Commission on Assessment Review and Use in Public Schools

Thursday, September 21, 2017, 9:30 a.m.
Claiborne State Office Building, Thomas Jefferson Room
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Official Minutes

The September 21, 2017 meeting of the Commission on Assessment Review and Use in Public Schools was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Ms. Rebecca Kockler. Members present were: Supt. David Alexander, Mr. Ronnie Briggs, Dr. Dolores Cormier-Zenon, Dr. Keith Courville, Dr. Chris Domaleski, Ms. Sandra Douglas, Ms. Ingrid Fields, Supt. Kevin George, Ms. Robbi Gouaux, Mr. Randy Hayden, Dr. Gary Jones, Ms. Eva Kemp, Ms. Rebecca Kockler, Dr. Keith Leger, Dr. Ragan Lorraine, Ms. Debbie Meaux, Ms. Kathy Noel, Dr. Joyce Polk, Ms. Peggy Seeley, Dr. Wade Smith, Mr. Donald Songy, and Rep. Polly Thomas. Ms. Cynthia Posey and Dr. Janet Pope attended the meeting as proxies.

Mr. Larry Carter, Mr. Scott Richard and Ms. Patsy White, were absent.

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Ms. Kockler began the meeting by reviewing the purpose of the commission and giving a brief overview of the duties and responsibilities of the commission as determined by House Resolution 166 of the 2017 Regular Session.

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1 A motion was made by Ms. Meaux to nominate Dr. Smith as chair of the commission and seconded by Mr. Songy.

2 A motion was made by Dr. Courville to nominate Supt. George as chair of the commission and seconded by Ms. Seeley.

A roll call vote was taken.

Members who voted for Supt. George: Supt. Alexander, Mr. Briggs, Dr. Cormier-Zenon, Dr. Courville, Dr. Domaleski, Ms. Douglas, Ms. Fields, Supt. George, Ms. Gouaux, Mr. Hayden, Dr. Jones, Ms. Kemp, Ms. Kockler, Dr. Leger, Dr. Lorraine, Ms. Noel, Dr. Polk, Ms. Seeley, and Dr. Smith.

Members who voted for Dr. Smith: Ms. Meaux, and Mr. Songy.

Supt. George was named chair of the commission by a majority vote.

3 A motion was made by Dr. Smith to unanimously recommend Supt. George as chair of the commission. The motion was seconded by Mr. Songy. The motion passed without objection.

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Ms. Kockler gave a presentation on the overview of assessments in Louisiana.

4 A motion was made by Ms. Noel to receive the presentation on the overview of assessments in Louisiana and was seconded by Ms. Seeley. The motion passed without objection.

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Ms. Kockler reviewed the assessment survey questions with the commission. She facilitated a discussion with members about the survey questions and input was given so that questions will be clear, concise, and easily understood by those in the field who will be responding but will remain within the guidelines of the urge and request resolution. Once approved, the survey will be released next week in an effort to gather as many samples in the field as possible.

5 A motion was made by Rep. Thomas to break and review the questions that were modified upon return. The motion was seconded by Dr. Leger.

6 A substitute motion was made by Ms. Kemp to accept the survey as the commission discussed and allow the chair, Supt. George, to review and approve the questions that were modified in the assessment survey when the Department of Education staff completes the changes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Lorraine. Ms. Meaux opposed.

A roll call vote was taken.

Members voting "yes" to allow the chair, Supt. George, to review and approve the survey: Supt. Alexander, Mr. Briggs, Dr. Cormier-Zenon, Dr. Domaleski, Ms. Douglas, Ms. Fields, Supt. George, Ms. Gouaux, Mr. Hayden, Ms. Kemp, Ms. Kockler, Dr. Leger, Dr. Lorraine, Ms. Noel, Dr. Polk, Ms. Seeley, Mr. Songy, and Rep. Thomas.

Members voting "no" to not allow the chair, Supt. George, to review and approve the survey: Ms. Meaux.

The commission shall accept the survey as they discussed and allow the chair, Supt. George, to review and approve the questions that were modified in the assessment survey when the Department of Education staff completes the changes.

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7 A motion was made by Supt. Alexander to adjourn. Ms. Gouaux seconded. The motion was approved without objection. The meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.