

Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE)

## Accountability Commission

Monday, May 3, 2021

Minutes – Unofficial

The April 8, 2021 meeting of the Accountability Commission was called to order at 1:05 P.M. Members present were: Ms. Angela Beck, Dr. Karl Carpenter, Dr. Susannah Craig, Ms. Kimberee Gazzolo, Dr. Patty Glaser, Dr. Kelli Joseph, Dr. Tia Mills, Ms. Brigitte Nieland, Mr. Chad Nugent, Ms. Cynthia Posey, Ms. Joni Smith, Ms. Judy Vail, and Ms. Serena White.

Ms. Connie Bradford, Mr. Joseph David, Ms. Norisha Kirts Glover, Ms. Carol Price, Ms. Lee Ann Wall, and Ms. Roxane West were absent.

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

Public comment was received from Wendy Baudoin, Dr. Belinda Davis, Michael Faulk, Kevin Gutterrez, Carey Laviolette, Nicki McCann, Dr. Janet Pope, Jason St. Pierre, and Marjorie Taylor.

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

Dr. Glaser requested a motion to amend the agenda to include the following item: Consideration of Accountability Commission membership.

- 1 On motion of Dr. Joseph, and seconded by Dr. Craig, the Accountability Commission unanimously approved an amendment to the agenda to include the following item: Consideration of Accountability membership.
- 2 On motion of Dr. Carpenter, and seconded by Ms. Gazzolo, the Accountability Commission approved the appointment of Dr. Cynthia Posey to replace Mr. Larry Carter as the Louisiana Federation of Teachers (LFT) representative on the Accountability Commission.

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Dr. Glaser requested a motion to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2021 Accountability Commission meeting. The Commission's response was as follows:

- 3 On motion of Dr. Joseph, and seconded by Dr. Carpenter, the Accountability Commission approved the minutes of the April 8, 2021 meeting of the Accountability Commission.

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Kathy Noel provided an ACT/WorkKeys Assessment Index proposal.

- 4 On motion of Ms. Smith, and seconded by Ms. Beck, the Accountability Commission endorsed the ACT/WorkKeys Assessment Index proposal, as presented.

A substitute motion was offered.

- 5 On motion of Dr. Carpenter, and seconded by Ms. Posey, the Accountability Commission endorsed the ACT/WorkKeys Assessment Index proposal, as presented, with the following recommendations:

- The band associated with an ACT composite score of 17-19 result in 80 ACT/WorkKeys Assessment index points.
- A WorkKeys score of Silver level result in 80 ACT/WorkKeys index points.
- All students, regardless of diploma pathway, shall be allowed to earn ACT/WorkKeys index points based on performance on the WorkKeys assessment.

Dr. Craig opposed the substitute motion.

A roll-call vote was taken:

Yays: Dr. Carpenter, Ms. Gazzolo, Dr. Joseph, Dr. Mills, Ms. Posey, and Ms. Vail.  
Nays: Ms. Beck, Dr. Craig, Ms. Nieland, Mr. Nugent, Ms. Smith, and Ms. White.

The substitute motion failed, 6-6.

A substitute motion was offered.

- 6 On motion of Dr. Carpenter, and seconded by Dr. Mills, the Accountability Commission endorsed the ACT/WorkKeys Assessment Index proposal, as presented, with the following recommendations:

- The band associated with an ACT composite score of 17-19 result in 80 ACT/WorkKeys Assessment index points.
- A WorkKeys score of Silver level result in 80 ACT/WorkKeys index points.

Ms. Nieland opposed the motion.

A roll-call vote was taken:

Yays: Ms. Beck, Dr. Carpenter, Ms. Gazzolo, Dr. Joseph, Dr. Mills, Ms. Posey, Ms. Vail, and Ms. White.  
Nays: Dr. Craig, Ms. Nieland, Mr. Nugent, and Ms. Smith.

The substitute motion passed, 8-4.

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Kathy Noel and Andrew Shachat provided a report on the Strength of Diploma Index.

- 7 On motion of Dr. Carpenter, and seconded by Dr. Craig, the Accountability Commission endorsed the Strength of Diploma Index proposal, as presented by the Department.

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Kathy Noel and Andrew Shachat provided an update on the Interests and Opportunities Index.

- 8 On motion of Dr. Joseph, and seconded by Dr. Carpenter the Accountability Commission endorsed the Interests and Opportunities Index proposal, as presented by the LDE.

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Kathy Noel and Andrew Shachat provided an update on the K8 Progress Index.

- 9 On motion of Ms. White, and seconded by Ms. Beck, the Accountability Commission received the report on the K8 Progress Index and further urged the LDE to recommend to BESE revisions to Bulletin 111, *The Louisiana School, District, and State Accountability System*, to increase the growth component of the K-8 progress index to 47.5 percent for elementary schools with grades 3-7 and 45 percent for Elementary/Middle Schools with grade 8. Further, in all reporting, the Accountability Commission urged the LDE to make all three scores readily visible to the public on the SchoolFinder website.

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- 10 With no further business to come before the Accountability Commission, the May 3, 2021 meeting of the Accountability Commission was adjourned at 4:25 P.M.