

MINUTES  
BOARD OF REGENTS

April 26, 2023

The Board of Regents met at 12:54 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Collis Temple III called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Doreen Brasseaux called the roll, and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Collis Temple III, Chair  
Gary Solomon, Jr., Vice Chair  
Robert Levy, Secretary  
David Aubrey  
Christian Creed  
Randy Ewing  
Catarena Lobré, Student Member  
Darren Mire  
Wilbert Pryor  
T. Jay Seale III  
Terrie Sterling  
Judy Williams-Brown

Mgt. Board representatives present were:

Alterman “Chip” Jackson, LCTC System\*  
Dr. Leon Tarver, SU System\*  
Mary Werner, LSU System\*  
Lola Donahue, UL System\*

Absent from the meeting were:

Blake David  
Stephanie Finley  
Phillip May, Jr.  
Felix Weill

Appendix A  
Guest List

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Temple asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

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\* Present for Committees, absent for BoR Meeting

## APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 22, 2023 MEETING

**On motion of Regent Mire, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2023 meeting.**

### CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Chair Temple made the following comments:

- He acknowledged the successful HBCU Day, which was held at the Capitol, and noted that he, Regent Aubrey and Regent Lobré had the opportunity to experience this event. HBCU Day started with the Advisory Council followed by a presentation on the House and Senate floors. He thanked Rep. Hughes and Sen. Boudreaux for the work that they did in recognizing the HBCUs. The day ended with a reception at the Capitol Park Museum, where the first phase of the Capitol Park HBCU exhibit was unveiled. He acknowledged Brianna Golden, Policy Advisor for Strategic Planning and Student Success, and the Regents team for their work on HBCU Day.
- He noted a mention of the Board of Regents' work regarding the Meauxmentum Summit in the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation newsletter. The newsletter also referenced the work of the Board in discussion of the ten lessons learned when achieving equitable postsecondary outcomes at scale.
- He acknowledged Regent David Aubrey, who was recently named the President of AT&T Louisiana.
- He noted his sadness in having to say farewell to Student Board Member Catarena Lobré, as her term will end in June 2023 and she will graduate in the upcoming Fall. He gave her an opportunity to address the Board:
  - She thanked the Board Members, Commissioner Reed and the staff for her time at Regents. She acknowledged the great experiences she had and knowledge she gained during her time on the Board. She expressed her excitement to start at LSU in the fall.

### MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Dr. Tristan Denley gave a Year Three update regarding the Master Plan and the Pathway to 2030. He provided an overview of the Master Plan goals, including 60% attainment for the working age population and doubling the number of annual completers. He reviewed the current completers trend, citing the number of additional completers needed to reach the goal, and summarized the strategy to achieve this growth and increase college going, improve college success and count all credentials of value. He noted the decline in births in Louisiana over the past 20 years along with a chart that paints a promising future in which, based on population projections, there will be a slight increase in enrollment in Louisiana public universities and colleges in the coming years. He noted that this projected trend of enrollment is considered the base line and that enrollment is looking to increase, not decrease. Dr. Denley further mentioned the importance of recognizing all credentials of value from public institutions, private

institutions, proprietary schools and academic degree-granting institutions. He provided data capturing all completers in the Academic Year 2021-2022 for public institutions, private institutions, public institutions (non-credit), proprietary institutions and academic degree-granting schools. He also shared a chart that illuminated progress toward the 2030 goal and showed projections from LBOR as well as the Lumina Foundation.

#### REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Chair Temple 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 Mire, seconded by Regent Williams-Brown, the Board voted unanimously to approve all Committee recommendations from the April 26, 2023 Committee meetings.**

#### **FACILITIES AND PROPERTY**

Mr. Chris Herring, Associate Commissioner for Facilities Planning and Emergency Management, reported on the Consent Agenda, containing small capital projects approved by staff since the previous meeting:

#### CONSENT AGENDA: SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS

**Approved the items on the Consent Agenda as presented.**

1. **LSU A&M: Alex Box Repairs and Waterproofing, Baton Rouge, LA** – Louisiana State University and A&M College, Auxiliary Revenues \$220,000
2. **LSU A&M: Athletic Administration Building Second Floor Renovation, Baton Rouge, LA** – Louisiana State University and A&M College, Auxiliary Revenues \$247,000
3. **LSU A&M: Chemical Engineering Building Carbon Dioxide/Water Electrolysis Laboratory Renovation, Baton Rouge, LA** – Louisiana State University and A&M College, U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Grant \$862,400
4. **LSU A&M: Mobility Implementation Phase I Union Hub, Baton Rouge, LA** - Louisiana State University and A&M College, Auxiliary Revenues \$475,000

5. **LSU A&M: Nicholson Hall Fourth Floor Renovations, Baton Rouge, LA** - Louisiana State University and A&M College, Operational Funds \$207,000
6. **LSU A&M: Pleasant Hall Second Floor Renovations for Parking and Transportation Services, Baton Rouge, LA** - Louisiana State University and A&M College, Auxiliary Revenues \$576,000
7. **LSU A&M: Tiger Stadium North Stadium Sanitary Sewer Replacement, Baton Rouge, LA** - Louisiana State University and A&M College, Auxiliary Revenues \$250,000
8. **LSU A&M: University High Boiler Replacement, Baton Rouge, LA** - Louisiana State University and A&M College, U.S. Department of Education Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund Grant \$500,000
9. **LSU A&M: University High Multi-Room Flooring Replacement, Baton Rouge, LA** - Louisiana State University and A&M College, U.S. Department of Education Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund Grant \$176,000
10. **LSU A&M: University Recreation Challenge Course (Budget Increase), Baton Rouge, LA** - Louisiana State University and A&M College, Auxiliary Revenues \$449,500
11. **LSU HSCNO: Dental Clinics Health Services and Resources Administration Grant Space, New Orleans, LA** - Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center New Orleans, Operational Funds \$879,200
12. **LSU HSCNO: Lions Eye Center Second Through Fourth Floor Restroom Renovation, New Orleans, LA** - Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center New Orleans, Operational Funds \$423,000
13. **LSU-S: Science Building Annex (Budget Increase), Shreveport, LA** - Louisiana State University - Shreveport, Operational Funds \$970,000
14. **Nunez: Building B Repairs, Chalmette, LA** - Nunez Community College, Operational Funds \$326,000
15. **NWLTC-Shreveport: Building A Storefront Window Replacement, Shreveport, LA** - Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College, CARES Act Funding \$208,067
16. **NWLTC-Shreveport: Building F HVAC Replacement, Shreveport, LA** - Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College, CARES Act Funding \$192,817
17. **NWLTC-Shreveport: Campus Restroom Renovations, Shreveport, LA** - Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College, CARES Act Funding \$450,000
18. **NWLTC-Shreveport: Water Source Heat Pump Replacements, Shreveport, LA** - Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College, CARES Act Funding \$239,828

HOUSE BILL 2 UPDATE

Mr. Herring provided the Board with an update on the capital outlay bill (HB 2) which was introduced by the Louisiana House of Representatives on April 19, 2023. The bill has yet to begin moving through the committee process but is expected to do so during the week of May 1, 2023. Mr. Herring highlighted the number of projects by system receiving Priority 1 and 2 appropriations and noted there was \$35M provided for deferred maintenance. The Board will be informed of the bill's status as it moves through the legislative process.

#### GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY UPDATE

Mr. Herring began his presentation by providing the Committee with information on the upcoming discussion. Regent Levy then requested action to take the Facilities and Property Committee into executive session to discuss the Grambling State University project. A motion was made by Regent Creed, seconded by Regent Sterling, to enter into executive session. A roll call vote was taken to enter into executive session.

#### Committee members voting to enter executive session:

Robert Levy, Chair  
Christian Creed  
Randy Ewing  
Darrin Mire  
Wilbert Pryor  
Catarena Lobré  
Mary Werner, LSU Representative  
Lola Dunahoe, ULS Representative  
Alterman "Chip" Jackson, LCTCS Representative

Upon the conclusion of the executive session Regent Creed made a motion, seconded by Regent Mire, to return from executive session.

#### Committee members voting to return from executive session:

Robert Levy, Chair  
Christian Creed  
Randy Ewing  
Darrin Mire  
Wilbert Pryor  
Catarena Lobré  
Mary Werner, LSU Representative  
Lola Dunahoe, ULS Representative

## LEGISLATIVE

### 2023 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ms. Uma Subramanian presented the Committee with an overview of Regents’ priority bills and other bills involving higher education along with their current status in the legislative process. She included the following bills:

- **Governor’s Military and Veteran Friendly (GMVF) Campus:** HB 72 by Rep. Brass/Sen. Foil authorizes the BoR to establish the GMVF designation to recognize higher levels of excellence in providing support to military and veteran populations and changes the renewal period from one to two years, with interim reports to the BoR.
- **Power-Based Violence:** SB 202 by Sen. Barrow revises current laws to add prompt reporting timeframes for execution of criminal justice MOU(s), clarify training requirements for employees and align administration of the campus climate survey with federal guidance.
- **Regents Board Meeting:** HB 6 by Rep. Hughes allows the BoR to conduct its first meeting of the year any time in January, thus allowing Regents the flexibility to schedule all meetings at the same time of the month for the full year.
- **MJ Foster Changes:** SB 204 by Sen. Hewitt provides for several changes to the MJ Foster award, such as that the award is to be applied before any federal, state, and institutional aid is applied but limits the award to tuition, fees, and mandatory books and instructional materials costs.
- **MJ Foster Cap:** SB 120 by Sen. White eliminates separate allocations for public and proprietary schools.
- **TOPS:** HB 164 by Rep. Cox lowers the minimum ACT score required for initial qualification for a TOPS-Tech Award from 17 to 15.
- **FASFA:** HB 219 by Rep. Owen eliminates FASFA filing as a TOPS applications requirement.
- **Race-Based Admissions:** SB 128 by Sen. Morris prohibits public postsecondary education institutions from using information relative to an applicant’s or an applicant’s family member’s race, sex, or national origin in making admissions decisions or awarding grants/scholarships/financial aid.
- **Tenure:** SB 174 by Sen. Cathey provides for the annual evaluation of each faculty member at each public postsecondary education institution.

- **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI):** HR 13 by Rep. Hodges requests school-level reporting by public elementary, secondary, and postsecondary schools relative to programs and activities related to critical race theory, diversity, equity, and inclusion; or transformative social emotional learning.
- **Teacher Reciprocity:** HB 472 by Rep. Mincey provides for the state's entry into the Interstate Mobility Compact, which provides relative to certification and qualification of teachers.
- **Teacher Recruitment, Recovery, and Retention:** HCR 17 by Rep. Mincey extends the sunset date of the Teacher Recruitment, Recovery, and Retention Task Force from July 13, 2023, to July 13, 2025.
- **Associate's Educator Program:** SB 81 by Sen. McMath allows individuals with an associate degree to teach in the content area related to the participant's associate-level degree and prohibits the participant from teaching in a class for students with exceptionalities, unless it is a class for gifted or talented students.
- **Affordable Textbooks Pilot Program:** HB 381 by Rep. Lafleur creates the Affordable Digital Textbook and Learning Materials Subscription Pilot Program, to be developed and implemented by BoR.
- **Louisiana Cybersecurity Commission:** SB 152 by Sen. Milligan is the creation of the Louisiana Cybersecurity Commission within the Division of Administration to coordinate cybersecurity efforts among local, state, and federal governments, as well as the private sector, to maintain the stability of public services while ensuring proper privacy and protection of data entrusted to the state.
- **Louisiana's Health Care Workforce Fund:** SB 181 by Sen. Cloud creates the Expanding Louisiana's Health Care Workforce Fund, to be housed within the BoR.
- **LA FIRST:** SB 205 by Sen. Cortez requires the BoR to establish and maintain Louisiana's Foundational Integrated Research System for Transformation.

Commissioner Reed noted that there are both solid and challenging items moving through the legislative process. Regent Mire asked for any background information on SB 174 regarding the annual evaluation of faculty. Commissioner Reed responded that, last year, Sen. Cathey raised concerns about tenure and she provided some historical context for this bill's formation. Regent Mire responded that he was not sure if this bill was related to the DEI bill; Commissioner Reed responded that the DEI conversation is happening in various states with duplicative bills and duplicative conversations. Regent

Ewing asked if it is too early to determine the success or traction that these bills have currently. He asked specifically whether SB 174 has come out of committee. Ms. Subramanian responded that it has not. Commissioner Reed added that higher education is generally focused on accountability and talent development, but it is important to express concern about things that are not helpful to the enterprise and lean into things that are helpful. Regent Mire noted that he would like the Board of Regents to make a statement publicly in response to these challenging bills if the members are in agreement.

#### LEGISLATIVE STUDY REPORTS UPDATES

##### **a. 2022 Health Works Commission Annual Report**

Ms. Mellynn Baker, Assistant Commissioner for Student Success, provided an overview of the Health Works Commission and its annual report. She noted that the report is divided into two sections – an “Overview of Commission and Council Activities” and the “2022 Nursing Supply and Demand Council Annual Report” – and began by providing a brief summary of the first section. She then introduced Dr. Ahnyel Burkes, chair of the Nursing Supply and Demand Council, to provide a summary of the results of the 2022 Nursing Supply and Demand Council Annual Report. Dr. Burkes gave an overview of the data included in this report. Regent Temple asked for the national NCLEX pass rate for LPNs and Dr. Burkes answered that Louisiana has been better than the national average for this group for 27 years, noting that the national average pass rate is 80.9% while Louisiana’s rate is 82%. Regent Sterling asked if these are year-over-year comparisons and Dr. Burkes confirmed that they are. Regent Levy asked, overall, about the demand rate and Dr. Burkes noted that demand fluctuates and that various data sources are used. Regent Levy added that COVID must have had an enormous impact on these rates and wondered if demand was starting to decrease as jobs are being filled. Dr. Burkes stated that she believes the demand is still there and that entities are getting creative in filling jobs. Regent Levy asked if the report included year-over-year comparisons of each individual nursing group and Dr. Burkes stated that the report did include this data. She further noted a decrease in registered nurses and suggested this could be due to retirement or those stepping outside of the profession. Regent Levy asked if recruitment of nurses to other states could be a factor. Dr. Burkes agreed, stating that Louisiana is a compact state,



which allows nurses to be able to use their license to work in other states. Regent Levy asked if there is a state incentive for these nurses to stay in-state. Dr. Burkes stated that there are no state sponsored incentives but noted that SR 129 required the Council to look at all other states to see if they had something in place, at the state level, to incentivize nurses to stay and provided examples. Regent Levy suggested that one-time money could be utilized in this area.

Regarding the capitation funding that is helping increase student enrollment past the baseline in programs, Regent Sterling asked whether larger numbers of students will be tracked all the way to graduation. Ms. Baker responded that there is room to improve this aspect of data collection and that they are heavily monitoring completion rates. She noted that connecting increased completion rates to capitation funds is possible, but noted the challenge of tying directly to each individual student as students can withdraw and later resume their studies. While noting continued room for improvement, she expressed excitement in seeing an increase in completion rates and the implication that capitation may be contributing to that. Regent Pryor asked if Dr. Wendi Palermo, who was present for the meeting, could speak to LPN trends, decreased graduation rates, and word of salary decreases for nurses. Dr. Palermo noted that LPN education is different from RN programs, which can impact attrition rates. On pay decreases, she observed that during the peak of COVID, travel nursing pay was very high and salaries increased as entities competed for nurses. As federal dollars may have decreased, she suggested, more nurses may be seeing fewer travel assignments paying peak salary and are returning to full- or part-time positions with traditional salaries. She noted, however, that these are still high-wage, high-demand positions. Regent Sterling reiterated that the leverage of the COVID escalation is gone, leading to decreases in the travel premium and nurses returning to traditional positions, though she noted that even these positions are competitive. Supervisor Jackson asked Dr. Burkes to talk about diversity in admissions to nursing programs and asked about special programs to support diversity in admissions. Dr. Burkes responded that some Louisiana nursing schools have a DEI section within the program. She also noted that the Council has a DEI task force that is looking at the state level at ways to increase diversity in

nursing. She added that being a male is considered diversity as nursing is a female-dominated industry and noted ongoing discussions of ways to bridge the gap from LPN to RN.

**b. Report regarding Senate Resolution 129 of the 2022 Regular Legislative Session**

Dr. Burkes gave an overview of SR 129 of the 2022 Regular Session, which charged the NSDC to conduct a study to improve statewide nurse retention in response to the nursing workforce shortage. She then summarized the results of a survey distributed to LPNs and RNs across Louisiana. Regent Ewing asked about the pay disparity between a registered nurse and a professor of nursing. Dr. Burkes responded based on her experience that a nurse makes more in practice than academia. Following survey results, she provided three recommendations brought forth in response to SR 129, including:

- Promote Transition to Practice (TTP) programs for Registered Nurses (RN) and Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN).
- Endorse recommendations set forth in response to HCR 36 of the 2022 Regular Session (Healthcare Workplace Violence Task Force).
- Explore the feasibility of a statewide marketing campaign to promote nursing.

Regent Levy asked where nurse practitioners were captured in the response to SR 129. Dr. Burkes said that nurse practitioners were included along with registered nurses and licensed practical nurses. Regent Levy asked about demand for nurse practitioners and Dr. Burkes responded that demand is fluctuating and that as new and creative models of care emerge, numbers will likely continue to fluctuate. Regent Sterling asked whether these data had been socialized with the Louisiana Organization of Nurse Leadership and the Louisiana Hospital Association. Dr. Burkes affirmed they had and noted that a representative from each of these organizations sits on the Nursing Supply and Demand Council, where these data were discussed and programs to address these concerns were being developed.

**ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Dr. Tristan Denley, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs and Innovation, presented the Consent Agenda, consisting of routine items including staff approvals and progress reports.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

**Approved the items on the Consent Agenda as presented.**

##### **A. Routine Staff Approvals**

- 1. LSU A&M: Request to change the name of the BS in Child and Family Studies to the BS in Human Development and Family Science.**
- 2. LSU A&M: Request to dissolve the School of Collaborative Academic Programs.**
- 3. LSU A&M: Request to change the CIP code for the MBA program from 52.0201 (Business Administration and Management, General) to 52.1201 (Management Science) to better align with the program's increasing focus on analytics and emerging technologies.**
- 4. LSUHSC-NO: Request to establish an Undergraduate Certificate (UC) in Categorical Medical Laboratory Science (CIP 51.1005) with a progress report due October 1, 2024.**
- 5. SLU: Request to align the Center for Student Excellence and University Honors program into the new College of Honors and Excellence in the Office of Academic Affairs.**

##### **B. Progress Reports**

#### ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Dr. Denley presented for approval the Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry at LSU A&M. He advised that this new program is different from the current Bachelor of Science in Chemistry in that it is intended to provide flexibility for graduates to use their skills in a variety of settings.

**Approved the academic program as presented.**

##### **A. BA Chemistry – Louisiana State University and A&M College**

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

##### **A. Update: Postsecondary Inclusive Education Advisory Council**

Dr. Denley informed the Committee of the work that has been done by the Postsecondary Inclusive Education Advisory Council. He advised that the Council has approved applications

from three institutions to create new programs and four institutions to expand current programs. He added that a second round of applications is currently under review; these applications include one for establishing a new program and one for the expansion of a current program.

Regent Creed asked for clarification as to whether the program at LSU-Alexandria is considered a new program since it is already in existence. Dr. Denley explained that the parameters set by the Council define an existing program as one that is at least three years old.

### **RESEARCH AND SPONSORED INITIATIVES**

Carrie Robison, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, briefly described the items on the Consent Agenda and noted that the Senior Team recommended approval.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Approved the Consent Agenda as presented.**

- A. Appointment of Endowed Chair without National Search: LSU Agricultural Center**
- B. Use of Earnings in Vacant Endowed Chair: University of New Orleans**

#### **REPURPOSING OF NON-STATE EARNINGS IN ENDOWED CHAIR: LSU HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER – NEW ORLEANS**

Ms. Robison introduced a request from LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans, approved by the original non-state donors, to remove \$120,000 from earnings associated with the Paula Garvey Manship Chair of Medicine to create two new endowed professorships, the Bobbie Millet Professorship in Student Advocacy and the Mary DeFoe Professorship of Innovative Learning. Ms. Robison noted that the origin of the funds – earnings on a BoRSF-matched endowment, and not private contributions – renders these new professorships ineligible for any BoRSF matching in the future.

**Approved the LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans’ and original donor’s request to remove \$120,000 from earnings associated with the private donor’s original contribution to the Paula Garvey Manship Chair of Medicine, to be comprised solely of earnings on the non-state contribution, to create two new endowed professorships not associated with BoRSF programs and ineligible for future BoRSF match.**

## LASTEM STATEWIDE STEM NETWORK DESIGNATION

Ms. Robison informed the Board that since its foundation in 2017, LaSTEM, with funding from the legislature, has served as a promoter of and advocate for STEM education, workforce development, and community outreach across Louisiana. Through its efforts, nine Regional STEM Centers have been established and now provide services in every area of the state. She indicated that the designation of a statewide STEM network is increasingly important for federal and other external funding entities, so this action is requested to ensure alignment of terminology and enable partners to position themselves well for funding opportunities.

**Approved the designation of the LaSTEM program, administered under the auspices of the Board of Regents, as a statewide STEM network.**

## CYBERSECURITY EDUCATION MANAGEMENT COUNCIL AND LOUISIANA CYBERSECURITY TALENT INITIATIVE FUND

Ms. Robison presented information on the background of both CEMC and the Fund, then outlined the process and timeline for distributing funds available in FY 2022-23.

**Approved funding from the Cybersecurity Talent Initiative Fund for applications selected by the Cybersecurity Education Management Council (CEMC) during its May 10 meeting, with a report to be provided to the Board in June on applications selected for funding.**

## FY 2022-23 BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS

Ms. Robison highlighted the process for developing external evaluations for proposals submitted to the constitutionally prescribed program components of the Board of Regents Support Fund (BoRSF) and specific award recommendations for FY 2022-23. She noted that the current Revenue Estimating Conference projection is insufficient to fund all projects recommended, but that due to earnings significantly higher than revenue estimates in previous years, sufficient funds are available in the Support Fund to accommodate the budget as approved. She then specified the following nine recommendations for FY 2022-23 across all BoRSF subprograms, in accordance with the funding level recommended, including

unspent earnings from previous years. By these recommendations, the Board was asked to authorize 203 awards, with contingencies, as follows:

I. Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars

Board action completes the endowments for proposals ranked 1-6 in the Consultants' Report (i.e., proposals 009EC, 004EC, 002EC, 003EC, 010EC, and 008EC).

II. Enhancement of the Quality of Academic, Research, and Agricultural Departments and Units

Board action approves the following:

- Departmental Enhancement: Disbursement of the \$3,378,001 estimated to be available in Departmental Enhancement for FY 2022-23 to fund the first year of twenty-nine (29) new proposals, ranked 1-29, at the funding levels, and with the funding stipulations recommended by consultants.
- BoR/SREB Doctoral Support Initiative: Funding for five (5) proposals, ranked 1-5, submitted in the FY 2022-23 cycle to the BoR/SREB Doctoral Support Initiative for the durations and at the levels recommended.
- Endowed Professorships: A total of \$2,000,000 from the Support Fund is approved to match new and prior-year requests at nineteen (19) campuses.
- Endowed Two-Year Student Workforce Scholarships: A total of \$900,000 from the Support Fund is approved to match twenty-six (26) applications submitted.

III. Targeted Research & Development

Board action approves disbursement of \$2,360,596 estimated to be available in FY 2022-23 to fund the first year of new RCS, ITRS, PoC/P, and ATLAS projects as follows:

1. Research Competitiveness Subprogram: \$1,249,059
2. Industrial Ties Research Subprogram: \$711,537
  - A. Industrial Ties: \$481,673
  - B. Proof-of-Concept/Prototyping Initiative: \$229,864
3. Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars: \$400,000

Approved R&D proposals shall be funded at the levels and with the stipulations recommended by consultants; Support Fund money shall be awarded to fund at recommended levels the top twenty-seven (27) RCS proposals, five (5) ITRS proposals, six (6) PoC/P proposals, and nine (9) ATLAS proposals. Should the amount of money ultimately available to fund first-year activities in all R&D projects be less than the \$2,360,596 disbursed herein, adherence to the following principles shall be uniformly enforced: R&D Priority I proposals shall be funded in rank order at the levels and the durations and with the stipulations recommended by consultants until the funds designated for each component have been exhausted.

IV. Recruitment of Superior Graduate Students

Board action approves disbursement of \$1,080,000 from the Support Fund to match fourteen (14) applications, ranked 1-14, submitted in FY 2022-23 under the Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships subprogram.

V. Contingency Plan for Budgetary Shortfall

Board action approved the following contingency plan for a budgetary shortfall: should the final FY 2022-23 Support Fund budget not achieve the amount cited herein, any shortfall shall be accommodated through a proportionate reduction in the amounts allocated for proposals in the competitive program components.

**Approved the FY 2022-23 BoRSF funding recommendations, with contingencies, as presented.**

## STATEWIDE PROGRAMS

Dr. Sujuan Boutté, Executive Director of LOSFA, presented the Consent Agenda item and informed the Regents that four requests for TOPS exceptions were reviewed and approved by the LOSFA Advisory Board at its meeting of March 2, 2023. The LOSFA Advisory Board reported that the students presented facts and circumstances that justify the granting of an exception as an exceptional circumstance and recommended Board of Regents approval.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Approved the item on the Consent Agenda as presented.

- A. TOPS Exceptions – TOPS provisions that require students to remain continuously enrolled and to earn the annual credit hours required during the academic year.**

## **PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE**

Dr. Susannah Craig, Deputy Commissioner for Strategic Planning and Student Success, presented the Consent Agenda items.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Approved the items on the Consent Agenda as presented

**A. R.S. 17:1808 (Licensure)**

- 1. Initial Applications**
  - a. Field Graduate University**
- 2. Renewal Applications**
  - a. Chamberlain University**
  - b. Clarks Summit University**
  - c. Miami International University of Art & Design**
  - d. WorldQuant University**

**B. Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission**

- 1. Initial Applications**
  - a. AAA Crane and Rigging – Addis, LA**
  - b. Coastal Truck Driving – Lake Charles, LA**
  - c. ABCDL Truck Driving Academy – Hammond, LA**
  - d. Tech Hub Institute – Shreveport, LA**
- 2. Renewal Applications**
  - a. Baton Rouge School of Court Reporting, Baton Rouge, LA – License #2083**
  - b. Beso Beauty, Metairie, LA – License #2264**
  - c. Brow Design by Dina, Hammond, LA – License #2345**
  - d. Burks Medical Training, Rosepine, LA – License #2296**
  - e. Carter’s Career Center, Monroe, LA – License #2286**
  - f. Coastal College, Hammond, LA – License #791**
  - g. Hospitality Opportunity and Service Training (HOST) Program, Baton Rouge, LA – License #2312**
  - h. ITI Technical College, Baton Rouge, LA – License #2007**
  - i. LifeShare Phlebotomy School, Shreveport, LA – License #2313**
  - j. Louisiana Dental Assistant School, Zachary, LA – License #2073**
  - k. Louisiana Dental Institute, Monroe, LA – License #2287**
  - l. Moore Career College, Baton Rouge, LA – License #2298**



- m. Next Level Educational Services, Laplace, LA – License #2331
- n. Professional Laser Training, Covington, LA – License #2297
- o. Remington College - Knoxville, Knoxville, TN – License #2314
- p. The H.E.A.R.T. Academy, Baton Rouge, LA – License #2348
- q. Tulsa Welding School - Jacksonville Campus, Jacksonville, FL – License #2123
- r. United Dental Institute - Baton Rouge, Baton Rouge, LA – License #2328
- s. United Dental Institute - Lafayette, Lafayette, LA – License #2329
- t. United Dental Institute - New Orleans, New Orleans, LA – License #2330

**3. Approval of Student Refund – Approval to complete the student refund process of a full refund for the student from CDL Louisiana.**

Regent Creed asked for clarification regarding the student refund and the process of approving and distributing this refund. Ms. Courtney Britton, Proprietary School Program Manager, explained the process to the Board. Regent Seale asked who currently holds the funds that will be distributed to the student. Ms. Britton responded that the bond company that holds the surety bond for CDL Louisiana is in possession the funds and that staff will begin the process of securing them following Board approval.

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

Commissioner of Higher Education Kim Hunter Reed presented several items to the Board:

- Commissioner Reed recognized Ashante Smith, a student in a leadership program at ULM, who was observing the meeting.
- Commissioner Reed acknowledged that April is Second Chance Month and talked about the importance of the reentry of people who are incarcerated or formally incarcerated. She noted the work that is being done around the education-to-employment pipeline. She added that she had the opportunity to speak at the Return for Good conference partnering with the Department of Corrections. She acknowledged the great work being done with the Bars Without Barriers program, through which incarcerated fathers in the Caddo Parish Corrections system can engage with their children through STEM activities. Commissioner Reed discussed Regents staff’s tour of Angola Correctional Facility and observation of their educational programs. She noted that Dr. Lisa Vosper is leading the Untapped Talent Summit on May 28, to discuss how to connect talent with local business and industry.
- Commissioner Reed recognized two Regents staff members for their recent accomplishments:
  - Dr. Allison Smith was named the 2023 Community Member of the Year by the Association of Recovery in Higher Education.
  - Dr. Chris Yandle was named the 2023 Practitioner of the Year by the Public Relations Association of Louisiana, Baton Rouge Chapter.

- Commissioner Reed noted that the Communications Team at the Board of Regents was acknowledged for their work at HBCU Day, their internal newsletter, and the Louisiana's Got Talent podcast.
- Commissioner Reed also acknowledged the administrative staff at Regents for Administrative Professionals Day.

### OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair asked if there were any other matters to come before the board. Regent Levy asked to add an item to the Board agenda and asked Chair Temple to describe the process of adding an item to the agenda.

Chair Temple stated that, for the board to consider a matter not on the agenda, a motion describing the matter with sufficient specificity must be made and, with a unanimous vote of all members present, the matter can then be considered.

**Regent Levy moved to add an item to authorize the Board Chair to draft a statement to support the Board's continued commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion and the Board's support of the longstanding framework of tenure in faculty employment. Regent Mire seconded this motion.**

This motion to add an item passed with a unanimous vote of all members present and the item was added to the agenda for consideration. During the discussion of the matter, Regent Aubrey moved to amend the motion to read:

**To authorize the Board Chair to draft and issue a statement to support the Board's continued commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion and the Board's support of the longstanding framework of tenure in faculty employment.**

Regent Levy agreed with the proposed amendment. The motion was offered as amended and as seconded by Regent Mire. The motion as amended was passed by a unanimous vote.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion of Regent Williams-Brown, seconded by Regent Creed, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Appendix A

Board Meeting Guest List

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

<b>NAME</b>	<b>AFFILIATION</b>
Wendi Palermo	LCTCS
Derrick Angelloz	LSU-FPO
Mark Moses	DOA
Robert Rene	SU System
Anna Bartel	LSU
Ahnyel Burkes	LSNA/Nursing Supply and Demand
Jackie Bach	LSU A&M
Brian Roberts	BoR/LUMCON
Ryan Landry	LSU