

Higher Education Coordinating Commission Private Career School Advisory Committee Special Meeting

June 26, 2022
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Board Members:

Kimberly Johnson
Chair

Chris Rohaley

Erika Baern

Martin Nelson

Mary Nielsen

Melissa Mason

Ronald Sutphin

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Interim Deputy Director

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Debora van Eckhardt

Karyn Chambers

Matthew Altman

Monika Peterson

Peter Gertenrich

Tiffany Caldwell

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Chair Kimberly Johnson, Erika Baern, Ronald Sutphin, Marty Nelson, Melissa Mason and Mary Nielsen

1.0. Preliminary and Organizational Business: Call to Order, Agenda, Chair Comments and Overview.

1.2. Kia Sorensen, Interim Deputy Director, Welcomes and calls the Special Meeting to order June 26th, 2022 at 10:12 a.m. Thanked the board members and noted the reason the meeting was called due to a deadline August 11th to present rules to the Commission for approval for the Licensing of Psilocybin Facilitator Training Programs.

1.3. Roll was called and quorum was established and agenda reviewed.

Noted on September 15, 2022 June 16th, 2022 and June 26th Meeting Minutes will be reviewed for approval.

Kimberly Johnson, Chair reviewed the June 26th Agenda call for motion.

ACTION ITEM:

Motion

Chair Kimberly Johnson called for a motion to approve the agenda for Special Meeting June 26, 2022, Erika Baern made a motion to approve June 26, 2022 agenda, Melissa Mason seconded the motion, and the motion to approve the agenda passed unanimously (6-0).

2.0. Chair Kimberly Johnson Welcomes Board members and continues Membership Update from Kia Sorensen, Interim Deputy Director and Karyn Chambers.

Kia Sorensen, HECC Interim Deputy Director of APA Private Career Schools welcomed and introduced to the committee PCS Advisory Board Members and calls Special Meeting with a full agenda. Membership Update: Kia Sorensen and Karyn Chambers briefed the committee on the Private Career Schools (PCS) recruitment effort, a call went out for members. We are grateful we have received qualified and eligible positions two school members and one student position. We want to thank Kimberly Johnson and Erika Baern who have served us well for three consecutive terms. We will definitely miss them in these roles.

We want to welcome new recruits Sharon Blair of Portland Fashion Institute and Kristen Klementowski of H&R Block who will serve as our new school members. For Public Positions Siri Dixon, who is the President of Concorde Career College, who will be joining us as well. First official meeting, will be in the fall. They were appointed in June.

We need to elect a new chair and a new vice chair we hope to vote them in during our next meeting in September. Noted opportunity for new member as positions terms come to close and looking for a diverse board.

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3.o. Ballot Measure 109. Kia Sorensen, HECC Interim Deputy Director of APA PCS Private Career Schools welcomed and introduced to the committee PCS Advisory Board Members and called Special Meeting Ballot Measure 109. We are going to talk with you about the Oregon Psilocybin Facilitator Training Program, draft rules. Information: Ballot Measure 109 and afterwards we will have discussion. Why it's relevant to PCS and our timeline for Rule making, (Slideshow) Measure 109 was passed in November of 2020. It directs the Oregon Health Authority to license and regulate the manufacturing, transportation, delivery, sale and purchase of psilocybin products and the provision of psilocybin services. The measure allows psilocybin to treat mental health conditions in licensed service centers with people who are 21 years of age and the bill states that Oregon has one of the highest prevalence of mental health illness among adults one in five adults in Oregon is coping with mental health conditions. Research referenced & Standards of education and training requirements psilocybin services facilitators on May 20th of 2022, OHA published rules detailing the requirements for the programs and the rules are robust and focus on requirements for curriculum. However, as you know, state laws and rules around private career schools are under the authority of the HECC. Which state that licensure of private career schools is required and absent and exemption issued by the HECC no entity may offer or advertise the offering of services as a private career school.

We need your feedback and your help on two draft rules

1. Instructor qualifications:

Matthew Altman/Discussion.

2. Alternatives to comprehensive general liability insurance:

Kyle Thomas/Discussion.

Tuition Protection Fund:

The current balance of the Tuition Protection Fund is \$1, 377, 892. 52.

This Fund is protected by ORS 345.110 and must have approval for any funds being used.

13.o.Public Comment -Jon Dennis

Jon Dennis, I appreciate that it seems that all people involved here really do care about equality, both in terms of the small business perspective, but also from students perspectives. We all have the same goals here. My comment today is around the part of the licensing application for HECC licensure. It revolves around the requirement that there be a school facility that is described in the application. Online rather than physical facility / centers would better for students and keep overhead down as well as expenses and flexible. Protect students from school closures. Thank you for hearing me. Thank you, Jon.

Christina Cassini, Jon Dennis mentions exits in applying for liability insurance, the insurance broker requires a physical address which provides difficulty for the schools., OK fantastic. Thank you for that additional information.

14.o.Adjournment - Chair Kimberly Johnson, we can make a motion to adjourn called for the meeting to be adjourned at 11:49am