§ 5010. Advisory council. 1. An advisory council for licensed private career schools is hereby created for the purpose of advising the board of regents and the commissioner as provided herein. The council shall be composed of eleven members appointed by the governor, two of whom shall be upon the recommendation of the temporary president of the senate, two of whom shall be upon the recommendation of the speaker of the assembly, one of whom shall be upon the recommendation of the minority leader of the senate and one of whom shall be upon the recommendation of the minority leader of the assembly. Of the five remaining members, one shall be an owner or director of a school regulated pursuant to this article, and one shall be a student advocate. The governor shall designate a chairperson from such members. The commissioner, the president of the higher education services corporation, the secretary of state, the comptroller, the director of the division of the budget, and the executive director of the job training partnership council, or their designees, shall serve as ex-officio, non-voting members of the council.

2. The council shall meet no less than four times a year. Members of the council shall receive no compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses actually and necessarily incurred by them in the performance of their duties. Council member terms of office shall be limited to three years, provided that members may be reappointed. All appointments to the council to fill vacancies in existence on the effective date of the chapter of the laws of two thousand twelve which amended this subdivision shall be made within ninety days of such effective date.

3. The council shall advise the commissioner on such matters as the council determines are appropriate.