STATE OF INDIANA
Board for Proprietary Education

Minutes of Meeting

Monday, September 8, 2025

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, with Chairman Butler presiding.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Members Present: Scott Bogan (in person); Matt Butler, Ph.D. (in person); Ken Konesco (virtual), Michael Nossett (in person), and Ann Shane (in person).

Members Absent: None.

Commission for Higher Education: Ross Miller (in person).

State Board of Nursing: Toni Herron (in person).

Guests: Sedricka Epperson (in person); Donielle Kremple (in person).

A quorum was determined for the September 8, 2025, Board meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE June 18, 2025, BOARD MEETING

 R-25.09.01   **Resolved:** The Board for Proprietary Education hereby approves the
                 Minutes of the June 18, 2025, regular meeting.
                 (Motion – Konesco, second – Bogan, Roll Call: Bogan-Aye; Butler-Aye; Konesco-
                 Aye; Nossett-Aye; Shane-Aye) The motion passed.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE July 10, 2025, BOARD MEETING

 R-25.09.02   **Resolved:** The Board for Proprietary Education hereby approves the
                 Minutes of the July 10, 2025, regular meeting.
                 (Motion – Nossett, second – Shane, Roll Call: Bogan-Aye; Butler-Aye;
                 Konesco-Aye; Nossett-Aye; Shane-Aye) The motion passed.

II.   EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Matt Butler began by noting that the BPE rulemaking was nearing completion. The final rule will be published tomorrow in the Indiana Register. Once the final rule is complete, the interim rule will be repealed.

Commissioner Chris Lowery will be retiring on October 10, 2025. Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education, will be assuming the Commissioner role as well. This would maintain momentum, with the vertical as we all work together.

III.   PROGRAM REVIEW AND DECISION ITEM

A.   Program Review of Essential Healthcare Academy

1.   Comprehensive review of academic programs offered by Essential Healthcare Academy.

Representing Essential Healthcare Academy: Sedricka Epperson, Program Director; and Donielle Kremple, Program Director.

Matt Butler introduced the program review. Ross Miller presented the staff report outlining the details of the review. Sedricka Epperson and Donielle Kremple presented additional materials on behalf of the institution.

B.   Decision Item

2.   Diploma in Practical Nursing to be offered by Essential Healthcare Academy. Re-approve the Diploma in Practical Nursing acknowledging all stipulations have been satisfactorily met or resolved.

Representing Essential Healthcare Academy: Sedricka Epperson, Program Director; and Donielle Kremple, Program Director.

Matt Butler introduced the proposal for re-approval of the Diploma in Practical Nursing, acknowledging all stipulations have been satisfactorily met or resolved. Ross Miller presented the staff report recommending the program re-approval without stipulations.

Toni Herron recommended removal of stipulations.

R-25.09.03   **Resolved:** The Board for Proprietary Education hereby approves the following recommendation by roll call, per the background information provided in this agenda item.
(Motion –Shane, second – Konesco, Roll Call: Bogan-Aye; Butler-Aye; Konesco-Aye; Nossett-Aye; Shane-Aye) The motion passed.

IV.   INFORMATION ITEM

A.   Change of Ownership

1.   Change of Ownership: Processes of the US Department of Education, Office of Federal Student Aid; State Counterpart Agencies; and the Board for Proprietary Education.

Matt Butler introduced the information item. Ross Miller presented an overview of the change of ownership processes of the US Department of Education, Office of Federal Student Aid; Illinois Board of Higher Education; Kentucky Commission on Proprietary Education; Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity; Ohio Department of Higher Education; and the Board for Proprietary Education.

V.   OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

None was presented.

VI.   ADJOURNMENT

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

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Dr. Matt Butler, Chairman   Date