

# Advisory Council for Licensed Private Career Schools

at

State Education Department

Education Building

89 Washington Avenue

Albany, N.Y. 12234

June 15, 2016

## Minutes

### Council Members and Ex-officios Present:

- Michael Hatten - Chairman New York Automotive & Diesel Institute
- Rabbi Yerachmiel Barash - Member Cope Institute
- Vincent Ferrara - Member Ferrara Beauty School
- James Devaney - Member American Higher Education Development Corporation
- Anthony Civitano - Member NYS Beauty School Association
- Jay Fund - Member Hunter Business School
- Kevin Smith - Ex-officio Deputy Commissioner, ACCES
- Barbara Hochberg - Ex-officio Higher Education Services Corporation
- Alysia Guilbeault - Ex-officio Division of the Budget

### State Education Department:

- Ruth Singer - Supervisor, Education Programs, BPSS
- Lisa Styles-Roy - Licensing Supervisor, BPSS

### Special Guest:

- Alicia Hyndman - State Assembly Member  
- Former Staff Member of BPSS

### Introduction & Meeting Protocol:

Council members and ex-officio members introduced themselves for the record.

The Chairman asked the Council and audience participants to talk clearly for recording purposes. He explained the meeting format, whereby Council members and ex-officio members talk among themselves during the regular session and audience members will be able to comment and ask questions at the end of the meeting. Hatten thanked the New School Center for Media and Cathy Taylor in particular, for their continued commitment to professionally record Advisory Council meetings.

### Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the March 23, 2016 minutes, moved by Rabbi Barash, second Dr. Devaney, unanimously approved.

**BPSS General Update and Status Report, Deputy Commissioner Kevin Smith:**

Smith: Thanked Ex-officios members for attending and encouraged continued involvement with the Council. Related that Commissioner MaryEllen Elia, is fully informed regarding the good work for-profit, non-degree schools are doing in our state. Acknowledged a shortage of qualified faculty who could teach at the secondary and college level in Career and Technical Education programs. BPSS continues to transition as it identifies candidate for the Directors position. Discussed procedural matters regarding contracts with ACCES-VR. Problems with interest payment charges are being addressed and if institutions have concerns they should contact the Bureau. Data Systems at BPSS are improving but there is still work to be done.

**Committee Reports:**

Student Access	- Shiela Simchon-Steinhof	- Tabled
State Regulatory	- Anthony Civitano	- Reported
Federal Regulatory	- Dr. James Devaney	- Reported
Institutional Success	- Lauren Weymouth	- Tabled
Fiscal	- Jay Fund	- Reported

**ATB and Eligible Career Pathway Program:**

Hatten: Continues to report positive outcomes for ATB students enrolled in its Eligible Career Pathway Program. He encourages other non-degree institutions to consider participation.

**Advisory Council on Postsecondary Education for Students with Disabilities:**

Hatten: Described a pilot program that would provide opportunities for schools to mentor potential applicants for a day.

**Outreach to New York City Department of Education:**

Hatten: Talked about a partnership between NYADI and District 79 Alternative Schools and Programs, Pathways to Graduation, NYC DOE.

**Council Appointments:**

Hatten: Reported that current members will continue until reappointed or replaced.

**Comments and Questions from the Audience:**

Terry Zaleski: Executive Director, Coalition of New York Career Schools, proposed the formation of a working group to address concerns regarding ACCES-VR contracts. October 26-28, Career School Convention, with the central theme being: *Growing Schools through Innovation*.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Advisory Council will be scheduled for December 2016. Location TBD.