

**MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING**

April 1, 2020
Via Conference Call

Chair Andy Tuck called the telephonic meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The following members were present: Vice Chair Marva Johnson; Ben Gibson; Tom Grady; Michael Olenick; Ryan Petty; and Joe York.

WELCOME

Chair Tuck thanked members and guests for participating in the State Board of Education telephonic meeting. Chair Tuck then recognized Commissioner Corcoran for his report.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Corcoran thanked everyone for participating in the telephonic meeting and informed the public that the May 13th State Board of Education meeting will also be held telephonically. Commissioner Corcoran thanked Governor DeSantis, Surgeon General Rivkees, and Director Moscowitz of the Division of Emergency Management for their work during the COVID-19. Commissioner Corcoran also briefed the board on the department's initiatives and shared that Florida has been recognized by Vice President Pence and Secretary DeVos for success with virtual school. Commissioner Corcoran then recognized student, Jesslyn Valrea, for completing her Associates degree using the newly created Last Mile Completion Scholarship. Chair Tuck called for a motion to approve Commissioner Corcoran's report. Mr. York made the motion with a second by Vice Chair Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

Minutes from February 12, 2020 meeting

Chair Tuck called for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2020 meeting. Mr. York made the motion with a second by Vice Chair Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

UPDATES

Florida College System – President Murdaugh on behalf of the Council of Presidents

Chair Tuck recognized Dr. Jim Murdaugh, President, Tallahassee Community College for a brief update on behalf of the Council of Presidents. Dr. Murdaugh provided an overview of what the state colleges have been doing in response to COVID-19, how career and technical education programs are progressing, and a recap of how the legislative session ended. Chair Tuck then opened the board for questions. Mr. Grady asked what the college system is doing to anticipate potential budget cuts down the road. Vice Chair Johnson asked to hear more about what the colleges are doing to help students affected by the pandemic and also how the colleges are working to prepare students for the future. Chair Tuck asked about the bandwidth and support in rural districts and if there is an overloading problem.

K-12 Public Schools –Superintendent Browning on behalf of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents

Chair Tuck recognized Superintendent Browning of Pasco County on behalf of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents. Superintendent Browning briefed the board on meal distribution to students, distribution of computers to students, an online student monitoring system, and how the district was providing internet to students. Superintendent Browning also thanked the board for suspending assessments this year and asked the board to extend the deadline to June 1 for districts to submit their Title I plans. Chair Tuck then opened the board for questions. Mr. Grady asked for the superintendent to comment on educational achievement gaps and Individual Education Plan's for gifted students. Mr. Gibson asked what the districts have been providing to parents to help with this new learning environment. Chair Tuck asked if the rural districts are reporting any issues with bandwidth or server speeds.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-1.09412, Course Requirements - Grades K-12 Basic and Adult Secondary Programs

Chair Tuck recognized, Jacob Oliva, Chancellor, K-12 Public Schools for a brief update on the amendment to rule 6A-1.09412. Chancellor Oliva briefed the board on the continuing effort to complete Executive Order 1932 and the current phase of the project, implementing the standards and benchmarks in to courses. Chair Tuck then called for a motion to approve rule 6A-1.09412. Mr. York made the motion with a second by Vice Chair Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Request from Palm Beach State College for a Bachelor of Science (BS) in Human Services

Chair Tuck recognized, Ava Parker, President, Palm Beach State College for the next two action items to brief the board on the proposals for new Bachelor programs. President Parker briefed the board on the BS in Human Services. Providing information on the employment opportunity, availability, and academic partners. Chair Tuck then called for a motion to approve the BS in Human Services. Mr. York made the motion with a second by Vice Chair Johnson. Chair Tuck then opened the board for questions. Mr. Grady asked why they are adding this degree when many of the jobs do not require a bachelor level education and if the institution is currently offering certificates and AA programs in the same subject areas. Mr. Gibson asked if there is a requirement for school guidance counselors to have a Bachelor's degree. The motion passed 6-1, with Mr. Grady in opposition.

Approval of Request from Palm Beach State College for a Bachelor of Science (BS) in Cardiopulmonary Sciences

President Parker briefed the board on the BS in Cardiopulmonary Sciences. Providing information on the employment opportunity, availability, and academic partners. Chair Tuck then called for a motion to approve the BS in Cardiopulmonary Sciences. Mr. York made the motion with a second by Vice Chair Johnson. Chair Tuck then opened the board for questions. Mr. Grady asked if the current AS program satisfies job requirements for a respiratory therapist and how many students are annually graduating with an AS in respiratory care. The motion passed 6-1, with Mr. Grady in opposition.

CONSENT ITEMS

Chair Tuck then called for a motion to approve the consent items. Mr. Grady made the motion with a second by Mr. York. The motion passed unanimously.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Chair Tuck opened the board for comments. Vice Chair Johnson started and thanked Governor DeSantis and Commissioner Corcoran for their leadership during the crisis. This was echoed by all the other members. Mr. Grady shared his opinion that we should be focusing on shorter term certificates rather than adding new degree programs during the pandemic.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Chair Tuck adjourned the meeting of the State Board of Education at 10:32 A.M.

Chris Emerson, Corporate Secretary

Andy Tuck, Chair