

Louisiana Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline

Friday, September 16, 2016
Claiborne State Office Building
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Official Minutes

The September 16, 2016 meeting of the Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline was called to order at 12:35 p.m. by Mr. Michael Comeaux, representing the Louisiana Department of Education (LDE). Members present were: Ms. JoAnn Achord, Ms. Jennifer Coco, Mr. Michael Comeaux, Mr. Julie Comeaux, Mr. Larry Gage, Mr. Rachel Gassert, Mr. Kevin George, Mr. Shawn McCants, Mr. Roy McCoy, Mr. Michael Ortego, Mr. Brad Prudhomme, Ms. Daphne Robinson, Mr. Rob Schlicher, Ms. Sherlyn Shumpert, Mr. Al Simmons, Ms. Diane Smith, Judge Kim Stansbury, and Ms. Debra Weinberg.

Mr. Shawn Fleming, Ms. Liz Gary, Mr. Greg Gauthier, Ms. Karen Merritt, Ms. Angela Reams-Brown, and Mr. Scott Richard were absent.

Also representing the Louisiana Department of Education was Erin Bendily.

Public comments were received from Mr. Chavez Phelps and Ms. Gretchen Lampe.

Mr. Comeaux presented on the purpose of the Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline (“ACSBD”) pursuant to La. R.S. 17:253.

Mr. Comeaux invited members to offer nominations for the position of ACSBD chair.

- 1 Mr. McCoy nominated Ms. Jennifer Coco to serve as the chair of the ACSBD. There were no other nominations. The ACSBD approved the nomination of Ms. Coco unanimously. Ms. Coco accepted the nomination and will serve as the chair of the ACSBD.

Ms. Bendily presented an overview of Louisiana’s education plan, the impact of student behavior and discipline on student achievement, and the current state of behavior and discipline in Louisiana public schools. The presentation included state-level data on suspensions and expulsions as well as the seclusion and restraint of students with disabilities.

- 2 On the motion of Mr. McCoy and seconded by Mr. Prudhomme, the ACSBD received the information regarding Louisiana’s education plan, the impact of student behavior and discipline on student

achievement, and the current state of behavior and discipline in Louisiana public schools and requested additional information and data relative to discipline and disciplinary codes for discussion at the council's next meeting.

- 3 On motion of Mr. Comeaux, and seconded by Ms. Weinberg, and with no further business to come before the Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline, the September 16, 2016 meeting of the advisory council was adjourned at 3:14 p.m.