

STATE OF NEVADA
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NEVADA COMMISSION ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION MINUTES

Topic: CPE May Commission Meeting

Time: May 3, 2023 09:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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Staff Present during Video Conference

Kelly Wuest, CPE Administrator
Maricris Wu, CPE Postsecondary Education Specialist
Susan Beckett, CPE Administrative Assistant III

Members of the Public, Media, Educational Institutions and Other Agencies Present

Todd Weiss, Nevada Attorney General Office, Chief Deputy Attorney General
Kara Garner, Grand Canyon University
Jennifer Green, Galen College of Nursing
Donna Laffey
Kang Won Lee, Haven University
Jillian Plum, Grand Canyon University
Melissa Rodriquez, Next Level Dental Institute, LLC
Stephanie Schleidt, Grand Canyon University
Christina Smith, Sierra Mountain Education
Lisa Smith, Grand Canyon University
Joshua Smith, Haven University
Deborah Staten, Next Level Dental Institute, LLC
Brian Trott, Haven University
Junette West, Grand Canyon University
Karina Villa
Heather Ziemianski, Grand Canyon University

Member of the Commission on Postsecondary Education

Present during Video Conference Meeting

Nate Clark, Chair
Sharon Frederick, Vice Chair
Janiese Clyne
Thomas Kenny
Jon Ponder
Joseph Rhodes
Steven Soares

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May 3, 2023 – 9:00 A.M.

Call to Order

The meeting was held via Video Conference ZOOM. The meeting was called to order by Chair Commissioner Nate Clark at approximately 9:03AM.

Public Comments

Commissioner Clark asked for public comment – none.

Written Comments

This is Susan Beckett, no written comments.

Confirmation of Posting

Susan Beckett, for the record, Administrative Assistant III, Employment Security Division, Commission on Postsecondary Education. Yes, proper notice was provided for this meeting pursuant to Nevada's Open Meeting Law, NRS 241.020 and confirmation of posting was received. We are in compliance with the open meeting law.

Roll Call

- Commissioner Chair Clark - Present
- Commissioner Vice-Chair Frederick - Present
- Commissioner Eade - Excused
- Commissioner Kenny - Present
- Commissioner Ponder - Present
- Commissioner Rhodes - Present
- Commissioner Clyne - Present
- Commissioner Soares – Present

Administrator Kelly Wuest: took roll via verbal and video. Confirmation of a quorum.

Adoption of Agenda:

Motion: Commissioner Frederick – Move to approve adoption of Agenda for May 3, 2023.

Second: Commissioner Soares.

Discussion: None.

Results: Unanimous, agenda is adopted.

Approval of Minutes February 1, 2023, Meeting

Discussion: None.

Motion: Commissioner Frederick – Motion to approve the minutes for February 1, 2023, meeting.

Second: Commissioner Ponder.

Discussion: None.

Results: Unanimous, motion carries.

Administrators Report

Administrator Wuest gave the Administrator's Report as submitted with the updated additions:

One correction on the quarterly activity 9 instead of 8.

We have 34 schools have not reported for the quarterly reporting. It seems high. However, we have found that since we have moved, we are experiencing a delay in the mail delivery. It can arrive three or four days later than normal. Our current number is 8316 students.

Commissioner Clark stated he hopes we will be able to get caught up with the backlog. Administrator Wuest furthered with the new computer system it should help and with the Compliance Audit Investigator position, which we should be able to recruit for in July, it should help.

Applications for Full Term License

Grand Canyon University

Testified: The following staff were in attendance - Jennifer Lech, Lisa Smith, Junette West, Heather Ziemianski, Jillian Plum, and Stephanie Schleidt. Jennifer Lech gave a brief introduction and background information.

Commissioner Soares – I heard a radio ad how is it going? Lisa Smith, advertising for nursing programs is always in the spotlight. We have received good response. There is ongoing interest, and we are excited.

Motion: Commissioner Kenny – A motion that Grand Canyon University be granted a full-term license.

Second: Commissioner Rhodes.

Discussion: None.

Results: Unanimous, motion carries.

Sierra Mountain Education

Testified: Christina Smith, Nevada Director gave background on the institution. She furthered with there were delays due to a family emergency last May shortly after the Commission Meeting that I was granted the Provisional Licensure. It did put me behind a bit, but I met the deadline and had my first class started with two students in March of this year. I am planning on keeping the class sizes small and limiting them to eight per term. I have been meeting with agencies and attending career fairs and have an interest list with 39 protentional students on the list.

Motion: Commissioner Soares – A motion that the provisional license for Sierra Mountain Education be extended for an additional nine months.

Second: Commissioner Ponder.

Discussion: None.

Results: Unanimous, motion carries.

Applications for Initial Provisional Licensure

Galen College of Nursing

Testified: Jennifer Green, Senior Director of Accreditation, Compliance and Regulatory Affairs The average student is second career nontraditional student with an average age of 32 years. Provided background information about the program and main campus.

Motion: Commissioner Frederick - A motion that a twelve-month provisional license be granted to Galen College of Nursing to the Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing, the Associate of Science Degree in Nursing, LPN and LVN to Associate of Nursing Bridge contingent upon approval of curriculum by the Nevada State Board of Nursing, faculty, and surety bond in the amount of \$363,000.

Second: Commissioner Rhodes.

Discussion: Commissioner Clark, during the discussion under the programs sections of the documents it mentions the curriculum changes required for final approval for the U.S. Constitution. Does that need to be a contingency or is that an administrative function? Administrator Wuest, that is an administrative function.

Results: Unanimous, motion carries.

Haven University

Testified: Dr. Brian Trott, Dean of Administration, Dr. Ken Wong Lee, and Dr. Joshua Smith, gave background of the University and the background information pertaining to the second submission.

Commissioner Clark, where do the students come from? Dr. Trott discussed recruitment of students, student origin and what their plans are with this education? Dr. Trott, we have a recruitment policy that's related to our interest and our serving the Asian American Communities. Because of the high movement of Asian Americans into the Las Vegas, Nevada areas this opens up the market for us. Most advertising is in person within the community and bringing student in through personal recommendations. We are very specific in what we are trying achieve and the people we are featuring.

Commissioner Clark, I noticed in the section three of program outcomes you mentioned that you enrolled 32 students and one of the completed and zero have dropped so can I assume there are 31 students still involved? You are correct because it's initial program and so the reporting periods for this are with CPE gives us to the end of this particular year before those figures come into play.

Motion: Commissioner Ponder - That a twelve-month provisional license be granted to Haven University to offer a Master of Business Administration and a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration upon faculty approval.

Second: Commissioner Clyne.

Discussion: None.

Results: Unanimous, motion carries.

Next Level Dental Institute, LLC

Testified: Dr. Deborah Staten, Owner and Melissa Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant were present. Dr. Staten provided her background as a dentist with her practice and her passion for dentistry.

Commissioner Soares, you have 50 hours of externships. What arrangements have you made to assist students for placements in externships? Dr. Staten, we are working towards establishing a few relationships around the city with colleagues. I am wanting to keep that more towards private practice jobs because the corporate dentists, there is a lot of corporate dentistry going on in Las Vegas. I am trying to partner specifically with some colleagues that I know and respect the way that dentistry and the laws are being done within their offices.

Commissioner Clark you mentioned the externship component, what about assistance with finding employment once the program is fully complete. Dr. Staten, yes that is a good point. We are still discussing how we are going to do that because we don't want to guarantee employment. Although I know as a dentist here in the city, I have been experiencing the hardship of finding good help, so I know there is opportunity in this city. I am still navigating how we want to stand behind and what we are willing to offer for these students. I do not want to be on the hook of guaranteed placement, because that - is that required for us. Commissioner Clark, it is strongly advised that you do not guarantee placement. Dr. Staten yes, exactly so we are establishing relationships and I am hoping that with their externship that these students will be dynamic enough to gain employment through their externships of placement. We will be helping them with resumes, interview skills and career prep. Commissioner Clark, it is not just the dental skills that people are hiring. They are wanting people skills and the soft skills too. Dr. Staten, yes.

Commissioner Ponder, where do you recruit your students from? Dr. Staten, so we use social media primarily. Also, we are looking at the possibly reaching out to the local high schools, preparing brochures and launching a website upon approval.

Commissioner Frederick, do you currently have a dental office that is operating. Dr. Staten, I do. We have a dental office, and a break room where we will be hosting our classes for Next Level Dental Assisting. I have 11 operatories here so that we can do hands on with the student when they come in for quizzes and their labs.

Commissioner Clark, you mentioned a breakroom of where you are going to hold classes? Dr. Staten turned the camera and showed the breakroom which will be used for the classroom and gave a tour of the breakroom with screens, tables and cameras.

Motion: Commissioner Frederick - That a twelve-month provisional license be granted to Next Level Dental Institute, LLC to offer a Dental Assistant certificate program contingent upon receipt of surety bond in the amount of \$57,000, facility, personnel, and curriculum approvals.
Second: Commissioner Soares.
Discussion: None.
Results: Unanimous, motion carries.

Public Comment

None.

The meeting was adjourned by Commissioner. Time: 9:45

Motion: Commissioner
Second: Commissioner
Discussion: None.
Results: Unanimous, motion carries