

EDUCATIONAL APPROVAL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, March 14, 2012
10:30 a.m.

1st Floor Conference Room
201 W. Washington Avenue
Madison, WI

Members Present: Michael Cooney, Terry Craney, Don Madelung, Jo Oyama-Miller, Monica Williams

Members Absent: Christy L. Brown, Joe Heim

Others Present: David Dies, Zach Galin, Linda Heidtman, Blanca James, Patrick Sweeney, *EAB*; Jason Cho, Gerald Greenfield, *Amerstate University*; Bruce Olsen, *Wisconsin Department of Justice (representing the EAB board)*; Jeunet Davenport, *DeVry University*; Brock Vander Velden, Rocky Klitzke, Shana Weiss, *Globe University*; Matthew Schneider, Jody Wasmer, *Herzing University*; Diane Pandl, *Institute of Beauty and Wellness*; John Knuteson, *Knuteson, Powers & Quinn, SC (representing Amerstate University)*; Kristin Melby, *Rasmussen College*; Timothy Holloway, *Sanford-Brown College – Milwaukee*; Fritz Oppenlander, *Upper Iowa University*; Mike Rogowski, *Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek SC (representing the University of Phoenix)*

The chair of the Educational Approval Board (EAB), Michael Cooney, called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m. A motion (Madelung, Oyama-Miller) to approve the March 14, 2012 board meeting minutes was adopted unanimously.

BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Cooney explained that the board would be holding a revocation hearing after its regular meeting. Don Madelung was welcomed and introduced as a new EAB board member. Board members were reminded that the performance of the executive secretary will be evaluated at the board's June meeting. He added that the executive committee would be determining the evaluation methodology prior to the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Audience members introduced themselves, but offered no other comments.

OFFICER ELECTIONS

Mr. Cooney noted that state law requires the board to elect officers at its first meeting of the year. Officers consist of a chairperson, a vice-chairperson, and a secretary. A motion (Madelung, Craney) to maintain the existing officers (Mr. Cooney, chair; Ms. Williams, vice chair; and Mr. Heim, secretary) by acclamation was approved unanimously.

BOARD STATUS REPORT

Mr. Dies highlighted several issues contained in the report. He provided a status updated on the EAB's modernization bill. It was noted the bill passed the Assembly 94-0 and was sent to the Senate. It was referred it to the Committee on Education, which unanimously recommended the bill for passage. Hopefully, the Senate will schedule the bill prior to session being adjourned.

A copy of the EAB's request for increased position and expenditure authority was provided to the board. Mr. Cooney, Mr. Heim and Mr. Dies met with DOA secretary Mike Huebsch following the December board meeting. The meeting went well and the EAB is awaiting a decision by DOA.

In response to a question about the Discretionary Merit Compensation (DMC) plan, Mr. Dies indicated that all state agencies were required to submit a plan to the Office of State Employment Relations (OSER). A copy of the approved plan was provided with the board materials.

SCHOOL APPROVAL ISSUES

TechSkills - Mr. Dies shared information regarding TechSkills. He noted that the school voluntarily surrendered its accreditation in December 2011 and intends to close. EAB staff is working with the school in arranging a teach-out, which will affect approximately twenty students. Operations may cease as early as May or June.

Madison Media Institute – Mr. Dies indicated that the information pertaining to this complaint has been provided to the board members at previous meetings. The summary provided in the board materials includes updated information, including a copy of the court's ruling in favor of the EAB, and the Notice of Appeal that was subsequently filed by the complainant.

A motion (Oyama-Miller, Williams) to approve items A through I of the School Activity Report for the period of December 8, 2011 through March 8, 2012 was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion (Williams, Oyama-Miller) to adjourn was unanimously approved at 10:58 p.m.