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**Agricultural Education Commission**

***Wednesday, August 21, 2014***

***1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.***

## Meeting Summary

**In Attendance**:

**Commissioners:** Ken Bradford, Lori Parker, Patricia Felder Dr. J. C. Bunch, Dr. Adell Brown, Dr. Joey Blackburn, Dr. Carrie Castille, Thomas Peters (for Larry Boyte), Christen Wall, Catherine Segura, Kathy Conerly, Megan Gravois, Jenee Slocum, David Helveston, Blake Cooper, Dwayne Martin, and Steve Monaghan

**Guests & Staff:** Jeanne Johnston, Martha Moore, Lisa French, Jennifer Falls

**Invited Expert:** Sen. Ben Nevers

**Absent**: none

**Meeting Notes**

**Welcome/Introductions/Meeting Objectives**

*Ken Bradford, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Student Opportunities, LDOE*

Bradford welcomed attendees to initial meeting and asked for introductions by commission members and invited experts. Sen. Nevers provided legislative background for establishing commission, the intended exclusion of legislators from commission membership. He emphasized legislative supportive and his desire for the commission to move Louisiana’s agricultural education into the 21st century and expectation that Louisiana will be a leader in agriculture education innovation.

**Role of Commissioners**

Bradford reviewed and discussed the role of the commissioners as described in Act 450 as described summarized in a one pager.

**Current State of Agriculture Education**

Bradford provided an overview of the following items:

* **Agricultural Education Study Group (SCR 64) Report to the Legislature (2014)**
  + The executive summary describes the charge and focus areas of the study group. The requirements section summarizes the legislation.
  + The findings section summarizes the group’s discussions and data that were reviewed.
  + The final recommendations section lists the recommendations of the study group. The group reviewed and discussed the report.
* **Student Planning Guide**
* **Jump Start/Agriculture IBCs**

**Commission Leadership:**

Ken Bradford, Commission Chair

Kathy Conerly, Co-Chair

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| Leader | Work Group |
| Tommy Peters | 1. Immersion Programs and Expanding K-20 Agriculture Education Opportunities |
| Kathy Conerly | 1. Agricultural Standards and Pathways to IBCs |
| Carrie Castille  Lisa French  David Helveston | 1. Incentives and Rewards for Successful Implementation of High-Quality Agricultural Programs by Schools. |

**Next Steps**

* Logistics of future meetings approved:

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| **Meeting Date** | **Time/Location** |
| October 15, 2014 (Wednesday) | 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  North Dakota Room (1-155), Claiborne Building  1201 North Third Street  Baton Rouge, LA |
| February 18, 2015 (Wednesday) |
| May 13, 2015 (Wednesday) |