Comeaux reported on the Louisiana Department of Education's proposal to create PBIS leadership teams.

- 2 A motion was made by Ms. Reams-Brown to adjourn and was seconded by Judge Stansbury. The motion was approved without objection.