

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

October 18, 2023

The Board of Regents met as a Committee of the Whole at 12:15 p.m. on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, in the Loyd J. Rockhold Distance Learning Room, Cecil J. Picard Center, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 200 East Devalcourt Street, Lafayette, 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
Christian Creed
Blake David
Randy Ewing
Stephanie Finley
Samuel Gil, Student Member
Darren Mire
Wilbert Pryor
Terrie Sterling
Judy Williams-Brown

Mgt. Board Representatives present:

Mary Werner, LSU System
Alterman “Chip” Jackson, LCTC System

Absent from the meeting were:

David Aubrey
Phillip May Jr.
T. Jay Seale III
Felix Weill

Appendix A

Guest List

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 MEETING

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Mire, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2023 meeting.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Chair Temple made the following comments:

- He thanked Regent David for hosting the Board members for dinner the previous evening. He also thanked Dr. Vincent June and SLCC for hosting Board development the previous day, along with the other presenters who spoke to the Board. He also expressed appreciation to President Joseph Savoie and ULL for hosting the Board of Regents meeting today.
- He then asked Student Member Regent Gil to provide an update to the Board:
 - Regent Gil noted that COSBP will be returning to ULL for their meeting on November 4th, which will be hosted by former Governor's Fellow and current ULL Student Body President Colby Hebert.
 - He gave an update from the UL System, noting the recent appointment of Dr. Kathy Johnson as President of UNO, the retirement of LA Tech President Les Guice, the submission by all campuses of spending plans regarding the use of mental health funds from LDH, and the annual Title IX Summit happening in early November.
 - He provided an update from the LSU System, beginning by stating that it is Homecoming Week at LSU A&M. He noted that they have been working on streamlining the utilization of communication of student resources with AI as well as working to expand knowledge of mental health resources. He added that the LSU Board of Supervisors has a new chairman, Mr. Jimmy Woods.
- He noted that Southern University A&M held its homecoming this past weekend and Commissioner Reed was honored as the Grand Marshall during the parade.
- He stated he has appointed the following members to the Nominating Committee and thanked them for accepting the nomination:
 - Blake R. David, Chair
 - Robert W. Levy
 - Darren G. Mire
 - Felix R. Weill
 - Judy A. Williams-Brown

MASTER PLAN UPDATE – MEAUXMENTUM MOMENT

Dr. Tristan Denley, Deputy Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs, introduced Collise Dupont, Executive Director of Enrollment Services, and Courtney Schoolmaster, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, both from South Louisiana Community College. They highlighted the Meauxmentum Year Project at SLCC that focused on pathways and its connection with the Master Plan. They started work on Pathways in 2015 and, with support from the BoR, were able to go further by focusing on co-requisite math and English. They provided an overview of the project and the significant success they have had with co-requisite pathways. Commissioner Reed noted that they were focusing on this work before the Meauxmentum Framework was in place and asked for background on the work done pre- and post-implementation. Ms. Schoolmaster noted that one more semester is needed to see the full results of implementing the Meauxmentum Framework but did note that she was an early advocate for the

co-requisite model and was Department Chair in 2015 when the initial work was conducted and expects to see continued success. Supervisor Jackson commended the work that is being done in this area as well as in the workforce area. He also commended Dr. June on his work and noted that SLCC is rated one of the top community colleges in the state as well as one of the top 150 community colleges in the nation.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

FINANCE

APPROVAL OF HIGHER EDUCATION BUDGET REQUEST FOR FY 2023-2024

Mr. Matthew LaBruyere, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, presented an overview of the budget request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 which, by law, must be submitted to the Division of Administration in November. He noted that the FY 2024-2025 Higher Education budget request is \$272.8M; the cost to fully fund higher education is \$705M. Regent Ewing asked for details regarding the requested \$35M for Dual Enrollment. Mr. LaBruyere provided a breakdown of the request, highlighting that some of these funds would be utilized to ensure all public high school juniors and seniors would be able to take one dual enrollment course. Commissioner Reed noted that this request is in response to school districts asking BoR how it will help advocate for funding to pay for dual enrollment courses. She noted the various ways that districts are currently funding dual enrollment and emphasized the importance of universal access to dual enrollment for high school students in Louisiana. Regent Creed asked how many courses this approach would provide students, and Commissioner Reed explained that it would fund one course per high school junior and senior. She noted that she did not want to supplant the current system that school districts use to offer dual enrollment, but wanted to supplement existing support. Regent Creed asked about current data on dual enrollment in Louisiana; Commissioner Reed indicated that staff would follow up with that. Regent Gil asked how many students would be affected; Commissioner Reed and Mr. LaBruyere noted that, based on the latest data, if 80% participated then it would affect 87,000 students. Commissioner Reed added that this is a dual request with the Louisiana

Department of Education. She noted that more operating dollars are needed for institutions and they want to target dollars to high-demand areas to address workforce needs. There were no further questions.

On motion of Supervisor Jackson, seconded by Regent David, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the State General Fund operating budget requests for all higher education systems, boards, and agencies for FY 2024-2025.

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Chris Herring, Associate Commissioner for Facilities Planning and Emergency Management, presented the Consent Agenda, which included the small capital projects and third-party project reports:

1. Consent Agenda

a. Small Capital Projects Report

- i. LSU AG: New Greenhouse (Budget Increase)**
- ii. LSU AG: Shop Building**
- iii. LSU A&M: SVM Main Building Library Renovations**
- iv. LSU-S: Business Education Building West Side Roof Replacement**
- v. NTCC-Sullivan: Youthbuild Facility Renovations**
- vi. ULL: New Iberia Research Center Land Acquisition**

b. Third-Party Projects Report

- i. La Tech: Joe Alliet Stadium Video Board Replacement**

Following this presentation, Regent Gil asked for information on the process for an institution to request small capital project funding. Mr. Herring outlined the process.

On motion of Regent David, seconded by Regent Solomon, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda, including the small capital and third-party projects reports, as presented.

BOR FY 2024-2025 CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Herring presented a brief overview of the BoR FY 2024-2025 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation. Commissioner Reed noted that, because they are out of sequence with the Bond Commission, Mr. Herring will need permission from the Board to update the list relative to any changes made at the next Bond Commission meeting. Once this list is finalized, staff will send an

updated list of the recommendations to the Board. Regent Ewing asked how much the capital outlay budget is oversubscribed and Commissioner Reed responded that it is \$300M+ oversubscribed and stated that, of 33 higher education projects, 20 are being recommended by the Division of Administration. Regarding the 13 projects not under consideration, Mr. Herring explained that there are specific reasons some were not included, as they had various elements that needed to occur before projects could move forward this year. Regent Solomon asked about the outcome of these 13 projects that were not selected, and Mr. Herring responded that we hope these projects stay on the list for future consideration. Regent Levy asked Mr. Herring to prepare a comprehensive report on capital outlay, and Mr. Herring agreed.

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Finley, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the Board of Regents' FY 2024-2025 Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation and authorize staff to make any necessary changes resulting from action taken by the Bond Commission during its October 2023 meeting.

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Tristan Denley, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs and Innovation, presented the Consent Agenda items.

a. Routine Staff Approvals

- 1. LSU A&M: Request to establish a Graduate Certificate (GC) in Preparing Future Faculty (CIP 13.1299) with a progress report due October 1, 2024.**
- 2. Southern University Baton Rouge: Request to change the Master of Arts (MAT) in Teaching Elementary Education Grades 1-5 (CIP 13.1202) to the MAT Multiple Levels (CIP 13.1206) to accommodate additional new teacher certifications recently approved by the LA Department of Education and to allow flexibility in the curriculum as teacher certification offerings change over time.**
- 3. University of Louisiana Monroe: Request to consolidate the following Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) programs into a single MAT Multiple Levels (CIP 13.1206) to allow flexibility in the curriculum as teacher certification program offerings change over time.**
 - MAT Elementary Education Grades 1-5 (CIP 13.1202)**
 - MAT Elementary Education Special Education Mild/Moderate**

Grades 1-5 (CIP 13.1202)

- **MAT Secondary Education Grades 6-12 (CIP 13.1205)**
- **MAT Secondary Education Special Education Mild/Moderate Grades 6-12 (CIP 13.1205)**

b. Academic Options: University of New Orleans

On motion of Regent David, seconded by Supervisor Jackson, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the items on the Consent Agenda.

M.J. FOSTER PROMISE PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT

Dr. Denley presented the M.J. Foster Promise Program annual report to the Board. He began with an overview of the program and its funding, noting that currently 1,192 students are reported as receiving funding from this program in the 2022-2023 Academic Year. He then provided an overview of the demographics of these recipients and cited the completions as of 2022-2023, which included 199 credentials earned by 188 students. Regent Ewing asked whether Regents will be able to count these degrees within its Master Plan goal and Dr. Denley affirmed that they count. Regent Ewing noted that the emphasis should be on getting students to complete their programs and asked Dr. Denley for his projection of their success. Dr. Denley answered that staff will know more throughout the year about what is happening within the program and affirmed the importance of helping students complete their credentials. Supervisor Jackson recognized that 188 students completed a credential, but further emphasized that the other approximately 1,000 students did not drop out and are continuing to work towards their credential. Supervisor Werner spoke about the work that was done a few years ago with SOWELA, along with other partners, to develop a program focused on recruiting and training for high-demand jobs in southwest Louisiana, noting the wraparound services needed for these individuals to combat barriers to success such as childcare, transportation, etc. She added that she would love for SOWELA representatives to speak to the Board about their work on this program. Supervisor Jackson noted that employers are coming with specific workforce needs, giving the example of the need for carbon capture skills in the river parishes. He indicated that with no available workforce, they are partnering with RPCC to train workers in the field, which reflects the importance of efforts happening at community colleges. Dr. Vincent June then spoke about the work done at SLCC and the move to support

the populations that they serve. After this discussion, Chair Temple noted that he is pleased with the overall outcomes cited here and sees these policies are being effectively implemented.

Regent Creed suggested clarifying the M.J. Foster report to ensure readers understand that students are still enrolled and completing their credentials, beyond the 188 graduates. Dr. Denley confirmed that this would be done.

On motion of Regent Sterling, seconded by Regent David, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted to approve the M.J. Foster Promise Program Annual Report and authorized the Commissioner of Higher Education to submit the report to the appropriate legislative committees on behalf of the Board of Regents.

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE

Dr. Susannah Craig, Deputy Commissioner for Strategic Planning and Student Success, presented the Consent Agenda items. Ms. Uma Subramanian gave an overview of the approval of rulemaking that allows advisory councils and commissions to meet remotely in accordance with new legislation, R.S. 42:17.2.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. R.S. 17:1808 (Academic Licensure)**
 - i. Renewal Applications**
 - a) Baton Rouge General Medical Center (BRGM)**
 - b) Fuller Theological Seminary (FTS)**
 - c) Saybrook University (SU)**
 - d) Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU)**
 - e) University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences (USA)**
 - b. Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission**
 - i. Initial Applications**
 - a) Clinical Lynks, Metairie, LA**
 - b) Unimed Academy, New Orleans, LA**
 - ii. Renewal Applications**
 - a) 160 Driving Academy-Shreveport - License #2364**
 - b) Acadiana Area Career College, Lafayette, LA - License #2357**
 - c) Accelerated Academy-Denham Springs - License #2154**
 - d) Accelerated Academy-Lafayette - License #2219**
 - e) Accelerated Academy-Baton Rouge - License #2220**

- f) Accelerated Academy-Monroe - License #2223
- g) Accelerated Academy-Slidell - License #2224
- h) Accelerated Academy-Houma - License #2228
- i) Accelerated Academy-Metairie - License #2230
- j) Accelerated Academy-Hammond - License #2235
- k) Accelerated Academy-Lake Charles - License #2308
- l) Advance Nursing Training, New Orleans, LA - License #2197
- m) Ark-La-Tex Dental Assisting Academy, Shreveport, LA - License #2131
- n) Baton Rouge Dental Assistant Academy-South - License #2305
- o) Baton Rouge School of Phlebotomy - License #2335
- p) Blue Cliff College-Alexandria - License #2358
- q) Blue Cliff College-Lafayette - License #2359
- r) Blue Cliff College-Metairie - License #2360
- s) Blue Cliff College-Metairie, Satellite - License #2361
- t) Camelot College, Baton Rouge, LA - License #680
- u) Coastal College-Alexandria - License #991
- v) Cross Road CDL Academy, Harvey LA - License #2321
- w) Digital Media Institute, Shreveport, LA - License #2198
- x) Fortis College, Baton Rouge, LA - License #2134
- y) Healthcare Training Institute, Kenner, LA - License #2109
- z) Life Care, Marrero, LA - License #2182
- aa) MedCerts, Livonia, MI - License #2337
- bb) Medical Training College, Baton Rouge, LA - License #969
- cc) NOLA Institute of Gaming, New Orleans, LA - License #2322
- dd) OceanPointe Dental Academy of Prairieville - License #2363
- ee) Opelousas Academy of Nondestructive Testing - License #2275
- ff) RelyOn Nutec USA, Houma, LA - License #2156
- gg) Remington College - Baton Rouge - License #2277
- hh) River Cities School of Dental Assisting, Shreveport, LA - License #2089
- ii) Smith Institute, Shreveport, LA - License #2362
- jj) Stick It Phlebotomy, Jonesboro, LA - License #2226
- kk) Synergy Massage Institute-Slidell - License #2336
- ll) Synergy Massage Institute-Metairie - License #2365

- c. Approval Of Initial Rulemaking – Allows Advisory councils and commissions to meet remotely in accordance with new legislation R.S. 42:17.2.

Regent Ewing asked whether the schools being relicensed have been vetted through the usual process. Dr. Craig confirmed this.

On motion of Regent Gil, seconded by Regent Williams-Brown, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the items on the Consent Agenda.

AUDIT

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

Mr. Matthew LaBruyere, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, noted that the agenda item is related to a change in the standards by the American Institute for Certified Public Accountants. The legislative auditor, in response to this, sent a letter to all state agencies communicating the risk of material misstatement of financial statements as a result of fraud and asked that Regents, as an agency, take appropriate steps to address this risk. He then introduced Ms. Kristin Bourque, P&N, who provided an overview of the proposed amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024 audit plan, which the internal auditor will take to address any potential risk. P&N proposed testing and controls related to the payment approval process to address this. Regent Solomon noted that the risk has always been present, and a recommendation to introduce testing was included to address this request. He asked if P&N believes the proposed procedures protect against risk to the best of their ability. Ms. Bourque responded that the performance of testing will address the risks. She noted that they will look at the process in total and test for operational effects. Regent Solomon asked whether they are going to test compliance and what the procedure is for that. Ms. Bourque responded in the affirmative and indicated P&N will make a recommendation if they feel there are any gaps in the controls. Mr. LaBruyere noted that P&N has done this in the past and has not identified findings. Chair Temple asked when this process was last conducted. Mr. LaBruyere noted that it was a part of the previous year's audit.

On motion of Regent Gil, seconded by Regent Solomon, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the proposed amendment to the Internal Audit Plan for Fiscal Year 2024.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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

- She thanked Dr. Savoie and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette for hosting the Board meeting and Dr. Vincent June and South Louisiana Community College for hosting the Board development the day before. She noted the amazing work they are both doing.
- She stated that the LASTEM conference was hosted on Tuesday, October 17th at ULL's Cajun Dome and noted that 700+ were in attendance. She thanked the Board members who were able to come and stated that the LASTEM initiative continues, every year, to build the STEM ecosystem with the help of phenomenal partners. She thanked the Regents staff for coordinating with all the partners to help make this Lafayette event a success.
- As chair of the state's Cybersecurity Commission she provided recent updates that occurred during Cybersecurity Month. She had the opportunity to attend the LA State Police Cyber Camp for middle school students. She noted that Regents staff have hosted two days of regional higher education cybersecurity trainings in Alexandria and Thibodaux. She also highlighted the upcoming ribbon cutting for the LSU Security Operations Center and the important work done at this center.
- She stated that Governor Edwards joined her for the latest episode of the podcast *Louisiana's Got Talent* and they discussed all that has been accomplished in higher education thus far and the work that still needs to be done.
- She congratulated Regents staff on receiving multiple grants, including from Strong Start to Finish, the Jed Foundation, and SHEEO.
- She noted appointment of new leadership in higher education including Dr. Jim Carlson as Chancellor of Northshore Technical Community College, Dr. Xavier Cole as President of Loyola University New Orleans, and Dr. Kathy Johnson as President of University of New Orleans.
- She shared that staff are gathering materials for the new administrators to support the transition committee.
- She wished a Happy Birthday to Colby Hebert, former Governor's Fellow, who worked with the Regents this past summer.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Temple noted that the proposed Calendar of Meetings for 2024 was included in the Board materials.

On motion of Regent Gil, seconded by Regent Creed, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the 2024 Calendar of Meetings.

Chair Temple stated that our next Board development is scheduled for December 12th. He noted that the Joint BoR/BESE meeting, along with the regular Committee and Board meetings, will be held on Wednesday, December 13th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion of Regent Sterling, seconded by Regent David, the meeting was adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

Appendix A

Board Meeting Guest List

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

NAME	AFFILIATION
Jackie Bach	LSU A&M
Danny Mahaffey	LSU
Vincent June	SLCC
Kristin Bourque	P&N
Amy Cable	LCTCS
Kim Hunter Reed	BoR
Emily Skaikay	BoR