

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
EDUCATION LICENSURE COMMISSION

Public Session No. 15-05

May 7, 2015

810 First Street, NE

3rd floor

Washington, DC 20002

10:30 am

I. Call to Order

Commissioner Gailda Davis called the meeting to order at 10:46 am.

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Gailda P. Davis, Ed.D., Chair
Commissioner Mary E. Dilworth, Ed.D., Secretary
Commissioner Joanne D. Joyner, Ph.D.

Staff Present: Angela Lee, Executive Director
Alesia Henry, Education Compliance Specialist
Dorothy Thomas, Education Compliance Specialist
Michael McMiller, Assistant Attorney General Counsel

Guests Present: Four Walls Career and Technical Education Center
Oralyn Bevineau
Nedra Jones
Edward Pinkard
Gary Sockwell

Carnegie Mellon University, Heinz College
Marie Coleman

Global Proof
Ruth Colglazier

Hillsdale College
Matthew Spalding

II. Ascertainment of Quorum

Three (3) Commission members were present constituting a quorum.

III. Approval of the Agenda

The Commission voted to approve the May 7, 2015 agenda.

IV. Approval of March 19, 2015 meeting minutes

The Commission voted to approve minutes from the March 19, 2015 meeting, with one noted correction to strike Kaplan International University as a one-year approval. Kaplan International University should be listed as an amendment with the exemption approval remaining as it previously had been approved, with their expiration date being May 31, 2016.

V. Commission Approved Applications

A. One year approval list

The Commission voted to approve the following applications for a period of one (1) year, not to exceed May 31, 2016.

Institutions

Bennett Career Institute (ND)
Dudley Beauty College (ND)
Inter-American Defense College (D)
Paralegal Institute (ND)
Potomac Massage Training Institute (ND)
Toni Thomas Associates, Inc. (ND)

License Type

Renewal
Renewal
Renewal
Renewal/Amendment (New Location)
Amendment (New Location)
Renewal

Conditional Exemptions

Kaplan International
Arizona State University

Approval Type

Renewal
Renewal

B. Two year approval list

The Commission voted to approve the following application for a period of two (2) years not to exceed May 31, 2017.

Institutions

Academy of Hope Public Charter School (ND)

License Type

Renewal/Amendment (name change & new location)

Key: (D) – Degree Institution (ND) – Non-Degree Institution (P) – Provisional (R) – Renewal
(A) – Amendment

VI. Provisional Application

A. Four Walls Development, Inc. d/b/a Four Walls Career and Technical Education Center

Four Walls Career and Technical Education Center submitted to the Commission an application for a provisional licensure to offer Adult Basic Education/General Education Diploma (ABE/GED), National External Diploma Program (NEDP), Virtual Enterprise/Business & Technology (also known as Business Entrepreneurship), Digital Literacy, CORE Curriculum (Construction), Stationary Steam Engineering, Electrical Wiring, Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC), Plumbing, and Computer Aided Design (CAD)

The Commission voted to approve the provisional license application of Four Walls Career and Technical Education Center for a period of one (1) year not to exceed May 31, 2016 with the following conditions: 1) submit a revised financial sustainability statement within 30 days; 2) submit appropriate funding letters; 3) submit evidence of institutional insurance policy renewal; 4) submit an updated school catalog; 5) submit an updated organizational chart to reflect an employee flow and to illustrate all current faculty; 6) submit the electrical license for Harold Baucum faculty member; and 7) submit the revised version of the brochure.

B. MedTech Institute (Agent Application)

MedTech Institute submitted to the Commission a provisional agent's license application requesting approval to enroll and recruit students of the District of Columbia.

The Commission decided to table the discussion of the provisional agent's license application for representative Ashley Marie Clampitt of MedTech Institute until more supporting documentation is submitted on the following: 1) nursing program accreditation from such bodies as NLNAC or CCNE and 2) the length of the nursing program.

VII. Permanent Application

A. Carnegie Mellon University H. John III College

Carnegie Mellon University H. John III College submitted to the Commission an application for a permanent license to continue offering a master-level degree courses toward a Master of Science in Public Policy and Management (MSPPM) and Chief Information Officer (CIO) certificate program including an internship site at The United Methodist Building for students to gain hands-on experience.

The Commission voted to approve the permanent license application of Carnegie Mellon University H. John III College.

VIII. Renewals/Amendment Applications

A. Globally Understood d/b/a Global Proof Productions Bartending School

Globally Understood d/b/a Global Proof Productions Bartending School submitted to the Commission a request for renewal and reinstatement of its license to continue operating in the District of Columbia

The Commission voted to deny the request of license renewal and license reinstatement due to the requests being beyond the period of reinstatement and renewal. If the institution wishes to continue, operating a provisional application is required.

IX. Conditional Exemption Requests

A. Columbia College

Columbia College submitted to the Commission a request for Conditional Exemption to offer internship experiences in Washington, DC for various degree programs. Credits earned from the various programs are applied towards the desired degrees.

The Commission voted to approve the request of Columbia College to receive a Conditional Exemption under the provisions of ELC regulations for “Education provided by a congressionally chartered degree-granting institution” for a period of one (1) year not to exceed May 31, 2016.

B. Saint Joseph’s College

Saint Joseph’s College Online submitted to the Commission a request for a Conditional Exemption to allow “Nursing & Education” students who are District residents to arrange practica, clinical preceptorships or student teaching experiences in the District. Because the program is 100% distance education, students who reside in the District may earn all required credits for degree completion while in the District.

Note: In an email dated 2/9/15 from Dr. Bonita Jenkins, “At this time, SJCME does not have to register with the Board of Nursing prior to placing students for clinical. The preceptor and RN student must have an active DC license during the clinical experience. At this time, faculty do not have to have a DC license, however, that is expected to change in the near future for the APRN program.”

The Commission voted to approve the request of Saint Joseph’s College Online to receive a Conditional Exemption under the provisions of ELC regulations for “education provided as a local offering of a foreign institution” for a period of one (1) year, not to exceed May 31, 2016.

C. Hillsdale College

Hillsdale College submitted to the Commission a request for Conditional Exemption to offer semester long internships and teaching apprenticeships in Washington, DC exclusively for eligible Hillsdale students (sophomores, juniors, & seniors). While studying in the District, students may earn up to 19 credits out of the 124 required for degree completion. Students participating in the program work at their internships four or five days per week and enroll in courses offered at night or on Fridays. Internships

vary by availability but include placements with the U.S. government, non-profit organizations, and congressional offices.

The Commission voted to approve the request of Hillsdale College to receive a Conditional Exemption under the provisions of ELC regulations for “education provided as a local offering of a foreign institution” for a period of one (1) year, not to exceed May 31, 2016.

X. Closure Plan

A. National Labor College

The National Labor College submitted to the Commission the closure plan that was submitted to Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) to allow students to complete their studies and graduate from the college by December 31, 2015.

The Commission voted to approve the closure plan as sufficient to satisfy the requirement of Section 8016 of the ELC degree granting regulations pertaining to institutional closure.

XI. Correspondence and Communications

A. Strayer University

Strayer University sent notification that Brian Jones will serve as interim president while Dr. Michael Plater focuses on his health; Ms. Rosemary Rose was named COO. Mark Brown is now a vice chair of the board of trustees. In addition, Daniel Jackson is a new member to the board of trustees.

No action is required at this time by the Commission.

B. General Assembly

General Assembly provided notification that H. Scott Kirkpatrick replaced Jake Schwartz as president of General Assembly.

No action is required at this time by the Commission.

C. DeVry University

DeVry University sent notification of an addition of two specialty tracks to their existing Bachelor of Science and Computer Information Systems Degree. These programs are cybersecurity programming and cybersecurity administration.

D. Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS)

ACICS sent an invitation for their annual conference and business meeting scheduled May 27 – 29, 2015 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

XII. Public Comments (2 minutes per person)

No public comments.

XIII. Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:06pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Commissioner Mary E. Dilworth, Ed.D.
Secretary