

Louisiana Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline

Monday, February 10, 2020
Claiborne Building, Iowa Room, 1-153
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Unofficial Minutes

The February 10, 2020 meeting of the Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline was called to order at 9: 08 a.m. by Mr. Robert Schaff. Members present were: Dr. Amanda Austin, Ms. Cheyenne Blackburn, Ms. Faith Boudreaux, Ms. Jeanne Bower, Dr. Alan Coulter, Ms. Tamara Cupit, Ms. Chautreniece Davis, Mr. Shawn Fleming, Ms. Lisa French, Mr. Dana Henry, Mr. Raymond Jetson, Ms. Yolanda Jewitt, Supt. Darwan Lazard, Mr. Frank Macaluso, Mr. Michael Ortego, Mr. Brad Prudhomme, Ms. Caroline Roemer, Mr. Al Simmons, Ms. Ariel Test, Mr. Mark Turner, and Ms. Gina Womack.

Ms. Brenda Cosse', Ms. Tia Edwards, Mr. Dannie Garrett, Mr. Tory Rocca, and Ms. Cyndy Rutherford were absent.

- 1 A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on September 20, 2019 meeting by Ms. Fleming, seconded by Ms. Womack was approved without objection.

Two motions were made to amend the draft of the Advisory Council on Student Behavior and Discipline (ACSBD) 2019 Annual Report.

- 2 A motion to amend the ACSBD 2019 Annual Report requesting the Legislature consider revising La. Revised Statute 17:252 to require the Louisiana Department of Education continually update and maintain the Model Master Discipline Plan made by Mr. Jetson, seconded by Ms. Roemer, was approved without objection, no abstentions.

- 3 A motion to amend the ACSBD 2019 Annual Report requesting the Legislature consider revising La. Revised Statute 17:252 to require the Louisiana Department of Education address staffing capacity to collect data related to implementation of Model Master Discipline Plans by schools and take action related to findings of implementation, or lack thereof, made by Ms. Blackburn, seconded by Ms. Davis, approved without objection, no abstentions.

- 4 A motion to approve the ACSBD 2019 Annual Report as amended made by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Fleming, was approved without objection, no abstentions.

Another issue discussed was the Data Quality Review Committee, recommended by the ACSBD in December of 2016 and each year thereafter, to provide validity and integrity of LDOE discipline data. Due to very few meetings of this Committee being called the issue of data integrity remains unresolved. Ms. French indicated there was a need to consider new members to serve on the Data Quality Review Committee due to turnover on the council. The following members volunteered to serve on the committee: Dr. Austin, Ms. Boudreaux, Ms. Davis, Mr. Jetson, and Mr. Turner. Dr. Austin agreed to serve as chair the Data Quality Review Committee.

Each year the ACSBD elects a new chair.

- 5 A nomination for Ms. Womack to serve as chair was made by Ms. Davis and seconded by Ms. Roemer. Ms. Womack accepted. No other nominations were accepted. Ms. Womack was elected to serve as chair of the ACSBD for 2020 unanimously with no abstentions.

Mr. Schaff requested support in contacting legislators related to the recommended changes by the ACSBD to La. R.S. 17:252 and La. R.S. 17:416.

- 6 A motion to authorize the current chair and the incoming chair to work with the council membership in discussing with legislators the ACSBD recommendations to consider revisions to La. R.S. 17:252 and La. R.S. 17:416 by Mr. Fleming, seconded by Ms. Womack, passed without objection, no abstentions.

- 7 Mr. Schaff expressed concern related to numerous comments and concerns from present and past members who shared frustration over having dedicated much of time, energy, and efforts recommending for action to take place with little actual action as reported in each of the ACSBD's past annual reports.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.