

STATE OF INDIANA
Board for Proprietary Education

Minutes of Meeting

Friday, March 8, 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 (virtual); Jean Putnam (in person); Ken Sauer, Ph.D., (in person); and Anne Shane (virtual).

Members Absent: None.

Indiana State Board of Nursing: Toni Herron (virtual).

Guests: Rasheed Ahmed (virtual); Kevin Berkopes, Ph.D. (in person); Tiffany Brack, D.B.A. (Virtual); Sandra Dafiaghor, Ph.D., (in person); Vanessa Howard, FNP-BC (in person); Kingsley Mukoro (in person); Christine Nemcik, Ph.D., (in person); Zeeshan Noor, Ph.D., (in person); Andrew Salmon (in person); and Shariq Siddiqui Ph.D., (virtual).

It was determined that there was a quorum for the March 8, 2024, Board meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 4, 2023, BOARD MEETING

R-24.03.01 **Resolved:** The Board for Proprietary Education hereby approves the Minutes of the December 4, 2023, regular meeting.
(Motion – Putnam, second – Shane, unanimously approved)

II. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ken Sauer, Ph.D., began by announcing that the legislative session was nearing conclusion during the BPE business meeting. Because of the legislative session, the focus of Commission staff had not been on the BPE rule-making process. Ken was hopeful that when the legislative session concluded, he and Ross would have the necessary approvals to move forward with the rule-making process.

The Commission Academic Affairs Unit has had several vacancies for many months. Ken announced that one position had been filled. The second position was next to start the official hiring process.

The BPE Board passed a policy in December 2017 regarding reapplying for BPE authorization following two years of no enrollment. Ross confirmed that ALR Educational Health Services had not had any enrollments in over two years. The Policy on Reapplying for Initial Institutional Authorization had therefore been invoked.

III. PROGRAM REVIEW

A. Program Review and Decision Item

1. Program Review and Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Applied Mathematics second cohort to be offered by MathTrack Institute.

Representing MathTrack Institute: Kevin Berkopes, Chief Executive Officer and Faculty; Christine Nemcik, Vice President of Academic Affairs; and Andrew Salmon, President.

Ken Sauer introduced the MathTrack Institute program review and a proposal for a second cohort of students. Ross Miller presented the staff report outlining the B.S. in Applied Mathematics, the original stipulations for a first cohort, and recommending that MathTrack Institute be approved to offer the program to a second cohort of students, with stipulations.

R-24-03.02 **Resolved:** The Board for Proprietary Education approves the following recommendation by consent, per the background information provided in this agenda item.
(Motion – Konesco, second – Bogan, unanimously approved)

III. TIME-SENSITIVE ACTION ITEM

B. Initial Institutional Authorization and Academic Degree Program

1. Initial institutional authorization of Jeremi College at Munster.

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

Ken Sauer introduced the Jeremi College institutional authorization item. Ross Miller presented the staff report recommending that Jeremi College be granted initial institutional authorization at one location.

R-24-03.03 **Resolved:** The Board for Proprietary Education approves the following recommendation by consent, per the background information provided in this agenda item.
(Motion – Putnam, second – Shane, nay-Konesco, four- approved)

2. Master of Arts (M.A.) in Humanitarian Leadership to be offered by Zakat Foundation Institute.

Representing Zakat Foundation Institute: Rasheed Ahmed, Executive Director; Zeeshan Noor, Associate Director of Academic Affairs and Accreditation; and Shariq Siddiqui, Assistant Professor of Philanthropic Studies, Director of Muslim Philanthropy

Initiative at Lilly Family School of Philanthropy Muslim Philanthropy Initiative,
Instructor for Zakat Foundation Institute.

Ken Suaer introduced the M.A. in Humanitarian Leadership program proposal. Ross
Miller presented the staff report recommending that Zakat Foundation be granted
approval to offer one Master's degree program.

R-24.03.04 **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)

- IV. **INFORMATION ITEM**
- DECISION ITEM**
- 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