

BOARD OF REGENTS

March 21, 2018

Note: Earlier in the morning, Chair Robert Levy reminded the members of the Board that a new commissioner will be appointed next month. Additionally, he said, the Board will likely launch an initiative later this year to revise the Higher Education Master Plan. Chair Levy said in order to keep the larger higher education framework and major goals/tasks in mind, he is requesting that each Committee give a high-level overview of its areas each month at meetings for the benefit of the Board members.

The Board of Regents met in session at 12:05 p.m., Wednesday, March 21, 2018, in the Louisiana Purchase Room 1-100, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Robert Levy called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Executive Assistant Carolyn Blanchard called the roll, and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Robert Levy, Chair
Marty Chabert, Vice Chair
Claudia Adley
Blake David
Randy Ewing
Thomas Henning
Edward Markle
Charles McDonald
Darren Mire
Jay Seale III
Adarian Williams
Jacqueline Wyatt

Absent from the meeting were:

Collis Temple III, Secretary
Richard Lipsey
Sonia Pérez
Wilbert Pryor

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Levy noted that no written requests were received for public comments and asked whether the audience had any comments at the time. There were none.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 21, 2018

**On motion of Regent McDonald, seconded by Regent Markle, the Board voted
unanimously to approve the minutes of February 21, 2018.**

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chair Levy reviewed the slide regarding "Elevate Louisiana! Educate and Innovate." Chair Levy continued by stating reasons why higher education matters. He said that graduates with bachelor's degrees pay more taxes and receive fewer dollars in unemployment benefits, Medicaid, etc. On average, college graduates are more active participants in democracy, participate in community activities and are less likely to be involved in criminal activities.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Chair Levy inquired if any member of the Board wanted to take up any of the committee reports separately before a motion was made to accept all reports. There were no requests.

On motion of Regent Henning, seconded by Regent Adley, the Board voted unanimously to approve all Committee recommendations from the March 21, 2018 Committee meetings.

SEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARCH 1, 2018

UPDATE BY CHAIR ON THE SEARCH FOR A NEW COMMISSONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Request that the AGB Search firm contact those cut from further consideration based on their lack of necessary qualifications and contact the remaining individuals to obtain additional information.

SEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARCH 15, 2018

UPDATE BY CHAIR ON THE SEARCH FOR A NEW COMMISSONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Approve the four individuals (Robert Donley from Florida; Kim Hunter Reed from Colorado; Cathy Sandeen from Wisconsin; and Paul Turman from South Dakota) as finalists for the position of Commissioner of Higher Education. It was further moved to authorize staff to release information about their backgrounds, experience, and qualifications.

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

A. Letters of Intent

Approve the Letter of Intent to develop a proposal for a M.S. in Computer Information Systems at Northwestern State University.

ACADEMIC PROPOSALS

B. Proposed New Academic Programs

Approve the following new proposed academic programs with progress reports due by December 20, 2019.

- 1. A.S. in Industrial Electrical Technology (CIP 46.0302) at SOWELA Technical Community College**
- 2. A.A.S. in Information Technology (CIP 11.0901) and A.S. in Computer Science (CIP 11.0701) at Louisiana Delta Community College.**

Approve the following new proposed academic programs with progress reports due by December 20, 2019.

- 1. B.S. in Public Health (CIP 51.2201) at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans**
- 2. Post Baccalaureate Certificate (CIP 09.0999) in Strategic Corporate Communication at McNeese State University**

Approve the following new proposed academic program with progress report due by July 1, 2021.

- 3. Ph.D. in Energy and Earth Sciences (CIP 40.0699) at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.**

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:

A. Previously Approved Centers and Institutes

- 1. Reauthorization of the NIMSAT Institute at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette**
- 2. Suspension of the LA Vaccine Center at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans**

B. Routine Staff Reports

- 1. Staff Approvals**
- 2. Progress Reports for Conditionally Approved Programs/Units**
- 3. Letters of Intent/Proposals in the Queue**

FINANCE COMMITTEE

REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE FY 2018-2019 PRELIMINARY FUNDING

Approve the FY 2018-2019 Preliminary Funding Recommendation.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

2018 REGULAR SESSION UPDATE

- A. Bills Directly Impacting Board of Regents and Higher Education
- B. Bills Being Monitored

This report was for informational purposes only.

STATEWIDE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the Consent Agenda items as noted below:

- A. **Publication of Final Rule – Add Korean as a Foreign Language Equivalent**
- B. **Approval of Exceptions**

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the University of New Orleans' request to appoint Dr. Elyria Kemp to the Edward G. Schlieder Endowed Chair for Higher Education and Health Initiatives without a national search.

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:

- A. **R.S. 17:1808 (Licensure)**
 - 1. **License Renewals**
 - a. **Art Institute of Pittsburgh**
 - b. **National University System**
 - c. **Relay Graduate School of Education**
 - d. **San Joaquin Valley College**
 - e. **Virginia College**
- B. **State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) Institutional Renewals**
 - 1. **Louisiana State University at Alexandria**
 - 2. **Nations University**

C. Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission

1. Initial Licenses

- a. Pilut Healthcare Training Institute**
- b. Precision Development Center**

2. AOS Application

- a. Academy of Interactive Entertainment**

3. License Renewals

- a. Baton Rouge School of Court Reporting (01/26/06)**
- b. Becker Professional Education Online (formerly Becker Professional Education— Ruston) (01/09/17)**
- c. Beso Beauty, LLC (01/09/17)**
- d. Blue Cliff College—Lafayette (01/27/00)**
- e. Coastal College—Hammond (02/23/89)**
- f. Dryades YMCA School of Commerce (02/27/97)**
- g. Feliciano Medical Training Academy (02/23/15)**
- h. Gonzales Medical Assistant School (01/09/17)**
- i. Griff's Marine Training, Inc. (01/27/10)**
- j. ITI Technical College (01/27/00)**
- k. Louisiana Dental Assistant School, LLC (01/27/05)**
- l. Louisiana Healthcare Institute (02/22/16)**
- m. Moore Career College, Inc. (01/27/10)**
- n. Peach Tree School of Dental Assisting (01/09/17)**
- o. Rosemond School of Phlebotomy (02/22/16)**
- p. Rosepine Louisiana Medical Training, LLC (02/22/16)**
- q. Southwest Dental Academy, LLC (01/25/12)**
- r. Tulsa Welding School—Jacksonville Campus (01/27/10)**

STATE AUTHORIZATION RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT (SARA)

Approve the initial Applications for Institutional Participation in SARA for Southern University A&M and Southwest University and authorize staff to submit the approved applications to NC-SARA for final approval of SARA membership.

OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Louisiana Online** (informational purposes only)

SEARCH COMMITTEE

UPDATE ON THE SEARCH PROCESS

Chair Levy noted there were four finalists for the position of Commissioner of Higher Education, but as of Tuesday night, Dr. Cathy Sandeen, Chancellor, University of Wisconsin Colleges and University of Wisconsin-Extension, withdrew her name from consideration. The three remaining finalists are:

- **Robert Donley, Ed.D.** (Northeastern University, MA)
 - Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, Board of Regents Iowa (5/2008-8/2017)
- **Kim Hunter Reed, Ph.D.** (Southern University and A&M College, LA)
 - Executive Director, Colorado Department of Higher Education
- **Paul D. Turman, Ph.D.** (University of Nebraska-Lincoln, NE)
 - System Vice President for Academic Affairs, South Dakota Board of Regents

Chair Levy said the remaining finalists will be interviewed by external stakeholders on April 16 and 17, 2018 with a full Board meeting on April 18, 2018 to select a Commissioner.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Commissioner of Higher Education Joseph C. Rallo spoke regarding the recently concluded Special Session. He said he would have more updates as the Regular Session progresses.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Levy said the next regularly scheduled Board of Regents' meeting is Wednesday, April 18, 2018.

Student Member Adarian Williams acknowledged that Ms. Nikki Godfrey recently completed her Ph.D. program at Louisiana State University and A&M College.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.