

ARIZONA STATE BOARD FOR PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION
1400 W. WASHINGTON STREET, CONFERENCE ROOM B1
PHOENIX, AZ 85007

MAY 28, 2015 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Members present: Jason Pistillo, Chair KC Miller, Vice Chair
Craig Jacob Trish Leonard
Dr. Hank Radda Glen Tharp
David Walser

Also present: Teri Stanfill, Executive Director
Keith Blanchard, Deputy Director
KD, Manager Licensing
John Tellier, Assistant Attorney General
Frankie Eckberg, Assistant Attorney General

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pistillo called the meeting of the Arizona State Board for Private Postsecondary Education to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

A. April 23, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes: Mr. Tharp made the motion to approve the February 26, 2015 Minutes as submitted. Mr. Jacob seconded the motion and the motion carried.

B. April 23, 2015 Executive Session Minutes: No action taken, Executive Session Minutes were not submitted.

III. STUDENT TUITION RECOVERY FUND: CLAIMS FILED BY FORMER ANTHEM COLLEGE and EVEREST COLLEGE STUDENTS:

- A. Deo Chapin – Anthem College: \$660.00
- B. Debbie Davidow – Anthem College: \$20.00
- C. Sumara Espinoza – Everest College Phoenix: \$14,980.00
- D. Holly Harhart – Anthem College: \$1,119.97
- E. Matthew Morales – Anthem College: \$580.00

Mr. Blanchard introduced this Agenda item. Mr. Blanchard explained the STRF claims have been submitted by the above name students and have been filed for reimbursement of payments made to Anthem College and Everest College Phoenix.

Action: After discussion and review, Mr. Pistillo made the motion to approve each claim presented. Dr. Radda seconded the motion and the motion carried.

IV. ITT TECHNICAL INSTITUTE: Discussion and Possible Action:
Represented by Michael Rooney, attorney representing ITT

Mr. Blanchard introduced this Agenda items summarizing the Board report. Mr. Rooney summarizes his letter dated May 27, 2015 addressing all four areas of concern.

A. Complaint, Consent Agreement and Order: Breckenridge School of Nursing at ITT Technical Institute before the Arizona Board of Nursing

Mr. Rooney stated that ITT has determined to no longer admit new students and teach-out the 64 students in the Nursing program. Mr. Rooney also stated that ITT did admit to two violations of the Arizona Board of Nursing statutes and rules.

State Board members stated their concerns during the teach-out of the students: faculty retention, continued program quality, communication with students and available clinical sites. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Tellier stated he participated in the negotiation of the Board of Nursing Consent Agreement. It is his understanding the 23 students will complete in June 2015, the teach-out is expected to be two years and that no students have been enrolled since March.

Motion: Mr. Pistillo made a motion to enter into a Consent Agreement for the violation of A.R.S. § 32-3051(7) and closed the open complaint with the following stipulations:

1. Respondent shall pay the amount of \$1,000 within 10 days from the date of signing this order.
2. Respondent shall submit a teach-out plan with student options.
3. Respondent shall submit a roster of current nursing students and include time left for program completion.
4. Respondent shall submit a sample of communications that will be distributed to current students regarding the teach-out.
5. Respondent shall compile and submit a list and samples of clinic sites offered to the nursing students and submit this list.
6. Respondent shall submit a plan to show how it will retain faculty and staff during the teach-out of the remaining nursing students.
7. Failure to comply with this Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Consent Agreement and Order constitutes grounds for further disciplinary action.

Ms. Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried.

B. SEC Investigations, U.S. Department of Education actions, California Department of Veteran Affairs actions

The Board members discussed the composite score calculations.

After discussion, the State Board requested the following information:

1. Provide a copy of the 10K as soon as it is available;
2. Composite score for FY12 - which calculation was used? Explain the previous calculations
3. Provide the two composite score calculations for FY12, FY13 and FY14;
4. Provide a detailed analysis on how GAAP principals were applied in the composite score calculations;
5. Provide the State Board with copies of correspondence with U.S. Department of Education and the California Department of Veteran Affairs.

Further, it was agreed that ITT appear before the State Board at its meeting on August 27, 2015 to provide an update.

V. COAST 2 COAST BARTENDING: Discussion and Possible Actin on Operating Without a License. Rex Skaggs was not present. Mr. Blanchard delivered the Agenda and Ms. Stanfill had also emailed the Agenda.

Mr. Blanchard introduced this Agenda item. Mr. Blanchard stated the following:

The State Board received information that Bartending Coast 2 Coast (C2C) was operating in Arizona at 2200 N. Scottsdale Rd, Unit K in Scottsdale. Mr. Blanchard went to the C2C location and spoke to a "Jack", later identified as Rex Skaggs. Mr. Skaggs was prior owner/director of a previously licensed school, Bartending & Casino College at 5028 S. Ash Avenue, Suite 104 in Tempe. The school was sold in December 2013 and the name change to NeoSyn Bartending Academy. Mr. Blanchard explained that he provided "Jack" with the General Information Packet and that the school was operating without a license and needed to submit the Letter of Intent and cease operation until appropriate licensure was approved. Mr. Blanchard stated that subsequent information from two students was received that C2C continued to operate and a Cease & Desist Order was issued on April 17, 2015.

Mr. Tharp asked if C2C was still operating. Mr. Blanchard stated he conducted another site visit last week and it appears to have vacated the facility. Mr. Blanchard explained that at least two students paid tuition and the State Board is unable to provide restitution to these students.

Mr. Tellier provided the Board with potential actions available and that operating without a license is a misdemeanor.

Motion: Mr. Walser made the motion to direct the Attorney General's office to take the following actions:

1. Serve an injunction against Bartending Coast to Coast;
2. Refer the matter to the appropriate County Attorney to pursue criminal prosecution.

Mr. Tharp seconded the motion and the motion carried.

VI. Supplemental License Application for a Change of Ownership/Control:

A. Advanced Coding Services. Represented by Beth Schleeper, new owner and Dorie Newton, previous owner.

Ms. Stanfill introduced this Agenda item. Mr. Walser was lead.

Ms. Schleeper responded to Mr. Walser's questions regarding her education, the "asset purchase agreement" vs. the purchase of the entity and financial statements. Mr. Walser noted the ownership as stated on page 25 of the Catalog needs to be revised.

Motion: Mr. Walser made the motion to approve the Supplemental License Application for the Change of Ownership with the stipulation that the \$15,000 Surety Bond be maintained. Mr. Pistillo seconded the motion and the motion carried. Ms. Schleeper agreed to the stipulation.

B. EDMC: 11 Arizona campus locations. Represented by Mitch Gilbert, Compliance and Devitt Cramer, General Counsel, by phone.

Ms. Stanfill introduced this Agenda item summarizing the Report to the Board and the two steps of the restructuring. Mr. Walser was lead.

Mr. Gilbert stated that ACICS has approved the Change of Ownership and all applicable states; Arizona is the final state waiting approval.

Mr. Walser asked about the various law suits of the parent company and noted that three were Arizona students. Mr. Walser asked what steps were taken to resolve the matters of the Arizona students.

Mr. Gilbert explained the student grievance procedure and was not aware of the specifics regarding the Arizona students and agreed to provide further information.

Mr. Walser asked about the potential financial impact of all of the lawsuits. Mr. Kramer responded and stated that each individual case would need to be reviewed to determine the potential impact, but emphasizes the number of students enrolled and the number of employees of all of the institutions.

Mr. Kramer stated the auditors are completing an opening day balance sheet that will provide an unqualified opinion regarding potential liabilities of litigation matters.

Mr. Walser stated that EDMC, as a publicly traded company, "de-listed" the company and requested an explanation. Mr. Kramer responded and stated it was related to part of the debt restructuring process. Mr. Kramer explained that prior to the transaction, the public stockholders of the outstanding common stock owned 100%, but after the transaction, only 4% of the outstanding stock. This resulted in a substantial delusion of the outstanding public stock, and resulted in a no longer viable market. The new equity holders, who were the prior debt holders, did not believe it necessary to continue with the requirements of the SEC and NASDAQ with such a small outstanding stock market.

Mr. Pistillo stated he was reviewing the summary of the P&L for the 6/30/2014 and 12/31/2014 of the Arizona institutions and asked if things have improved or is profitability seasonal.

Mr. Kramer responded that the first quarter is usually the weakest due to vacations and that the second quarter is usually the strongest.

Mr. Pistillo asked what are the projections for the Arizona institutions as of June 2015. Mr. Kramer stated he did not have the financial projections as this time.

Mr. Walser asked about the debt expense of the new debt of the re-structuring. Mr. Kramer stated interest expense; cash will not be paid for two years on the two new term loans, "payment in kind".

Mr. Pistillo stated that based upon the 2014 financials, if interest expense is removed, the institutions still are not profitable and asked what is the plan for profitability; the restructuring alone will not improve profitability.

Mr. Kramer stated he did not have the plan to improve financial stability. He did state some of the Art Institutes are closing (none are in Arizona), which represents a large percentage of revenue. Mr. Pistillo asked the basis for the determination of the closures, financial performance or the pending gainful employment regulations. Mr. Kramer responded it was based upon the financial performance of the institutions.

Mr. Pistillo expressed his concern that the Arizona institutions could be closed based upon financial performance in the future closure and that bonding may be required.

Mr. Walser stated the restructure will make the parent company stronger, but the financial operations of the institutions will not change if interest expenses is removed, the institutions are still not profitable.

Mr. Walser stated it is his position a Surety Bond is required to protect the Arizona students in the amount of \$7,000,000.00. Board members concurred.

Mr. Walser asked Mr. Kramer if the company would agree if this were the motion. Mr. Kramer asked how the amount was calculated. Mr. Walser explained that Staff had done a calculation for each Arizona institution based upon gross tuition revenue provided by EDMC, as of 6/30/2014.

Mr. Kramer stated they were not prepared to discuss the financial results of the institutions for this year. Mr. Kramer asked if the Board, as an alternative, consider the amount of the Surety Bond at a later meeting with updated financial information for the institutions post restructuring.

Mr. Pistillo stated an alternative would be to approve the COO, using the standard calculation and when more updated information is available, it could be adjusted.

Mr. Walser stated the amount can be reviewed at each renewal to reduce or remove, but it is important to protect the Arizona students. Ms. Stanfill stated each institution renews separately at different cycles.

Motion: Mr. Walser made the motion to approve the Supplemental License Application for the Change of Ownership for the 11 Arizona locations with the stipulation that each institution will individually post a Surety bond not to exceed \$7,000,000.00, based on the standard calculation. Mr. Pistillo seconded the motion. The Bonds are to be received within 60 days. The motion carried.

Meeting recessed at 11:34 a.m.

Meeting reconvenes at 11:44 a.m.

B. Conditional to Regular Vocational Program License Renewal: Symbolix Training, LLC
Represented by Dr. Carolin Leong

Ms. Stanfill introduced this Agenda item and explained At the February 27, 2014 Board meeting, the State Board approved the Conditional Vocational Program License for Symbolix Training with the stipulation that the \$15,000 Surety Bond be maintained.

In October 1, 2012, AHCCCS established new training and testing requirements for students to become DCW's. AHCCCS mandated that all agencies working with Medicaid, Arizona Long Term Care System

(ALTCS) provide this training to clients and individuals supported by the Department of Economic Security, Division of Developmental Disabilities (DES/DDD).

It was Symbolix' s intent to offer this training to the general public, requiring licensure by this Board. However, in October 2014, AHCCCS changed their policy requiring that companies are no longer allowed to use the independent contractor model and that all caregivers are to be employees. This policy is currently being challenged. Please refer to Dr. Leong's letter attached. Symbolix has not had any students since licensure.

At the April 23, 2015 meeting, the State Board considered the application and determined to defer action and requested the following revisions/corrections:

1. The pending policy change with AHCCCS and its effect on Symbolix;
2. Clearly explain and disclose that the DCW cannot be employed at an Assisted Care Living facility;
3. Clarify that the student may choose between the three courses based upon the requirements of AHCCS at the client.

Dr. Leong has submitted a new Enrollment Agreement and Catalog for your review and reconsideration. Dr. Leong also provided a letter this morning that the ACHCCCS policy has been changed,

Dr. Leong stated that the ACHCCCS policy had been changed to allow the independent contractor model and that the work group is now developing standards and not debating the business model. This change will now allow Symbolix to offer the program.

Ms. Leonard was lead and asked if this would allow the student to work at an assisted living facility. Dr. Leong stated it does not, the Direct Caregiver cannot work at an assisted living facility.

The revisions submitted by Dr. Leong were discussed. Ms. Leonard requested the hours be more clearly stated for each course in the Enrollment Agreement and Catalog.

Motion: Ms. Leonard made the motion to approve the Conditional to Regular License Renewal with the stipulations that the \$15,000 Surety Bond be maintained and make the required revisions to the Enrollment Agreement and Catalog. Ms. Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried.

C. Conditional to Regular License Renewal and Supplemental License Application for a Change of Ownership: Images Enterprises, LLC. Represented by Jacqueline Berry-Fisher and Kevin Collins, by phone.

Ms. Stanfill introduced this Agenda item. Ms. Leonard was lead. Ms. Leonard had several questions regarding the Catalog. There was significant discussion on the permanent makeup program.

After further discussion, the following deficiencies in the Catalog were noted:

1. Correct several typographical errors;
2. Program description – explain in more detail the award of CEUs in addition to the certificate of completion on the PM program. Do the CEU's vary by State? Must be explained
3. Occupational objective state "Graduates will be able to continue education in the field of Permanent Cosmetics". The verbiage "able to continue" is confusing as the PM courses are intended for entry level?
4. Leave of absence policy: revised to state # of days allowed for the leave of absence;

5. Satisfactory academic progress policy needs revision;
6. Contact info for customer services should be clearly stated and identified;
7. Student contact: states a student may be placed on probation. Probationary status must be defined;
8. Grievance procedure: clarify the days are "business" days;
9. Disaster process needs to be revised;
10. The statement "Classes may require class supplies" – the supplies the student is required to have for the program must be disclosed.

The diverse program offerings were briefly discussed. Ms. Fisher explained that the new owner, Mr. Collins, will be implementing the truck driving program, which is under ADOT's jurisdiction.

Motion: Ms. Leonard made the motion to approve the Conditional to Regular License Renewal and the Supplemental License Application for a Change of Ownership with the stipulation that the \$15,000 Surety Bond be maintained and the required revisions to the Catalog are made. Dr. Radda seconded the motion and the motion carried.

D. Regular Degree-Granting License Renewal: Arizona School of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine. Represented by Jon and Stephanie Hu, owners, Adrian Hall, attorney, and Alex Holland, President, by phone.

Ms. Stanfill introduced this Agenda item stating at the February 28, 2015 meeting, the State Board approved the Supplemental License Application for a Change of Ownership, but requested the 2015 License Renewal be reviewed by the State Board. John and Stephanie Hu purchased ASAOM from Dr. David Epley, the founder of ASAOM.

Since the last meeting, Ms. Stanfill stated that ACAOM placed ASAOM on probation, an audit citing several deficiencies and that USDE has denied the Change of Ownership application for Title IV.

Mr. Pistillo, lead, asked for an update. Mr. Holland stated he believed that ASAOM would be able to sufficiently address the ACAOM concerns by the November 2015 visit.

Mr. Pistillo stated that one of the reasons the State Board granted "probationary" approval of the Change of Ownership was the administration of the Title 4 programs, and now the Department has denied the application for Title 4.

Mr. Hall responds and explains one of the reasons for the denial was the Department was waiting on the approval from the State Board, which had not been done since the bond had not been received. The second requirement is two years of audited financial statements for the owner or a letter of credit. Mr. Hall stated that Mr. Hu has opened an account and they are currently waiting to hear from the Department the amount of the letter of credit, which is expected to be \$186,000.00.

Mr. Pistillo asked if the school is still in escrow. Mr. Hall stated it is not, the transaction closed on April 1, 2015.

Mr. Walser asked why the 2014 audit was a "qualified" opinion, citing the statement made by the CPA. Mr. Walser asked what steps have been taken to correct the problem. Ms. Hu explained the previous bookkeeper was not qualified and has hired someone who is qualified.

Ms. Leonard questioned the clock hours vs. credit hours for Title IV purposes. Mr. Holland responded they have hired a consultant to help them address this issue.

Ms. Leonard noted there appears to be a combined position of the registrar and financial aid and that is not acceptable to the Department. Ms. Leonard also noted that several policies will not comply with Title IV regulations (refund periods, order of refunds made).

Mr. Pistillo expresses his concern with administrative capability. Mr. Holland responds and acknowledges that changes need to occur quickly and believes they are moving forward. Mr. Holland stated it is his goal to have cohesive schools and focus on education and communication.

Mr. Tharp and Mr. Pistillo both express their continued concerns with administrative capability. Discussion ensued.

Motion: Mr. Pistillo made to grant Probationary approval of the 2015 Regular Degree-Granting and Regular Vocational Program License Renewal applications with the following stipulations based on the State Board's concern regarding ASAOM's administrative capability:

1. Maintain the \$20,000 Surety Bond and \$36,300 Cash Deposit;
2. Appear before the State Board at the August 27, 2015 meeting to provide an update.
3. Provide the State Board, at the same time as submitted, a copy of ALL communications and reports with the Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine ("ACAOM") and the United States Department of Education.

Mr. Tharp seconded the motion and the motion carried. Mr. Hall agreed to the stipulations.

E. Conditional Vocational Program License Applications:

1. **Computer Learning Center.** No one was present.

Ms. Stanfill introduced this Agenda item and stated that at the April 23, 2015 meeting, the State Board postponed action on the Conditional Vocational Program License Application and at a minimum, requested the following:

1. The Website is to be revised to correctly reflect the programs offered;
2. All consumer information materials are to be updated and to reflect correct information;
3. Admission requirements – explain how CLC will assess 7th grade and basic computer skills;
4. December 2014 CPA prepared financial statements are required, prepared according to GAAP to include a Statement of Cash Flows and Disclosures/footnotes;
5. The Catalog is to be updated and revised to reflect the current programs and revised as necessary.

Ms. Stanfill stated all prior materials were provided. Mr. Tharp is lead. Mr. David was not present and had been notified by email of the meeting.

Mr. Pistillo stated he continued to have concerns with the revised advertising submitted. Mr. Tharp questioned the offering of the AIMS test to determine admissions.

Motion: Mr. Tharp made a motion to defer action on the Conditional Vocational Program License Application. Ms. Leonard seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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2. Lotus Bloom. Represented by Cheryl Walters

Ms. Stanfill introduced this Agenda item. Ms. Miller was lead.

Ms. Walters gave an opening statement. Ms. Walters stated the teacher training program will improve the financial position of the yoga studio.

Ms. Miller made the following suggestions: the dress code should be more specific in terms of acceptable clothing and unacceptable clothing and the charge for make-up hours should specify the cost per hour.

Motion: Ms. Miller made the motion to approve the Conditional Vocational Program License application with the stipulation that the \$15,000 Surety Bond be maintained. Ms. Leonard seconded the motion and the motion carried. Ms. Walters agreed to the stipulation.

3. Southwest Institute for Montessori Studies. Represented by Ann Velasco.

Ms. Stanfill introduced this Agenda item. Ms. Leonard was lead.

Ms. Leonard requested clarification on the operating of the program prior to licensure. Ms. Velasco explained the confusion between the "exemption" that had been provided to SIMS many years and the proposed program with Loyola. Mr. Blanchard provided further explanation. There was significant discussion regarding the current operations and licensing requirements.

Ms. Leonard raised the following questions and concerns: Prior operation without a license/relationship with Loyola University; 20 hours of Continuing Education workshop; clarification of exceptions for admissions without a bachelor's degree; and AMI (certification, exams, diploma). Ms. Velasco responded to the concerns raised.

Motion: Ms. Leonard made the motion to approve the Conditional Vocational Program License with the stipulation that the \$15,000 Surety Bond be maintained. Mr. Walser seconded the motion and the motion carried. Ms. Velasco agreed to the stipulations.

1:30 P.M. George David entered the meeting and requested to be heard. Mr. David was informed that the State Board had already discussed and considered this matter and that it would not be reheard today.

4. Tower Safety Instruction. Represented by Kathy Brand.

Ms. Stanfill introduced this Agenda item. Mr. Tharp was lead.

Ms. Brand gave an opening statement explaining this unique program. Mr. Tharp had several questions and noted revisions that were required. Ms. Brand stated she is only teaching business to business at this time.

Motion: Mr. Tharp made a motion to approve the Conditional Vocational Program License with the stipulations that the \$15,000 Surety Bond be maintained and the following revisions were required:

1. Certificate of Liability Insurance must identify the State Board as certificate holder;

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2. Grievance Procedure must include time frames for each step;
3. Graduation requirements: specify either 90% or 95% required;
4. Payment schedules revised and delete "no fees for enrollment"
5. Explain that job requirements may need to climb to heights above 20' up to 500'
6. Attendance requirements clarified that must be 18 years of age.
7. Revise the Enrollment Agreement and Catalog as required.

Dr. Radda seconded the motion and the motion carried. Ms. Brand agreed to the stipulations.

4. YogaOasis. Represented by Joanne Miller

Ms. Stanfill introduced this Agenda item. Ms. Miller was lead.

Ms. Miller made an opening statement, explaining that the yoga studio has operated for 15 years, has 3 locations and is owned by Darren Rhodes.

Ms. Miller commended the school Catalog, one correction was noted. Mr. Walser suggested the owner's salaries are clearly stated in the financial statements.

Motion: Ms. Miller made the motion to approve the Conditional Vocational Program License Application with the following stipulations:

1. Maintain the \$15,000 Surety Bond;
2. Catalog, page 3, change the word "registered" to "licensed".

Mr. Pistillo seconded the motion and the motion carried. Ms. Miller agreed to the stipulations.

2:30 P.M. Mr. Pistillo and Mr. Jacob left the meeting.

4. YogaMaze. Represented by Tracy Silver Maze and Erin Widman

Ms. Stanfill introduced this Agenda item. Ms. Miller was lead.

Ms. Maze made an opening statement and explained that YogaMaze is offering the Yoga Teacher Training programs in California and would like to offer the program through The Yoga Experience in Flagstaff, owned by Erin Widman.

Ms. Miller had several questions noted several deficiencies in the application. Ms. Silver responded to the many questions of the Board members. Mr. Walser had several questions on the Cash Flow Statement and asked for an explanation why the significant reduction in cash. Ms. Silver responded that some buildings were purchased, the business model was changed and that they are investing heavily in this new model.

Motion: Ms. Miller made the motion to approve the Conditional Vocational Program License with the stipulations that the \$15,000 Surety Bond be maintained and the following revisions be made:

1. Student grievance procedure be revised;
2. Substantial revisions and formatting to the Enrollment Agreement;
3. Substantial revisions and formatting to the Catalog;
4. Add a section governing student conduct;
5. Add a make-up policy;
6. Clearly explain how the program is offered and by whom;

7. Admission requirements clarified.

Mr. Tharp seconded the motion and the motion carried. Ms. Miller agreed to assist in the subsequent review of the application. Ms. Maze agreed to the stipulation.

VII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC. No one came forward.

VIII. BOARD BUSINESS: EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS' REPORT

B. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE PROPOSED LEGISLATION REGARDING STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS FOR POTENTIALLY "AVOCATIONAL" PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS.

Ms. Stanfill stated that Evan Bolick represents Yoga Alliance and wishes to address the State Board regarding the Yoga Teacher Training programs.

Mr. Bolick addressed the State Board and explained that it is Yoga Alliance's intent to seek legislation to exempt the Yoga Teacher Training programs from licensure. Mr. Bolick stated it is Yoga Alliance's belief that licensure is a barrier to small business, which is also a goal of the Governor.

Mr. Bolick provided his comments to the PowerPoint presentation to support the proposed exemption. Mr. Bolick stated it is a national trend to exempt the yoga teacher training programs (of the 20 states, 10 require licensure, 11 exempt). Mr. Bolick stated that Yoga Alliance started a petition on change.org and has received over 250 in support of the initiative to exempt the programs from licensure. Mr. Bolick also stated that it was their intent to seek the State Board's support, or at least, to inform the State Board of Yoga Alliance's intent.

After the conclusion of Mr. Bolick's presentation, the Board members discussed the potential negative effect to the public if the yoga teacher training programs were exempt. The Board members cited their serious concerns and their disagreements with many of the arguments cited. The State Board also took exception with the statement that licensure is intended to prohibit small businesses.

Ms. Miller made an impassioned speech that this action will negatively affect and hurt the yoga community....hurting thousands of years of tradition.

The State Board determined not to take an official position, as the Board, but reiterated their concern of its effect on consumer protection.

Avocational programs: Ms. Stanfill requested the Board's determination that the programs "Business Planning Course" and the other courses listed on the flyer, do not meet the definition of a vocational program. Ms. Stanfill explained the issues of these types of programs and the WIA requirements.

A. Executive Directors Report

Ms. Stanfill briefly summarized the current status of Anthem and Everest records and explained the current financial position of STRF. Mr. Pistillo's concerns with SARA will be discussed at a later meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

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The Minutes of the May 28, 2015 meeting were approved at the August 27, 2015 meeting.



Teri Stanfill, Executive Director