Louisiana Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline

Monday, October 19, 2020 Zoom Meeting Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Unofficial Minutes

The October 19, 2020 meeting of the Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by the chair, Ms. Gina Womack. Members present were: Dr. Amanda Austin, Ms. Cheyenne Blackburn, Ms. Faith Boudreaux, Ms. Brenda Cosse', Dr. Alan Coulter, Ms. Chautreniece Davis, Ms. Lisa French, Dr. Suzanne Harris, Mr. Dexter Jackson, Ms. Cheramie Kerth, Supt. Darwan Lazard, Mr. Michael Ortego, Mr. Tory Rocca, Ms. Caroline Roemer, Mr. Robert Schaff, Mr. Al Simmons, Ms. Ariel Test, and Mr. Mark Turner.

Ms. Tamara Cupit, Ms. Tia Edwards, Mr. Barry Filce, Mr. Shawn Fleming, Mr. Dannie Garrett, Mr. Dana Henry, Ms. Yolanda Jewitt, and Mr. Frank Macaluso, were absent.

A motion was made by Ms. Blackburn to approve the February 10, 2020 meeting minutes. Supt. Lazard seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes was approved without objection.

Ms. Womack presented on the purpose of the Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline by sharing a historical timeline of discipline laws in Louisiana with the council.

A presentation on the Dignity In Schools Model Student Discipline Code was given by Ms. Natalie Chap with the Dignity in Schools Campaign. Council members participated in a discussion about the presentation.

Rep. Jason Hughes provided an update on discipline related bills being heard in the 2020 2nd Extraordinary Session and discussed running the council's discipline bill for 2021.

Ms. Womack set the next meeting date for December 11, 2020.

With no further business before the council, Ms. Mr. Simmons made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schaff. The meeting adjourned at 11:42.