

Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE)

Accountability Commission

Monday, November 16, 2020

Minutes – Unofficial

The November 16, 2020 meeting of the Accountability Commission was called to order at 10:03 A.M. Members present were: Ms. Angela Beck, Mr. Larry Carter, Dr. Susannah Craig, Mr. Joseph David, Ms. Kimberlee Gazzolo, Dr. Patty Glaser, Dr. Kelli Joseph, Mr. Bruce Langley, Dr. Tia Mills, Ms. Brigitte Nieland, Mr. Chad Nugent, Ms. Carol Price, Ms. Lee Ann Wall, Ms. Roxane West, and Ms. Serena White. Dr. Karl Carpenter and Ms. Judy Vail were absent. Ms. Ashley McIlwane served as a proxy for Ms. Connie Bradford. Ms. Marie Wintz served as a proxy for Ms. Joni Smith.

Representing the Louisiana Department of Education was Dr. Cade Brumley, Kathy Noel and Andrew Shachat.

Public comment was received from Lee Barrios and Debbie Schum.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Patty Glaser.

Dr. Glaser requested a motion to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2020 Accountability Commission meeting. The Commission's response was as follows:

- 1 On motion of Dr. Mills, and seconded by Mr. Nugent, the Accountability Commission approved the minutes of the September 21, 2020 meeting of the Accountability Commission.

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Kathy Noel and Andrew Shachat provided a report on accountability policy updates for the 2020-2021 school year.

- 2 On motion of Mr. David, and seconded by Ms. Price, the Accountability Commission endorsed the policy updates for the 2020-2021 school year related to "skip-year" growth and comprehensive intervention required (CIR) and urgent intervention required (UIR) designations.
- 3 On motion of Ms. Beck, and seconded by Mr. David, the Accountability Commission requested that the Louisiana Department of Education research the following accountability topics:
  - a. The manner in which other states address student growth in their accountability system;
  - b. The feasibility of incorporating maximum n-sizes for particular student subgroups; and
  - c. The manner in which states with higher student growth formula weights address chronic absenteeism, letter grade scales, decoupling of proficiency and student growth letter

grades, and the extent to which student growth scores factor into charter school decision, such as charter contract extensions and renewals.

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Dr. Cade Brumley provided an update report on the Louisiana Department of Education accountability research agenda.

- 4 On motion of Dr. Joseph, and seconded by Dr. Mills, the Accountability Commission endorsed the LDOE plan to further research the following topics:
  - a. K-2 accountability system that bridges the gap between early childhood education and Grades 3-12 accountability; and
  - b. Grades 3-8 English language arts (ELA) and social studies integrated assessments.
  
- 5 On motion of Dr. Joseph, and seconded by Dr. Craig, the Accountability Commission recommended that the LDOE further research the following topics:
  - a. The feasibility of using the ACT as a high school assessment;
  - b. Strength of diploma indicator in the high school SPS formula; and
  - c. Interests and Opportunities indicator in the high school SPS formula.

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- 6 With no further business to come before the Accountability Commission, the November 16, 2020 meeting of the Accountability Commission was adjourned at 12:19 P.M.