

STATE OF INDIANA
Board for Proprietary Education

Minutes of Meeting

Friday, June 14, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board for Proprietary Education met in a regular session starting at 10:00 A.M. (Eastern) at 101 West Ohio Street, Suite 300, in the Kent Weldon Board Room, with Chairman Sauer presiding.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Members Present: Scott Bogan (in person); Ken Konesco (in person); Jean Putnam (in person); Ken Sauer, Ph.D. (in person); and Anne Shane (virtual).

Members Absent: None.

Guests: Alex Barann (virtual); Steven Bishop (virtual); Tiffany Brack, D.B.A. (virtual); Sandra Dafiaghor, Ph.D. (in person); Paige Demkowicz (virtual); Vanessa Howard, FNP-BC (in person); Brent Jenkins (virtual); Darrell Lashley (in person); Kingsley Mukoro (in person); and Sean Pattison (virtual).

A quorum was determined for the June 14, 2024, Board meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 8, 2024, BOARD MEETING

R-24.06.01 **Resolved:** The Board for Proprietary Education hereby approves the Minutes of the March 8, 2024, regular meeting.
(Motion – Konesco, second – Bogan, unanimously approved)

II. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ken Sauer, Ph.D., announced that the State Budget Committee was conducting a review of the BPE fees that became effective in May 2022. The State Budget Committee convened a hearing on June 11, 2024. Due to a speaking engagement at the New Jersey Community College Association regarding the career opportunities pathway summit, Ken Sauer was unable to attend the State Budget Committee hearing. Ross Miller appeared before the State Budget Committee and provided the committee with the history of the BPE fees, which originated in the Indiana Code and Indiana Administrative Code in 1971. In 2010, the Indiana Commission on Proprietary Education (ICOPE) raised the fees. The fee schedule approved by the ICOPE Commissioners was inherited by the newly formed Board for Proprietary Education in 2012.

Ken Sauer announced that this meeting would be the last one for Jean Putnam as a BPE Board member, as she had moved to another state. On behalf of the Board, Ken Sauer and Ross Miller expressed their appreciation for Jean Putnam's service. Jean Putnam has been a wonderful board member, diligent in reviewing the BPE business meeting agendas, asking pertinent questions, and faithfully attending meetings. Ken Sauer asked the Board to formalize their appreciation. Anne Shane read a resolution honoring Jean Putnam for her service on the Indiana Board for Proprietary Education.

- R-24-06.02** **Resolved:** The Board for Proprietary Education approves the following recommendation by consent, per the background information provided in this agenda item.
(Motion – Shane, second – Konesco, unanimously approved)

III. PROGRAM REVIEW

A. Program Review and Decision Item

Lincoln College of Technology presented to the Indiana Board for Proprietary Education a comprehensive review of programs offered.

1. Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) in Air Conditioning, Refrigeration, and Heating Systems Technology Service Management to be offered by Lincoln College of Technology.

Representing Lincoln College of Technology: Brent Jenkins, Group Vice President; and Darrell Lashley, Campus President.

Ken Sauer introduced the Lincoln College of Technology program review. Ross Miller presented the staff report outlining the Lincoln College of Technology program review. Brent Jenkins and Darrell Lashley presented materials on behalf of the institution.

Ken Sauer introduced the A.A.S. in Air Conditioning, Refrigeration, and Heating Systems Technology Service Management program proposal. Ross Miller presented the staff report recommending that Lincoln College of Technology be granted approval to offer one Associate’s degree program, with stipulations.

- R-24-06.03** **Resolved:** The Board for Proprietary Education approves the following recommendation by consent, per the background information provided in this agenda item.
(Motion –Shane, second – Putnam, unanimously approved)

IV. DECISION ITEM

B. Initial Institutional Authorization and Academic Degree Program

1. Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S) in Cybersecurity to be offered by Jeremi College.

Representing Jeremi College: Tiffany Brack, Administrator; Sandra Dafiaghor, President; Vanessa Howard, Director of Nursing; and Kingsley Mukoro, Director of Operations.

Ken Sauer introduced the A.A.S. in Cybersecurity program. Ross Miller presented the staff report recommending that Jeremi College be granted approval to offer one Associate’s degree program.

- R-24-06.04** **Resolved:** The Board for Proprietary Education approves the

following recommendation by consent, per the background information provided in this agenda item.
(Motion – Putnam, second – Konesco unanimously approved)

V. FINANCIAL REVIEW UPDATE

A. Update to The Financial Watchlist of BPE-Authorized Institutions

1. Plante Moran 2024 BPE-Authorized Institution Financial Review.

Representing Plante Moran: Steven Bishop, Partner – Assurance; Sean Pattison, Principal – Management Consulting; Alex Barann, Manager – Management Consulting; and Paige Demkowicz, Senior Consultant – Management Consulting.

Ken Sauer introduced the 2024 BPE-Authorized Financial Review. Ross Miller presented background information. Alex Barann provided an in-depth analysis of the Plante Moran findings regarding the financial stability of BPE-authorized institutions.

VI. INFORMATION ITEM
OLD BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

Dr. Ken Sauer, Chairman

Date