MINUTES
COMMISSION ON PROPRIETARY SCHOOL AND COLLEGE REGISTRATION
August 21, 2014

The Commission on Proprietary School and College Registration (CPSCR) met on Tuesday, August 21, 2014 at 1:00 p.m., Mississippi Community College Board, 3825 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, Mississippi.

Members Present: Mr. Donald Benjamin, Ms. Esther Cash, Dr. Barry Mellinger and Mr. Otis Stanford

Staff Attending: Dr. Eric Clark, Ms. Kim Verneuille, Chuck Rubisoff and Dr. Joan Haynes


I. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by Mr. Donald Benjamin at 1:00 p.m.

II. PRELIMINARIES
A. The invocation was given by Mr. Otis Stanford.

B. Acknowledgments / Introductions
Mr. Donald Benjamin apologized for going out of order and offered visitors present the opportunity to make a brief introduction.

All visitors present gave their names and the companies that they represent.

C. Adjustments / Approval of Agenda
Mr. Otis Stanford made a motion to amend the agenda to include the new selection of a Chairperson for the coming year for the Commission and Dr. Barry Mellinger second the motion. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the amended agenda.

D. Approval of Minutes
Mr. Donald Benjamin asked if there were any adjustments that needed to be made to the agenda. On a motion made by Dr. Barry Mellinger and a second by Ms. Esther Cash, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2014 meeting.

E. Chairperson Approval
Mr. Benjamin opened the floor for nominations for a Chairperson for the next year. Dr. Barry Mellinger nominated Mr. Donald Benjamin to continue on as Chairperson for CPSCR for another year and called for a close of nominations. Ms. Esther Cash second the motion. The Commission voted unanimously to approve Mr. Donald Benjamin.

III. DIRECTOR’S REPORT
1. Ms. Kim Verneuille reported that since the June 24, 2014 meeting there have been five (5) request(s) for application packet. Ms. Verneuille discussed the registration of each request.
   - Shaerta Lewis – Jackson, MS
Ms. Verneuille reported on 14 schools that will be engaging in No Further Activities in regard to Federal State Authorization regulations.

- San Diego College-San Diego, CA
- San Diego Mesa College – San Diego, CA
- Duquesne University – Pittsburg, PA
- Berkeley College – Woodland Park, NJ
- Meridian Institute of Surgical Assisting – Nashville, TN
- Am. College of Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine – Austin, TX
- University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences – St. Augustine, FL
- Am. Academy McAllister Institute of Funeral Service, Inc. – New York, NY
- Escoffer School of Culinary Arts – Austin, TX
- Sage College – Moreno Valley, CA
- University of North Texas – Denton, TX
- Jones College – Jacksonville, FL
- Brescia University – Owensboro, KY
- Pitt Community College – Greenville, NC
- Vatterott College-Sunset Hills – Olivette, MO
3. Antonelli College
   - Requested an extension on submission of their renewal due to time spent on Accreditation Visit that occurred on August 13 & 14, 2014

4. CNA Training Center
   - Requested an extension on submission of their renewal due to having been sick. Renewal paperwork expected to be submitted by August 11, 2014

5. Delta Technical College – Horn Lake
   - Two new programs – Basic Pipe Fitting & Advanced Pipe Fitting
   - Ridgeland Campus will be offering the 20 week CDL course approved last meeting

6. Wyoming Technical Institute
   - Requested an extension on submission of their renewal due to issues in time working with US DOE on sale and closure for Corinthian Colleges, Inc.

7. Concorde Career College
   - Southaven campus has been approved by the MS Massage Board to offer a Massage Therapy program

8. Miller Motte Technical College
   - Notification of a consortium agreement between the Gulfport campus and Miller Motte College in Wilmington, NC to offer online classes to MS students.
   - Miller Motte College in NC is also accredited by ACICS
   - Requesting approval of two new programs – CDL Class A Tractor Trailer Certificate & Business Administration Associate Degree program

9. DSC Training Academy
   - No contact from the school on renewal
   - Cancel Registration

10. Virginia College Jackson, Biloxi and Online
    - Requesting approval on a tuition increase for all approved programs
    - Last increase was October 2012

11. New Staffing Positions:
    - Miller Motte Technical College – Gulfport, MS
      - Randal Hayes – Campus Director
    - New Horizons Computer Learning Center – Biloxi, MS
      - Tiffani Koppenol – Campus Director
    - Tulsa Welding School Florida Campus
      - Mark Staats – Interim Campus director

12. Ms. Verneuille gave an update on Corinthian College, Inc.(CCI), which also own WyoTech, Heald College and Everest University. CPSCR has participated in a weekly phone call with the US Department of Education on all developments with CC either from the federal, state or accreditation agencies. Disbursements of Title IV funds have been declining since the Heightened Monitoring began back in June. All of these funds are earmarked for educational purposes only, and cannot be used for payment to shareholders, marketing or administrative. An independent monitor, Mr. Patrick Fitzgerald. He is a former Attorney General for the State of
Illinois. He oversees all funds and business workings with CCI and makes a weekly report to the Department of Education.

We were notified by CCI, that there are presently about 763 MS residents enrolled in distance learning programs with CCI schools. There are 10 MS residents enrolled in the three WyoTech campuses registered with CPSCR. Ms. Verneuille stated that she has not received any calls about concerns or the closures of CCI schools. Dr. Mellinger asked about what are the implications for the Commission to be concerned with. Ms. Verneuille stated that since only the WyoTech campuses are registered, those students are our only concern at present. There are no protections at the state level for students enrolled in CCI distance learning institutions that are not required to register with the State of MS. However, the Dept. of Ed and accreditors have options for students on closures should students request load forgiveness or teach outs with other institutions.

Mr. Benjamin asked if WyoTech was still recruiting new students. Ms. Verneuille stated that the Department of ED has allowed them to continue recruiting but they are required to notify all prospective/new students of the company’s financial situation.

Upon a motion made by Dr. Barry Mellinger and a second by Esther Cash, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Director’s Report.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
Milton Anderson added more information to the issue with Corinthian Colleges of possible investment groups interested in the school for purchase. More For-profits will under the investigation by the Department of Ed for illegal activities related to recruiting practices and delayed or non-submission of requested documentation on placement numbers. Brock Haas discussed the resignation of the ITT Technical Institutes’ CEO due to changes in the industry along with a notification of a drop in the ITT stock. However, the Madison campus is operating normally. There have been no questions on this situation from prospective students. Debbie Moore, Antonelli College, thanked Ms. Verneuille & Dr. Haynes for coming to their ACCSC accreditation review. The campus received 8 commendations and received very high percentages in satisfaction rates from students.

V. REPORTS
A. School List
   - 47 registered school total
     i. 43 Traditional campuses
     ii. 2 online schools
B. Financial Report
   - Ms. Kim Verneuille reviewed the reports.

VI. DOCKET ACTION
A. Registrations:
   Certification of Registration (Initial)
   None
Certification of Registration (Renewal)
- Healing Touch Career College – Hattiesburg & Jackson
- NASCAR Technical Institute – Mooresville, SC
- National College of Business & Technology – Memphis, TN
- Taylor Dental Assisting School – Pascagoula, MS
- Universal Technical Institute – Orlando, FL

All Criteria Met – Staff Recommendations Approval
Upon a motion made by Dr. Barry Mellinger and a second by Mr. Otis Stanford, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the renewal certification.

Certification of Registration Renewal Postpone until October 2014 meeting
- Antonelli College – Jackson & Hattiesburg
- CNA Training Center, Inc. – Jackson, MS
- Wyoming Technical Institute – Laramie, WY

Upon a motion made by Mr. Otis Stanford and a second by Ms. Esther Cash, the Commission voted unanimously to approve postponement of renewals until October 2014 meeting.

B. Agent Permit Application
Upon the Staff’s recommendation, a motion made by Mr. Otis Stanford and a second by Dr. Barry Mellinger, the Commission voted unanimously issue agent permits for the following:

Agent Permit Application (Initial)
- Delta Technical College/Ridgeland – Allison Morris
- Miller Motte Technical College – Scott Smith
- ITT Technical Institute/TN – Hillary Jackson
- ITT Technical Institute/MS – Kristle McWilliams

Upon the Staff’s recommendation, a motion made by Dr. Barry Mellinger and a second by Ms. Esther Cash, the Commission voted unanimously to renew agent permits for the following:

Agent Permit Application (Renewal)
- Ace Training Center, Inc. – Doris Ferguson (C-2179) & Carl Ferguson (C-2023)
- Antonelli College/HAT – Angela Brown (C-2661)
- Antonelli College/JKN – Jared Held (C-2862), Terri Griffin (C-2861)
- Blue Cliff College – Denise Crouse (C-2571) & Albert Frazier (C-2570)
- Concorde Career College/TN – Crystal Simms (C-3068)
- CompuSystems – Gene Finley (C-2320)
- Crescent Schools/Robinsonville – Stephanie Winberry (C-2859)
- Delta Technical College/Ridgeland – Myron Johnson (C-3065)
- Delta Technical College/Horn Lake – Samantha Moore (C-2759) & Eric Johnson (C-3066)
- Healing Touch Career College/HAT – Ibrahima Sidibe (C-2851)
- ITT Technical Institute/TN – Erica Lawrence (C-2857)
- Lincoln College of Technology – Cynthia Whitley (C-2431)
- Medical Response Institute – James Miller (C-2964)
- National College of Business & Technology – Michael Wright (C-2664)
- Saad CNA School of MS – Dorothy Saad-Dunning (C-3063)
- SEC Training Center, Inc. – Fletcher Hawkins (C-2208)
- Taylor Dental Assisting – Austin Taylor (C-2408) & Ariel Taylor (C-2409)
- Truck Driver Institute – Kristi Bell (C-2639)
- Universal Technical Institute/FL, TX & NASCAR – Jason Purdy (C-2854)
- Virginia College/JKN – Brystal Ransom (C-2865), Frankie Williams (C-3067), Ellen Denman (C-2768), & Diana Bass (C-2866)
- Virginia College/Online – Marin Currier (C-2957), Michael Miller (C-2959), Brittany Baker (C-3069), Shana Blackman (C-3070), Charles Collier (C-3071), Cecelia McWhorter (C-2958), Carrie Salamone (C-3960), Anthony Slovensky (C-3961), Brittni Tucker (C-3072), & Fredrick Young (C-2952)

C. **New Program of Studies**
Upon the Staff’s recommendation, a motion made by Mr. Otis Stanford and a second by Ms. Esther Cash, the Commission **voted unanimously** to approve new programs for the following:
- Delta Technical College/Horn Lake – two new programs – Basic Pipe Fitting & Advanced Pipe Fitting Certificate
- Miller Motte Technical College – two new programs – CDL Training – Class A Tractor Trailer Certificate & Business Administration (Associate Degree)

D. **Program Modifications**
None

E. **Exemptions**
Upon the Staff’s recommendation, a motion made by Dr. Barry Mellinger and a second by Ms. Esther Cash, the Commission **voted unanimously** to approve an exemption for the following:
- Silver Key Institute

F. **Instructor Approval**
Upon the staff’s recommendation, a motion made by Ms. Esther Cash and a second by Mr. Otis Stanford, the Commission **voted unanimously** to approve the Instructors as listed for the following schools:
- Ace Training Center
  - Patricia Greenwood CDL
- Antonelli College/Jackson
  - Tracy Love Medical Coding
  - Janice Jackson Medical
  - Didra Bolton Career Education
  - Michele Carroll Freshman Experience
• Antonelli College/Online
  o Mary Ray Business
  o Beth Riga Paralegal/Communications
  o Santiago Martinez Computers
  o Jessica Schwartz Business/IT
  o Melissa Hallock Computer/IT
• Concorde Career College
  o Lashawn Joiner Dental
• ITT Technical Institute/MS
  o Ashlee Britt Math
  o Craig Parr IT
  o Akili Kelly Drafting
  o Andrew Dent, II IT
• Lincoln College of Technology
  o Larry Brian Allen Automotive
  o Jeffery Andrews Automotive
  o Jamie Ballesteros Math
  o Scott Christenberry Automotive
  o Allen Stanley English
  o Elizabeth Nelson English
  o Sandra Umbach English
  o Anthony Vincent Automotive
  o Michael Loftin Psychology
  o Seth Campbell General Education
  o Kalandra Williams Psychology
• Miller Motte Technical College
  o Keith Thomas Medical
  o Dr. Roy Pepper Medical
  o Lauren Jones General Education
  o Khara Colbert English
  o Janet Guillory Medical
  o Sheri Bowling Computers
  o Michelle Eadie Medical
• Tulsa Welding School/FL
  o Louis Diotte Welding
  o Jonathan Latimer Welding
  o Oneil Fuller Electrical/HVAC
• Tulsa Welding School/OK
  o Richard Pimberton Pipefitting
• Universal Technical Institute/TX
  o Harlan Lowman Automotive
  o Tommy Buckner Automotive
  o Anthony Banasiak Automotive
  o Timothy Butts Automotive

G. Other
None

VII. COMPLAINTS
None
VIII. Executive Session
None

IX. ADJOURNMENT
Upon a motion made by Dr. Barry Mellinger and a second by Mr. Otis Stanford, the Commission voted unanimously to approve adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

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Dr. Joan Davis Haynes, Mr. Donald Benjamin, Chairman of
Associate Executive Director the Commission on Proprietary
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