



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Agricultural Education Commission

Friday, September 14, 2018

9:00 – 11:00 am

Claiborne Building, North Dakota Room 1-155

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Meeting Summary

In Attendance:

Commissioners: Lisa T. French, Debbie Cruz for Patricia Felder, Dr. Joey Blackburn, Dr. Bobby Fletcher, Brooklyn Hampton, Dr. Eric Smith, Megan Gravois, Kellie Taylor-White, Susana Schowen, Donna Bailey and Marcy Mahler.

Guests & Staff: Cade Lejeune and Martha Moore.

Not in Attendance: Karen Denby, Dr. Kristin Stair, Dr. Adell Brown, Marty Cantrell, Catherine Segura, and Larry Carter

Meeting Notes

Welcome/Meeting Objectives/Roll Call/Approval of Minutes

Lisa T. French, Chief of Staff, Louisiana Department of Education

Ms. Lisa T French, commission co-chair, welcomed attendees and guests, reviewed the agenda and requested that the roll be called. Dr. Blackburn moved and Marcy Mahler seconded the approval of the minutes as written. Motion approved.

Jump Start Graduation Pathways Update:

Lisa T. French, Chief of Staff, Louisiana Department of Education

Ms. French reviewed status of forty-seven (47) Jump Start Graduation Pathways and shared the [2018-2019 Jump Start Pathways Updates \(Fall 2018\)](#). This update provides school systems with timely information about Jump Start policies, programs, pathways, credential fact sheets, etc. Items pertinent to the commission were highlighted: addition of IBCs – Forestry, Metalworking Skills (NIMS) Machining Level 2 as advanced credentials to the Agriculture Tech Pathway and revision of the Louisiana Agritechnology Credential Fact Sheet. To support dissemination, this document will be distributed to counselors at the four (4) Fall Counselor Collaboratives.

Agricultural Education Update:

Dr. Eric Smith, PhD., State FFA Advisor

Dr. Smith reviewed status of the Agritechnology Industry-Based Certification, shared new FFA website, and highlighted agriculture education achievements in 2018 Agriculture Education Statistical Report. The 2018 State FFA Convention moved from Monroe to Alexandria. The FFA convention, leadership camps, and Louisiana Association Teachers Association (LATA) were well attended with learning opportunities for both educators and students.

Dr. Smith updated current data on the Agritechnology Industry-Based Certification (IBC) and Louisiana Examination of Advanced Forestry (LEAF) IBC as well as sharing a Farm Bureau video highlighting those agriculture educators taking the LEAF assessment. Jump Start Regional Teams are best resource for connecting employers with students earning these credentials.

Mr. Cade Lejeune reported on the FFA State Convention and efforts to expand FFA membership. This year's convention included a beautification service project for city of Alexandria.

Agritechnology Technology Pathway and ServSafe IBC Request

Stacy Alexius, CTE Coordinator, St. Tammany School System

Ms. Alexius shared data on ServSafe and its alignment with the Agritechnology Tech Pathway. Given that food safety is integral part of Meat Processing curriculum, Ms. Stacey requested that ServSafe credentials be added to this pathway. After discussion, motion made by Kellie Taylor-White and seconded by Susana Schowen that the commission recommend that ServSafe Food Handler Industry-Based credential be added as a regional complimentary credential to the Agritechnology Tech Pathway. Motion passed.

Seeds of Change by Brooklyn Hampton 2018-2019 State FFA President

Brooklyn Hampton, FFA State President

Ms. Hampton, the winner of state public speaking content at FFA convention, presented her speech as part of preparation for contest at the National FFA Convention in October 2018. After presenting her speech, Ms. Hampton answered a series of questions from the audience. Commission members wished Ms. Hampton much success at the national contest.

Next Steps:

Poll for date for next quarterly meeting

Public Comment:

None

Adjourned

Meeting was adjourned.