

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
HIGHER EDUCATION LICENSURE COMMISSION

Public Session No. 22-02
February 3, 2022 (virtual)
9:30 am

I. Call to Order

Commissioner Mary Dilworth called the meeting to order at 9:33 am.

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Mary Dilworth, Ed.D., Chair
Commissioner Anita B. Shelton, MSW, Vice Chair
Commissioner Estell Mathis-Lloyd, M. Ed., Secretary
Commissioner Elaine Crider
Commissioner Harriet Segar, Esq.

Staff Present: Angela Lee, Executive Director
Terasita Edwards, Deputy Director
Alesia Henry, Education Compliance Specialist
Dorothy Thomas, Education Compliance Specialist
Chasity Cook, SAA Compliance Specialist
Nagesh Tammara, Attorney Advisor
Maia Turner, Administrative Assistant

HELC Student Advisory Committee (SAC) Members Present:

Ms. Jordan Bond

DC Office of General Counsel (OGC) Members Present:

Lee Hagy

Guests Present:

Flatiron School
Alan Gallegos
Vince Roach

SummaPrime School of Healthcare
Alex Scott
Crystal L. Scott
Hughart Roberts

Paula Roberts

The University of the Potomac
Andrea Ford

PECB University
Baton Mati

Pepperdine University
Brian Swarts

Trinity Washington University
Carlota Ocampo

Seton Hall University School of Diplomacy and
International Relations
Catherine Ruby
Courtney Smith

Pepperdine University
Dave Smith
Sheryl Covey

Transemantics, Inc.
Fredrik Skoglund

University of Southern California
Jamie Putorti

Hamilton College
Janelle Perry
Madeline Carrera

Walden University
JoAnn Emenecker
Roger McKinney
Corinne Yamamoto
Debra Tervala
Susan Subocz

Dickinson College
Katie Deguzman

Parami University
Kyaw Moe Tun
Myat Su San

Strayer University Washington, D.C.

Lisa Sincere

Minerva University

Mike Shires

The Salon Professional Academy

Patrick Guarniere

Truxton University

Randall Blevins

Robby Tandrian

Time for Change

Soccorra Smith

Tonya Ridley

Dr. Pamela Herbert

Karl Roberts

Nicole Brown

So Others Might Eat Center for Employment Training
(S.O.M.E.)

Veronica Wright

D.C. Board of Nursing (DC BON)

Dr. Bonita Jenkins

Catholic Charities

Celia Sterling

Scott Lewis

Washington School of Psychiatry

Elia Tamplin

Kim Jones

Washington University in St. Louis at Brookings

Katie (Hood) Sconce

Public Attendees:

Angela King

Dr. Sergei Andronikov

Ian Dubin

Jack J.

Jessica

II. Ascertainment of Quorum

Five (5) Commission members were present constituting a quorum.

III. Approval of the Agenda

The Commission voted to approve the February 3, 2022 agenda.

IV. Public Comment (reserved for agenda items only)

There were no comments from the public.

V. Consent Agenda

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda.

A. Approval of the December 2, 2021 meeting minutes

The Commission voted unanimously to approve of the minutes from the December 2, 2021 public meeting.

B. One-year approval list

Recommended approval for the following applications for one (1) year from the date of expiration.

RENEWALS & AMENDMENTS *submitted at time of renewal*

Institutions	Approval Type	Expiration Date if Approved
Pepperdine University (D)	Renewal, Program Modification and New Program	1/31/2023
Catholic Charities (ND)	Renewal	11/30/2022
So Others Might Eat Center for Employment Training (ND)	Renewal and Program Modification	1/31/2023
Washington School of Psychiatry (ND)	Renewal and Program Modification	1/31/2023
University of Southern California (D)	Renewal	1/31/2023
The Salon Professional Academy (ND)	Renewal	1/31/2023
University of the Potomac (D)	Renewal and Amendment	1/31/2023

Transemantics, Inc/ International Language Institute (ND)	Renewal	1/31/2023
Washington University in St. Louis – Olin School of Business (D)	Renewal	11/30/2022

AMENDMENTS ONLY

* The licensure period for institutions seeking approval to amend by adding new programs, new location or name change will synchronize with the institutions current license.

Institutions	Approval Type	Current Expiration
PECB University (D)	New Programs/Deletion of Programs	5/31/2022

CONDITIONAL EXEMPTIONS

Institutions	Approval Type	Expiration Date if Approved
Seton Hall University School of Diplomacy and International Relations (D)	Renewal	1/31/2023
Dickinson College (D)	Renewal	2/28/2023
Hamilton College (D)	Renewal	1/31/2023
Athabasca University (D)	Renewal	1/31/2023

STATE AUTHORIZATION RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT (SARA)

Institutions	Approval Type	Expiration Date if Approved
Trinity Washington University (D)	SARA Renewal	3/31/2023
Institute of World Politics (D)	SARA Renewal	2/28/2023

KEY: Institution Type: (D) – Degree (ND) – Non-Degree

C. SAA- Veterans Education approval list

The HELC, acting as the District of Columbia State Approving Agency for Veterans Education benefits, approved the following applications for the period of February 1- March 31, 2021:

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New Programs

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Institution Name	Program Name
Strayer University Washington DC (Residential Campus)	Bachelor of Business Admin
Georgetown University	Bachelor of Liberal Arts in Cultural Humanities Bachelor of Liberal Arts in Global Intellectual History Bachelor of Liberal Arts in Interdisciplinary Social Science
Howard University	Elementary Education BS Health Education- BS Human Performance- BS Supply Chain Management- BBA Business Administration EMBA Communication Culture & Media Studies (PhD) Computer Science – PhD Social Work- MSW Community, Administration, & Policy Concentration Religion D. Min Physical Therapy Occupational Therapy- OTD Occupational Therapy- MSOT Medicine- MD Law- JD
Arizona State University	New Institution approval

Program Amendments

Institution Name	Action
Strayer University Washington, DC (Residential Campus)	24-month Review (38 continued approvals and 26 disapprovals per voluntary withdrawal)
Dudley Beauty College	24-Month Review (2 continued approvals and 1 program name change)
Georgetown University	24-month Review (241 continued approvals, 3 revisions, and 19 voluntary program withdrawals)
Howard University	24-Month Review (145 Continued Approvals and revisions)

Program Withdrawals

Institution Name	Action
Central Texas College	Facility withdrawal
Webster University	Facility withdrawal
University of Maryland Global College	Facility withdrawal

Suspensions

Institutions	Area of Non-compliance	Length of suspension/effective date
Georgetown University School of Medicine	Availability of records Certification of unapproved courses. Overcharges made by an educational institution. Adequate records of previous training.	60-Days effective Jan 4, 2022

COMPLIANCE & MONITORING REPORT

EXPIRATIONS

Notice of license expiration was sent to the following institutions. They have not responded to the Commission.

Institutions	Approval Type	Expiration Date
Berlitz Language Institute	Institutional License	11/30/2021

VI. Non-Consent Agenda (items removed from consent agenda)

The Commission removed from the consent agenda Walden University and Flatiron School. With the stated changes, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda.

A. Walden University

Walden submitted an application requesting licensure renewal to continue offering their one hundred sixty-eight (168) degree and certificate programs in a distance education (hybrid format).

The Commission voted (Affirmative: Crider, Lloyd, Segar, Dilworth; Opposed: Shelton) to approve the application for licensure renewal submitted by Walden University for one (1) year, not to exceed January 31, 2023.

B. Flatiron School

The Flatiron School submitted an application requesting licensure renewal to continue offering their non-degree certificate programs in: Data Science (on-campus), Data Science Flex, Software Engineering Flex, Software Engineering, Introduction to Data Science, Data Science Fellowship, Data Science Live, Part-Time Online Data Science, Software Engineering Live, Part-time Online Software Engineering, Cybersecurity Analytics Flex, Cybersecurity Analytics Live, Part-time

Cybersecurity Analytics, Part-time Online Cybersecurity Analytics, Cybersecurity Engineering, Part-time Cybersecurity Engineering, Cybersecurity Engineering Live, Cybersecurity Engineering Flex, Cybersecurity Engineering Online, Product Design Live and Product Design Flex.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the application for licensure renewal submitted by the Flatiron School for one (1) year, not to exceed January 31, 2023.

The institution submitted a request for new location to 655 15th Street, NW 7th Floor, Washington, DC 20005.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the application request for new location submitted by the Flatiron School synchronous with the current licensure approval.

VII. Unfinished Business

A. Truxton University

Truxton University submitted an application for Provisional licensure to offer its degree program: Master of Business Administration.

RECAP from previous meeting(s):

At the October 7, 2021 public meeting, the Commission voted (Affirmative: Crider, Lloyd, Segar, Shelton; Abstentions: Dilworth) to defer action on the application for Provisional licensure submitted by Truxton University until the December 2, 2021 public meeting with the following conditions to be satisfied by November 7, 2021:

- Provide an updated Catastrophic Events Policy
- Provide corrected evidence of compliance with CRAC guidelines

At the December 2, 2021 public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously to defer decision on the application for Provisional licensure submitted by Truxton University with the conditions to provide the following no later than January 3, 2022:

- Submit proof of instructors training in long distance learning
- Submit the LMS system implementation model via Zoom and Paragon platform

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the application for Provisional licensure submitted by Truxton University for one (1) year, not to exceed February 28, 2023.

B. SummaPrime School of Healthcare

SummaPrime School of Healthcare submitted an application for Provisional licensure to offer the non-degree certificate program, Nurse Aide.

RECAP from previous meeting(s):

At the December 2, 2021 public meeting, the Commission voted (Affirmative: Crider, Lloyd, Segar, Dilworth; Negative: Shelton) to defer action on the application for Provisional licensure submitted by SummaPrime School of Healthcare until the February 3, 2022 public meeting to allow time to review the materials that were submitted.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the application for Provisional licensure submitted by SummaPrime School of Healthcare for one (1) year, not to exceed February 28, 2023.

VIII. Applications for Licensure/Exemption/Amendment

A. Renewals/Amendment Applications

i. Time for Change, Inc.

Time for Change, Inc. submitted an application for program amendment to add non-degree certificate programs in: Emergency Medical Technician and Pharmacy Technician. They are also proposing to increase the tuition.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the application for amendment to add non-degree programs in Emergency Medical Technician and Pharmacy Technician submitted by Time for Change, Inc. synchronous with the current licensure approval.

IX. Closures

i. A.T. Still University of Health Sciences

A. T. Still University submitted a letter (in lieu of the HELC closure form) regarding its decision to discontinue operation at Unity's Parkside Health Center located at 765 Kenilworth Terrace, NE, Washington, DC 20019 with an effective date of May 21, 2021. The date synchronizes with the date that the last cohort of students completed their program. The decision to close did not negatively impact the students or university partners & vendors. HELC staff visited the facility and confirmed that the institution is no longer operating in the space.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve the closure plan submitted by A.T. Still University of Health Sciences.

X. Extended Public Comment (limited to 2 minutes per person on any item/matter not listed on the agenda)

There were no comments from the public.

XI. Report of the Executive Director

A. After Action Report

The following are updates to conditions of license approval and other requests made by the Commission that the institutions have not satisfied as required:

- i. **Westlink Career Institute** – The Commission approved the request for new location with the condition of an additional site visit. The follow-up items from the site visit remain outstanding.

B. Student Advisory Committee

The Commission included in the record receipt of the student advisory committee's report on a proposal to host a listening session with students across the District, whom are matriculating in the District approved institutions.

C. COVID-19 response update

The following recent Mayoral orders pertain to post-secondary institutions operating in the District:

- Mayor Order 2022-018 extends the indoor masks mandate thru Feb 28, 2022 (as required in Mayoral Order 2021-147)
- Mayor Order 2022-007 extends the public health emergency until March 17, 2022
- Mayor Order 2021-148 requires vaccination to enter certain establishments

To read the full order the public is encouraged to visit www.coronavirus.dc.gov.

XII. Correspondence and Communications

A. Informational

i. Strayer University

RE: New Program Offering

In a letter dated 1/10/22, Lisa Sincere, Associate General notifies the Commission about Strayer University's program offerings to include adding a new graduate certificate program to the Jack Welch Management Institute offerings. The is modifying the Master of Science in Management (MSMG) degree to better align with student goals. The changes will not require substantive change review by the institution's accreditor, MSCHE.

No action required by the Commission at this time.

ii. National Accrediting Commission of Career Arts & Sciences (NACCAS)

RE: Dudley Beauty College

Notice of Commission Action dated 1/7/22, provides an update on the actions taken pertaining to Dudley Beauty College located at 2031 Rhode Island Avenue, N.E. Washington, DC 20018
Ref. #018049-00

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- Action and Date: Remove from Financial Monitoring (Internal Control Reporting Requirements) -Effective Date: December 22, 2021
- Action and Date: Remove from Financial Monitoring (Cash Reserves Reporting Requirements) – Effective Date: December 22, 2021

No action required by the Commission at this time.

iii. Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT)

RE: MedStar Washington Hospital Center

(Program #14585 Previous Accreditation Status: Pending Most Recent Site Visit: 10/2021)

In a letter dated 12/15/21, Julia L. Lasley, informs that during the December 14, 2021 meeting of the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT), initial accreditation was awarded to MedStar Washington Hospital Center for a period of two (2) years.

No action required by the Commission at this time.

iv. Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) Teaching and Learning (TAL)

RE: Educator Preparation Program (EPP) Notice of Rule Making

The State Superintendent of Education gives notice of the intent to take final rulemaking action to adopt these proposed rules regarding educator preparation providers.

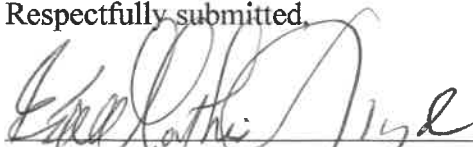
No action required by the Commission at this time.

XIII. Next Public Meeting: April 7, 2022

XIV. Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Commissioner Estell Mathis-Lloyd
Secretary