



Dropout Prevention and Recovery Advisory Council

Date: December 16, 2024

Council members present: John Hagan, Adam Clark, Sheila Vitale, Bill Watson, Jennifer Schorr

Department staff in attendance: Colleen Grady, Carly Zinnecker, Lily Bartholomew, Katie Beahr

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Hagan called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. With five members present, a quorum was met.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bill Watson made a motion to approve the November meeting minutes. Adam Clark seconded the motion. November 2024 minutes were approved by a vote of 5-0.

RESOLUTIONS

Colleen Grady provided the list of resolutions previously adopted by the Council.

- Adjusting the DOPR age range to 14-24
- Additional pathways (revise OAC)
- Funding for students ages 22-24
- Fully fund online DOPR supplement (has been put into law)
- Revise online funding formula to include DPIA
- Eliminate disproportionate payment of Catastrophic Aid
- Supplemental funding for DOPR transportation

The Council previously discussed changing the name of Dropout Prevention and Recovery Schools. Chair Hagan requested the Department research other states' names for similar programs.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Colleen Grady provided the following updates:

- The At Risk of Closure list has been posted.
- The preliminary list for the Quality Community School Support Fund has been posted.
- Any schools meeting criteria that wish to change sponsor must submit the required documentation by January 15.
- The new e-school application deadline is January 15.



NEW BUSINESS

The Council discussed the issues community schools have with their local career tech planning districts. The Council also requested regular updates as resolutions are adopted and moved to the legislature. The Department will share legislative updates, preliminary information on the Executive budget, and details on the education and finance committee chair members at the next DOPR Advisory Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Bill Watson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Adam Clark seconded the motion. There were no objections offered. Chair Hagan adjourned the Council meeting at 1:37 pm.