

# June 2024 Regents Committee Meetings

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**June 12, 2024**



# Audit

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Commissioner of Higher Education



# Agenda Item II.

## Roll Call



# Agenda Item III.

## Internal Audit Update



# Louisiana Board of Regents

## *Internal Audit Update*

**June 2024**

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# Internal Audit Update

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## ❖ FY 2024 Contract Audit Plan Update

## ❖ FY 2024 Completed:

- LOSFA IT Security Audit
- Regents Expenditure Process Audit
- LaSTEM Processes – Update/Preliminary Results

# Status Update of Internal Audit Plan for FY 2024

<i><b>Auditable Area</b></i>	<i><b>Auditable Sub Areas</b></i>	<i><b>Auditable Activities</b></i>	<i><b>Status</b></i>
LOSFA	Information Technology	Security Processes	Completed – February 2024
Board of Regents	Finance	Expenditure Processes	Completed – May 2024
Board of Regents	Research and Sponsored Initiatives	LASTEM Processes	In Wrap Up Stage

In addition to the audits listed above, P&N will also complete follow up audits of the observations identified during prior year audits and their corresponding management action plans.

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Board of Regents	Information Technology	Security Processes	Completed – April 2024
Board of Regents	Research and Sponsored Initiatives	Endowments Processes	In Wrap Up Stage
LUMCON	Finance	Accounting Processes	In Wrap Up Stage
LUMCON	Information Technology	Security Processes	Completed – April 2024
All Programs	Finance and Administration	LaCarte Procurement Card Program	In Wrap Up Stage



# Expenditure Process Internal Audit Results Overview



# Objective & Scope

An internal audit was conducted to assess the Board of Regents' (Regents), including LOSFA and LUMCON, processes, policies and procedures related to expenditures and expenditure approvals. This assessment was included in the annual internal audit plan in response to a letter issued by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor (LLA) to the Regents' Commissioner in September 2023 which communicated the risk of material misstatement through management override of controls.

## Overview of Procedures

- Obtained and analyzed internal policies and procedures
- Interviewed key personnel involved in the expenditures processes, including the Finance and Accounting Personnel for each program (Regents, LOSFA, LUMCON)
- Obtained listing of expenditures for the prior fiscal year (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023) and performed analysis to determine the completeness and accuracy of the listing against the general ledger report
- Selected a sample of fifteen expenditure transactions and six correcting entries from the population using a risk-based approach considering items including, but not limited to, total dollar value and transaction type
- Performed detailed transaction testing and overall process assessment
  - Testing included expenditure and correcting transactions for Regents, LOSFA and LUMCON

# Results Summary

Assessment Area	High Risk Observations	Moderate Risk Observations	Low Risk Observations
Expenditure Process	0	0	2

Risk ratings were assigned as follows:

High

- A serious weakness which exposes the organization to compliance risks in achieving objectives or may otherwise impair the organization's reputation. Generally, a high priority observation can include any of the following: non-compliance with a regulation or internal policy or procedure; or an operational inefficiency, resulting in a material expenditure.

Moderate

- A control weakness, which can undermine the system of internal control and/or operational efficiency and should, therefore, be addressed.

Low

- A weakness which does not seriously detract from the system of internal control and/or operational effectiveness/efficiency but which should nevertheless be addressed by management.

# Expenditure Process Internal Audit Results Summary

- ❖ Based on the procedures performed, two observations were identified that were assessed to be of low risk to the organization:
  - While the Board of Regents Accounting Policies and Procedures included expenditures processes, such as individuals involved, requisitions, disbursements, and reconciliations; the elements of the policy related to expenditure approvals were either incomplete or not clearly defined. Additionally, documentation retention requirements were not formalized in the policy and there were inconsistencies in practices among the departments.
  - Purchase requisition form was not completed and approved prior to the purchase for one out of 15 expenditures tested.
  
- ❖ Next Steps:
  - Audit exit meeting to discuss results held with management on 5/30/2024
  - Obtain management responses to observations
  - Issue finalized report

# LaSTEM Process Assessment Update

# Regents LaSTEM Process Assessment Update

## ❖ **Completed as of June 3, 2024:**

- Obtained and reviewed applicable policies and procedures
- Conducted interviews and process walkthroughs with select employees
- Completed process and procedures assessment

## ❖ **Next Steps**

- Provide draft report to management
- Hold meeting with management to discuss draft report observations
- Obtain management responses to observations, if applicable
- Finalize report
- Present report and management responses to observations to the Audit Committee

# Agenda Item IV.

## Other Business



# Agenda Item V.

## Adjournment





# Finance

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**June 12, 2024**

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LSU System Representative

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UL System Representative

**Matthew LaBruyere**

Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration

**Elizabeth Bentley-Smith**

Associate Commissioner for Finance and Administration



# Agenda Item II.

## Roll Call



# Agenda Item III.

## Review and Approval of the FY 2024-25 Operating Budget Distribution



# Agenda Item III.

## Review and Approval of the FY 2024-25 Operating Budget Distribution

- The Regular Legislative Session concluded on Monday, June 3.
- **(\$67.6M)** State Funds decrease for higher education:
  - \$22.2M increase for FY24 (one-time funds)
  - **(\$89.8M)** decrease for FY25
    - **(\$70.7M)** decrease in State General Fund
    - **(\$19.1M)** decrease in Statutory Dedications
- This budget includes full funding for both TOPS (\$297.1M) and the Foster Scholars (\$10.5M) program and maintains GO Grants funding (\$70.5M).

# Agenda Item III.

**The \$22.2M increase in FY24 Supplemental State Funds contains the following one-time funds:**

System	State Funds	Includes
<b>BOR</b>	<b>-\$9,609,823</b>	\$6.1M Cyber, \$1.2M Patriot Scholars, \$200K Ready for Industry, <b>-\$17.2M TOPS</b>
<b>LSU System</b>	\$9,243,961	\$3M Pennington Faculty, \$3M System Allocation, \$2M LSU Ag Center, \$800K SELF Fund, \$250K LPR LSU A&M, \$250K Lighting LSUA, \$150K LSU A&M Kines, \$150K LSU A&M Student-Athlete Study, <b>-\$350K Tobacco Tax</b>
<b>SU System</b>	\$1,701,774	\$1M System Allocation, \$250K SUSLA Workforce, \$100K SUBR Continuing Ed, \$140K SUS Mobile Health, \$115K SELF Fund, \$100K SULC & RPCC, \$100K SUNO Honore Center, <b>-\$100K SUBR</b>
<b>UL System</b>	\$11,423,072	\$9M System Allocation, \$648K SELF Fund, \$500K Nicholls, \$250K McNeese Legacy Center, \$250K GSU, \$250K GSU Band Uniforms, \$200K GSU Resurfacing Central Ave, \$125K McNeese, \$50K LaTech Fiber Optic Lines, \$50K ULM Carpeting
<b>LCTC System</b>	\$9,426,574	\$8M Workforce Rapid Response Fund (Health Fields), \$1M System Allocation, \$210K SELF Fund, \$150K RPCC Workforce Training Center, \$62.5K SkillsUSA Program
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$22,185,558</b>	

# Agenda Item III.

## FY25 State General Fund includes:

Amount	State General Fund Description
\$20,500,000	LSU System - Various system enhancements
\$10,000,000	SU System - Various system enhancements
\$7,495,000	UL System - Various system enhancements
\$3,354,014	LSU First health plan
\$1,400,000	Patriot Scholars Increase
\$600,000	LUMCON NEER Federal match
\$50,000	GO-Youth Challenge Assistance Program
(\$12,581,047)	Mandated Costs adjustments
(\$33,017,418)	TOPS swap for TOPS Fund and participation decreases
(\$68,451,325)	FY24 Non-recurring adjustments
<b>(\$70,650,776)</b>	<b>Overall Higher Education State General Funds Decrease</b>

# Agenda Item III.

## FY 2024-2025 Operating Budget Distribution

System	State General Fund	Interagency Transfer	Self-Generated Revenue	Statutory Dedications	Federal	Total
<b>BOR*</b>	\$299,889,543	\$14,752,107	\$16,030,299	\$164,097,086	\$34,232,149	\$529,001,184
<b>LSU System</b>	\$492,838,441	\$8,485,184	\$786,152,963	\$24,140,874	\$13,018,275	\$1,324,635,737
<b>SU System</b>	\$68,472,475	\$4,476,791	\$115,831,100	\$12,454,156	\$13,654,209	\$214,888,731
<b>UL System</b>	\$300,035,965	\$259,923	\$672,482,759	\$25,515,858	\$0	\$998,294,505
<b>LCTC System</b>	\$155,291,612	\$0	\$169,815,083	\$16,030,143	\$0	\$341,136,838
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$1,316,528,036</b>	<b>\$27,974,005</b>	<b>\$1,760,312,204</b>	<b>\$242,238,117</b>	<b>\$60,904,633</b>	<b>\$3,407,956,995</b>

\* Includes LOSFA funding for TOPS, GO Grants, Fosters Scholars, and Patriot Scholars



# Staff Recommendation

**Senior Staff recommends that the Committee approve the funding recommendations for Higher Education for FY 2024-2025. Additionally, staff is requesting permission to make system-requested adjustments among institutions as permitted by law.**

# Agenda Item IV.

## Other Business



# Agenda Item V.

## Adjournment



# Legislative

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**Brianna Golden**

Policy Advisor for Strategic Planning and Student Success

**Dr. Uma Subramanian**

General Counsel



# Agenda Item II.

## Roll Call



# Agenda Item III.

## 2024 Legislative Update



# Agenda Item III.

## 2024 Legislative Highlights

### **Deferred Maintenance (*Pending Gov. Sig*)**

HB 940, Rep. Turner

Authorizes the issuance of \$2B in bonds to finance deferred maintenance projects included in the College and University Deferred Maintenance and Capital Improvement Program.

### **Tuition and Fee Authority (*Pending Gov. Sig*)**

HB 862, Rep. Hughes

Provides public postsecondary management boards limited authority to establish tuition and mandatory fees.

### **Teachers' Retirement (Act 109)**

HB 31, Rep. Freiburg

Allows an optional retirement plan participant to transfer to the defined benefit plan in the Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL).



# Agenda Item III.

## 2024 Legislative Highlights

### **Workforce Solutions (Act 330)**

SB 293, Sen. Edmonds

Authorizes the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC) to coordinate the delivery of business workforce solutions in coordination with the various workforce and educational agencies of the state.

### **Career and Technical Education (Acts 335, 154)**

SB 352, Sen. Mizell

HB 551, Rep. Brass

Directs the Dual Enrollment Task Force to recommend options for expanding career and technical education and virtual instruction programs to increase the participation of dual enrollment course offerings in school districts across the state and expands task force membership.

# Agenda Item III.

## 2024 Legislative Highlights

### **Professional Service Contracts (Act 427)**

HB 410, Rep. Brass

Increases the threshold for postsecondary institutions and consortiums submitting projects to one of the three professional services selection boards (architect, engineering, and landscape) from \$500,000 to \$1M to mirror the authority granted to institutions and consortiums to manage projects with a budget of up to \$1M or less.

### **M.J. Foster Appropriations Cap (Act 102)**

SB 272, Sen. Edmonds

Increases max appropriations cap at \$40M for the M.J. Foster Promise Program.

### **M.J. Foster Eligibility (*Pending Gov. Sig*)**

HB 728, Rep. Davis

Extends M.J. Foster eligibility to 17-year-olds by 2027-2028 award year.

### **Power-Based Violence (Act 482)**

SB 343, Sen. Barrow

Revises current PBV laws to shift reporting dates for campus training.

# Agenda Item III.

## Bills Requiring BOR Studies or Involvement

### Financial Aid Reporting

SR 138, Sen. Mizell

Urges BOR to conduct a comprehensive study on the state's higher education financial aid programs to evaluate their effectiveness, identify barriers to eligibility, align program criteria with state educational requirements, and develop strategies to improve their coordination and utilization.

### 2-Year Colleges

HR 313, Rep. Young

Requests that BOR study two-year colleges in Union, Claiborne, and Bienville parishes and submit a written report to the House Committee on Education by January 31, 2025.

### ORP Taskforce

HR 169, Rep. Bacala

BOR to staff a task force to study the ORP within TRSL in relation to the unclassified staff and faculty recruitment and retention crisis faced by Louisiana's public postsecondary education institutions.

# Agenda Item III.

## Bills Requiring BOR Studies or Involvement

### **SUBR Medical School**

HR 51, Rep. Jordan

Subject to BOR study and recommendations, requests that the Southern University Board of Supervisors work with the BOR to take steps necessary to establish a medical school on the campus of Southern University at Baton Rouge.

### **SUBR School of Pharmacy**

HR 52, Rep. Jordan

Subject to BOR study and recommendations, requests that the Southern University Board of Supervisors work with the BOR to take steps necessary to establish a school of pharmacy on the campus of Southern University at Baton Rouge

### **DEI Reporting (*Pending Gov. Sig*)**

HB 904, Rep. Chenevert

Requires reporting by public schools and postsecondary education institutions to the BOR on programs related to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging.

# Agenda Item III.

## Bills Requiring BOR Studies or Involvement

### ESG Reporting

HCR 78, Rep. Owen

Provides that actions of BOR and public postsecondary management boards related to environmental, social, and governance (ESG) criteria are subject to the approval of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

### Behavioral Health

SCR 23, Sen. Barrow

Requests the Louisiana Department of Health to work with BOR and other entities to study behavioral health demand and access.

# Agenda Item III.

## Bills Impacting Higher Education

### **Gubernatorial Appointments (Signed)**

SB 462, Hodges

The governor may elect to appoint the chairman of each board and commission whose appointment is not otherwise provided for in the constitution.

### **Student Athletes (NIL) (Act 358)**

SB 465, Sen. Talbot

Provides relative to intercollegiate athletes (NIL) at a postsecondary education institution.

### **Vaccination Status (Act 460)**

HB 908, Rep. Amedee

Prohibits discrimination against students on the basis of vaccination status.

# Agenda Item IV.

## Overview of High-Cost Tuition Programs (Related to HB 862)



# Agenda Item V.

## **Amendments to the Uniform Policy on Power-Based Violence (Related to SB 343)**

# Agenda Item V.

## **Amendments to the Uniform Policy on Power-Based Violence**

Current law requires semiannual submission of training and incident reports beginning on October 10 and April 10. Additionally, BOR is required to submit its annual report to the legislature by January 15.

### **Updated Revision:**

Requires each public postsecondary management board to send a separate annual training report to Regents by **January 30**.

Shifts the submission date of the BOR annual legislative report to **February 28**.

# Staff Recommendation

**Senior Staff recommends approval of the changes to the Uniform Policy on Power-Based Violence.**

# Agenda Item VI.

## Adjournment



# Facilities and Property

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**Chris Herring**

Associate Commissioner for Facilities Planning  
and Emergency Management



# Agenda Item II.

## Roll Call



# Agenda Item III.A.

## Consent Agenda: Small Capital Projects Report

Institution	Project Description	Total Cost
LSUA	Baseball/Softball Lighting ( <b>Auxiliary Revenues</b> )	\$183,700
LSUA	Circle Driveway Arrival Plaza – Budget Increase ( <b>Auxiliary Revenues</b> )	\$441,000
LSU A&M	East/West Laville and Broussard Halls Interior Painting ( <b>Auxiliary Revenues</b> )	\$180,130
LSU A&M	Innovation Park Building 3000 First Floor Renovations ( <b>Auxiliary Revenues</b> )	\$575,000
LSU A&M	SVM Cafeteria Renovations ( <b>Operational Funds</b> )	\$365,500
LSU A&M	Student Union UPS Locker Renovations ( <b>Auxiliary Revenues</b> )	\$400,000

# Agenda Item III.A.

## Consent Agenda: Small Capital Projects Report

Institution	Project Description	Total Cost
LSU A&M	Tiger Stadium South Stadium Sanitary Sewer Upgrade ( <b>Auxiliary Revenues</b> )	\$200,000
LSU A&M	University High New Multi-Use Practice Field ( <b>ESSER III Grant</b> )	\$225,000
LSUS	Pilots Pointe Apartments Gas Line Installation for Tankless Water Heaters ( <b>Auxiliary Revenues</b> )	\$300,000
SLCC	Student Center Renovation ( <b>Auxiliary and Building Use Fee Revenues</b> )	\$830,000
TOTAL		\$3,700,330



# Staff Recommendation

**Senior Staff recommends approval of the consent agenda, including the small capital projects reports, as presented.**

# Agenda Item IV.

## **Act 959 Project: ULL New Iberia Research Center Building 29 Renovation Budget Increase**

- The University of Louisiana System (ULS) submitted a request on behalf of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette (ULL) to increase the budget for a previously approved Act 959 project to renovate Building 29 on ULL's New Iberia Research Center (NIRC) campus.
- The project scope involves renovating approximately 12,000 SF of shell space on the third floor of NIRC's Building 29 to create a fully functioning research laboratory for non-human primate research.
- The project was originally approved during the January 2023 meeting of the Board of Regents with a budget of \$4.6M. The revised cost is now estimated to not exceed \$6M. However, the request is to approve the project with a cost up to the \$10M threshold allowed by Act 959 so the project may proceed in the event of future cost increases.
- Funding for the project comes from a National Institutes of Health grant and self-generated revenues generated from operations of the NIRC. The current increase, and any future increases, would be funded with NIRC self-generated revenues.

# Staff Recommendation

**Senior Staff recommends approval of the request submitted by the University of Louisiana System, on behalf of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, to increase the budget for the New Iberia Research Center renovation project previously approved under the provisions of Act 959 of 2023.**

# Agenda Item V.

## HB 2 Update

System	Projects with New Funding	New P1 Funding	New Cash	Total
LSU System	14	\$128,810,000	\$7,375,000	\$136,185,000
SU System	12	\$25,800,511	\$9,765,000	\$35,565,511
UL System	14	\$46,707,213	\$30,187,787	\$76,895,000
LCTC System	6	\$24,100,000	\$17,000,000	\$41,100,000
BOR/LUMCON	2	\$7,000,000	\$11,500,000	\$18,500,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>\$232,417,724</b>	<b>\$75,827,787</b>	<b>\$308,245,511</b>

***\*There are 102 total higher education projects currently in HB 2 with an appropriation.***

# Agenda Item VI.

## Other Business: HB 940 Update

- HB 940 creates the College and University Deferred Maintenance and Capital Improvement Fund within the State Treasury for the purpose of addressing the \$2B in deferred maintenance needs that exist across all public postsecondary institutions.
- Funding in the bill for system self-reported deferred maintenance needs will be provided over a 10-year period:
  - LSU System      \$1.071B
  - UL System      \$523M
  - LCTC System      \$253M
  - SU System      \$153M
- The bill does not permit new construction or additions to existing facilities.
- To begin funding campuses' projects in the upcoming fiscal year, HB 2 contains \$75M for the deferred maintenance fund, and an additional \$19.3 is allocated to specific institutions through HB 2 and the funds bill.

# Agenda Item VII.

## Adjournment



# Academic and Student Affairs

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**June 12, 2024**

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UL System Representative

**Dr. Tristan Denley**

Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs and Innovation



# Agenda Item II.

## Roll Call





# Agenda Item III.A.

## Consent Agenda

### A. Routine Staff Approvals



# Staff Recommendation

**Senior Staff recommends approval of the items on the Consent Agenda.**

# Agenda Item IV.

## Academic Programs

- A. AAS Technical Studies – SOWELA Technical Community College
- B. BS Construction Management – Southern University  
and A&M College
- C. OTD Occupational Therapy – University of Louisiana at Monroe

# Staff Recommendation

**Senior Staff recommends approval of the academic programs as presented.**

# Agenda Item V.

## Revisions to AA Policy 2.15: Definitions of Undergraduate Degrees and Undergraduate/Graduate Certificates

These proposed changes will:

- Recognize that all market-relevant credentials should be valued and considered a quality postsecondary credential of value provided they meet the criteria outlined in the Quality Postsecondary Credential of Value Policy.
- Broaden the scope of AA 2.15 to include Workforce Training.
- Identify validated skills and learning as an umbrella category for training outside traditional credit-based credentials.
- Ensure statewide alignment with institutional role and mission.

# Agenda Item V.

## Revisions to AA Policy 2.15: Definitions of Undergraduate Degrees and Undergraduate/Graduate Certificates

- The validated skills and learning category is incorporated into the Board's policy structures that define credentials of value, govern credit for prior learning, and into mechanisms that gather and analyze data.
- Institutions are encouraged to award college credit for validated skills and learning utilizing the Prior Learning Assessment Policy (AA 2.23).

# Agenda Item V.

## Revisions to AA Policy 2.15: Definitions of Undergraduate Degrees and Undergraduate/Graduate Certificates

- The validated skills and learning category provides for two certification categories (COCs and IBCs).
- These certifications are limited to two-year public institutions as standalone, first credentials.
- Four-year institutions may embed these credentials into programs of study for those students who are seeking degrees, offer them through agricultural extension services, and offer them as continuing education in programs not designed as first credential workforce training.

# Staff Recommendation

**Senior Staff recommends approval of the revisions to Academic Affairs Policy 2.15 including:**

- **The addition of Workforce Training and Validated Skills and Learning definitions and requirements; and**
- **Renaming the policy as Academic Affairs Policy 2.15: Undergraduate Degrees, Undergraduate and Graduate Certificates, Workforce Training, and Validated Skills and Learning.**



# Agenda Item VI.

## Other Business



# Agenda Item VII.

## Adjournment



# Planning, Research, and Performance

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**June 12, 2024**

**Judy A. Williams-Brown, Chair**  
David J. Aubrey, Vice Chair  
Misti S. Cordell  
Blake R. David  
Robert W. Levy  
Terrie P. Sterling  
Kennedy M. Orr, *Student Member*

**Courtney Britton**  
Director of Licensure



# Agenda Item II.

## Roll Call



# Agenda Item III.A.

## Consent Agenda

### A. R.S. 17:1808 (Academic Licensure)

#### 1. Renewal Applications

- a. National University
- b. Reach University
- c. Relay Graduate School of Education

#### 2. Cessation of Conditional Licenses

- a. Business, Humanities, Science and Ethics University, USA
- b. Daience University

# Agenda Item III.B.

## Consent Agenda

### B. Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission

#### 1. Change of Ownership Applications

- a. Unitech Training Academy – Alexandria, LA
- b. Unitech Training Academy – Baton Rouge, LA
- c. Unitech Training Academy – Houma, LA
- d. Unitech Training Academy – Lafayette, LA
- e. Unitech Training Academy – New Orleans, LA
- f. Unitech Training Academy – West Monroe, LA

#### 2. Initial Applications

- a. Inspire Cody Consulting – Slidell, LA
- b. MedEra Technical Institute – Hammond, LA

# Agenda Item III.B.

## Consent Agenda

### B. Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission

#### 3. Renewal Applications

- a. AAA Crane & Rigging, Addis, LA – License #2371
- b. ABCDL Truck Driving Academy, Hammond, LA – License #2373
- c. Academy of Acadiana, New Iberia, LA – License #2086
- d. CDL Mentors, Lake Charles, LA – License #2299
- e. Coastal College, Lafayette, LA – License #1002
- f. Coastal College, Monroe, LA – License #957
- g. Coastal Truck Driving School, Lake Charles, LA – License #2372
- h. Delta College of Arts & Technology, Lafayette, LA – License #2075
- i. Elise Phlebotomy Training Center, Harvey, LA – License #2317
- j. Goodwill Technical College, New Orleans, LA – License #2210
- k. Lenora School of Phlebotomy, Slidell, LA – License #911
- l. Louisiana Culinary Institute, Baton Rouge, LA – License #2045
- m. Phlebotomy Career Training Academy, Lafayette, LA – License #2350
- n. River Parishes Institute, Gonzales, LA – License #2351
- o. Saint Christopher College, Carencro, LA – License #2269

# Agenda Item III.B.

## Consent Agenda

### B. Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission

#### 3. Renewal Applications

- p. Southwest Dental Assisting Academy, Lafayette, LA – License #2318
- q. Sovereign College, Lafayette, LA – License #2316
- r. St. Agatha Career Schools, New Orleans, LA – License #2352
- s. Tender Loving Care Allied Health Training, Gretna, LA – License #2370
- t. Tulsa Welding School & Technology Center, Houston, TX – License #2212
- u. Unitech Training Academy, Houma, LA – License #2087
- v. Zollege Healthcare Career School - Baton Rouge, LA – License #2191



# Staff Recommendation

**Senior Staff recommends approval of the items on the Consent Agenda.**

# Agenda Item IV.

## Other Business



# Agenda Item V.

## Adjournment



# June 2024 Board of Regents Meeting

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June 12, 2024



# Agenda Item II.

## Roll Call



# Agenda Item III.

## Public Comments



# Agenda Item IV.

## Approval of Minutes from April 24, 2024

# Agenda Item V.

## Chair's Comments





# ***Student Board Member Report***



**Kennedy M. Orr**

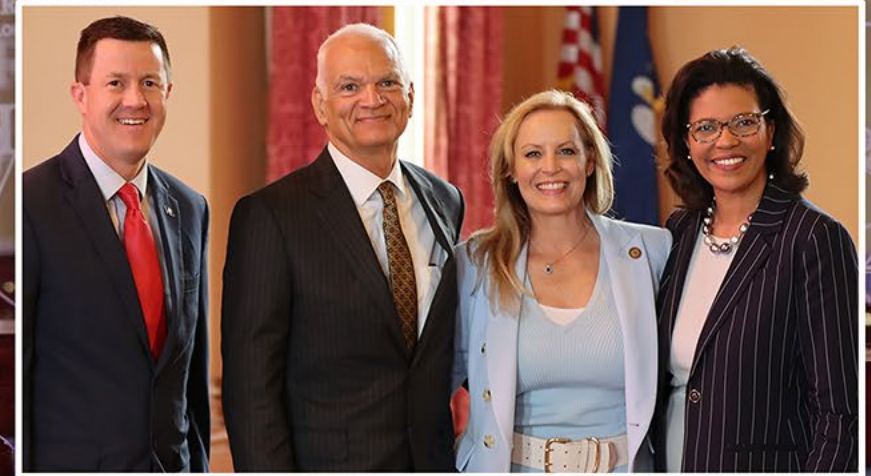
Southern University and A&M College





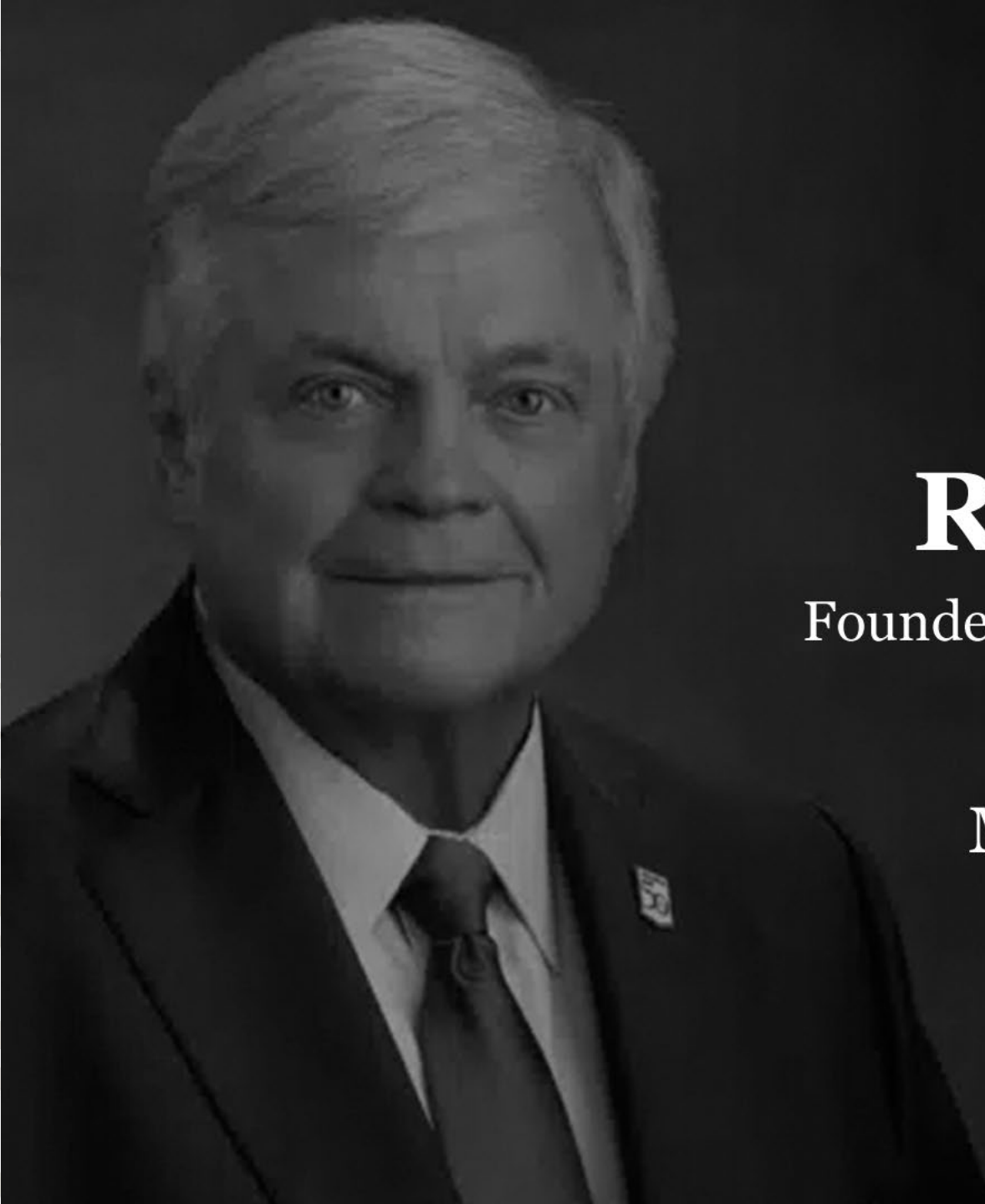
***220+ Attend LAHEC Summit on  
Student Mental Health, Recovery***





# ***45 of Louisiana's Brightest Recognized as Future Educators***





*In Memoriam*

# **Richard Zuschlag**

Founder, Chairman & CEO of Acadian Companies  
LSU Board of Supervisors Member

March 28, 1948 – June 5, 2024

# Agenda Item VI.

## Update to Bylaws: Establishment of Artificial Intelligence Committee

# Staff Recommendation

**Senior Staff recommends approval of the Revision of the Bylaws for the Internal Operation and the Transaction of Business for the Board of Regents to establish an Artificial Intelligence Committee.**

# Proposed AI Committee Membership

**Regent T. Jay Seale III, Chair**

Regent David J. Aubrey

Regent Misti S. Cordell

Regent Blake R. David

Regent Phillip R. May Jr.

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# Artificial Intelligence Update

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**June 12, 2024**

**Dr. Tristan Denley**

Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs and Innovation





# National Policy Efforts

The SREB Commission on Artificial Intelligence in Education will evaluate research, industry data and advice from experts to determine how to successfully integrate AI into education across the region, helping the South lead the nation. Based on this critical evaluation, the Commission will help develop the following:

- **Policies regarding the use of AI** in K-12 and postsecondary education
- **AI instruction guidelines** promoting AI literacy among students, educators and the workforce

Recommendations on how the education-to-workforce system should respond to **develop skills and seamless pathways that meet industry and state needs.**

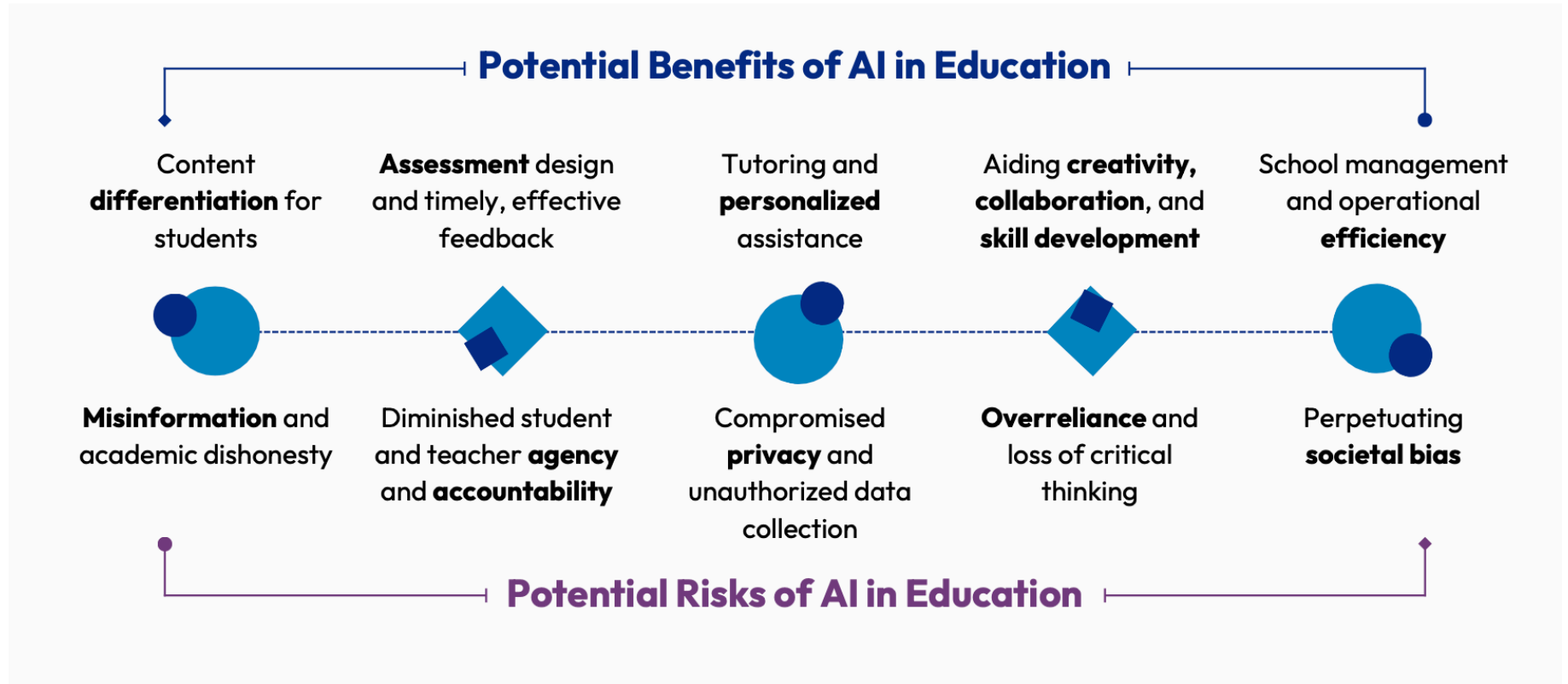
# SREB

## Southern Regional Education Board

### Artificial Intelligence Commission

# National Policy Efforts

## Teach AI



TeachAI is led by Code.org, ETS, the International Society for Technology in Education, Khan Academy, and the World Economic Forum.

# National Policy Efforts



## **Foster Leadership**

Establish an AI in education task force.



## **Promote AI Literacy**

Integrate AI skills and concepts.



## **Provide Guidance**

Equip schools with AI guidance.



## **Build Capacity**

Provide professional development on AI.



## **Support Innovation**

Promote research of AI in education.

# International Policy Efforts

## AI System Risk Levels Under EU AI Act



SOURCE: European Council





# MEAUXMENTUM MOMENT

# Innovating Earn-While-You-Learn Along I-20



**Louisiana's**  
Community & Technical Colleges

*Changing Lives, Creating Futures*  
[www.lctcs.edu](http://www.lctcs.edu)

- Plumbing Heating Cooling Contractors of LA Apprenticeship Partnership
- Union and Non-Union Apprenticeship Opportunities
- Two Phases
  - 18 Months-TD-(Year 1 & 2)
    - Tradesman License—4,000 hours
  - Workforce (Year 3 & 4)
    - Journeyman License—4,000 hours
- High School Dual Enrollment Opportunity



- Registered Teacher Apprenticeship Model
- Accelerated Model – complete 4 years in 3 years
- Offers Full Certification and Future Employment
- Apprentices Earn while they Learn
- On the Job Competency Based Learning Approach
- Assigned Teacher Mentor throughout program
- Assigned Cohort Advisor to navigate any college and workplace challenges
- True Partnership with ULM and School Districts
- Places Apprentices in the classroom on Day 1
- Creates an authentic pipeline for Grow Your Own Teachers







**Provides Sustainable  
Funding Opportunities**



**Ensure Deep District  
Involvement in the  
Training Process**



**On-the-job,  
Competency-Based  
Learning Approach**



**Enables Apprentices  
to Graduate within 3  
Years, rather than the  
Traditional 4**

# Grow Your Own Teachers

APPRENTICESHIP  
MODEL



**Apprentices can Earn  
while they Learn**



**Offers Full-Certification  
& Future Employment**



**LOUISIANA DELTA**  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- Board of Nursing approved pilot
- LPNs employed full-time on a medical-surgical floor
- Pre-requisite courses 100% online
- Nursing courses provided online with some on-campus testing/simulations
- LPN trains as “RN Apprentice” under a “Preceptor” and an instructor
- Clinical training time reduced to 1 year
- Piloting this innovative apprenticeship with Willis-Knighton (WK) Health Systems
- WK paying stipend to Preceptor and regular wages to the RN Apprentices



**BOSSIER  
PARISH  
COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE**

# Questions?



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# LA FIRST Overview

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**Kathleen Babineaux Blanco**  
Public Policy Center



**LA FIRST**

# Overview of LA FIRST

- Act 394 of the 2023 Louisiana Legislature created LA FIRST at the Blanco Center
- LA FIRST is a data center linking existing administrative data for public policy research
- 8 data partners are participating

Louisiana Department of Education	Louisiana Dept of Public Safety & Corrections
Louisiana Workforce Commission	Louisiana Office of Juvenile Justice
Louisiana Dept of Children & Family Services	Louisiana Board of Regents
Louisiana Department of Health	Local Education Agencies

- Legislation mandates three annual reports
- Act 330 of the 2024 Regular Session authorizes ad hoc reports requested by state entities

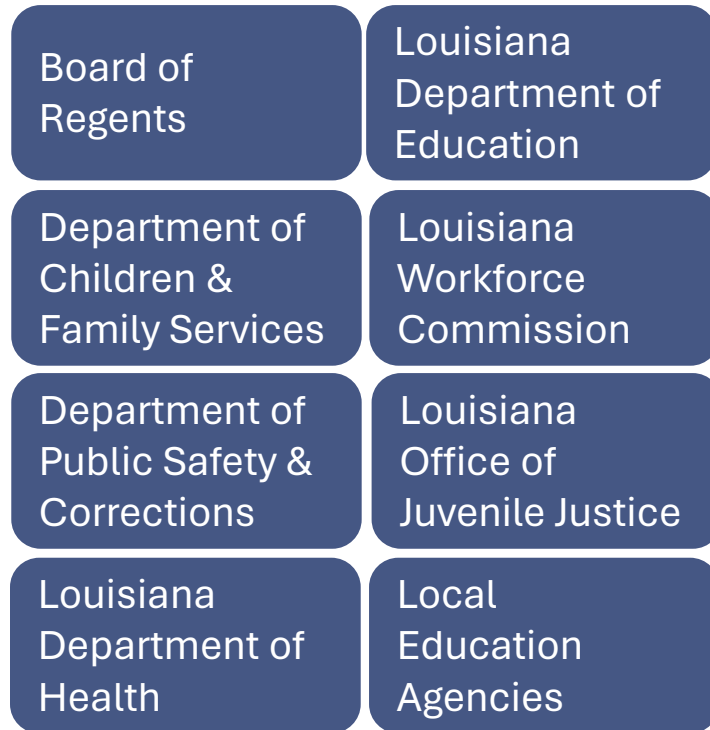


# LA FIRST will produce three annual legislative reports

- **Launch Louisiana** | an in-depth analysis of the elementary-and-secondary-school-to-college or -career transitions
- **Louisiana's Employment Outcomes** | an in-depth analysis of linkages between workforce, credit and noncredit, and postsecondary training and education
- **Causes and Consequences of Criminal and Delinquent Acts** | an in-depth analysis of the criminal justice system leveraging linkages between education, employment, adult corrections, and juvenile justice

# LA FIRST is a data partnership for public policy research

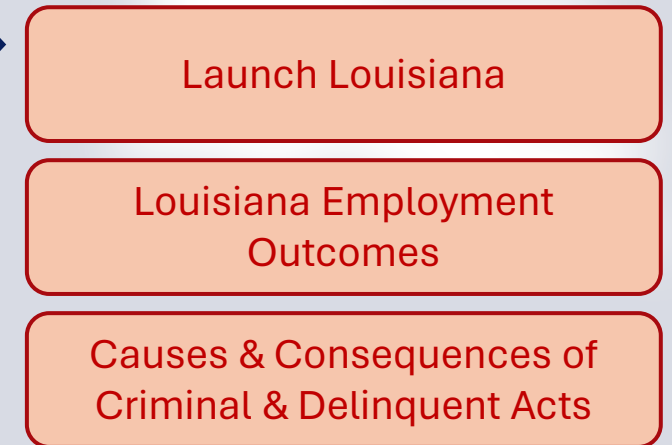
## Data partners



## Blanco Center at UL Lafayette



## Louisiana Legislature Reports

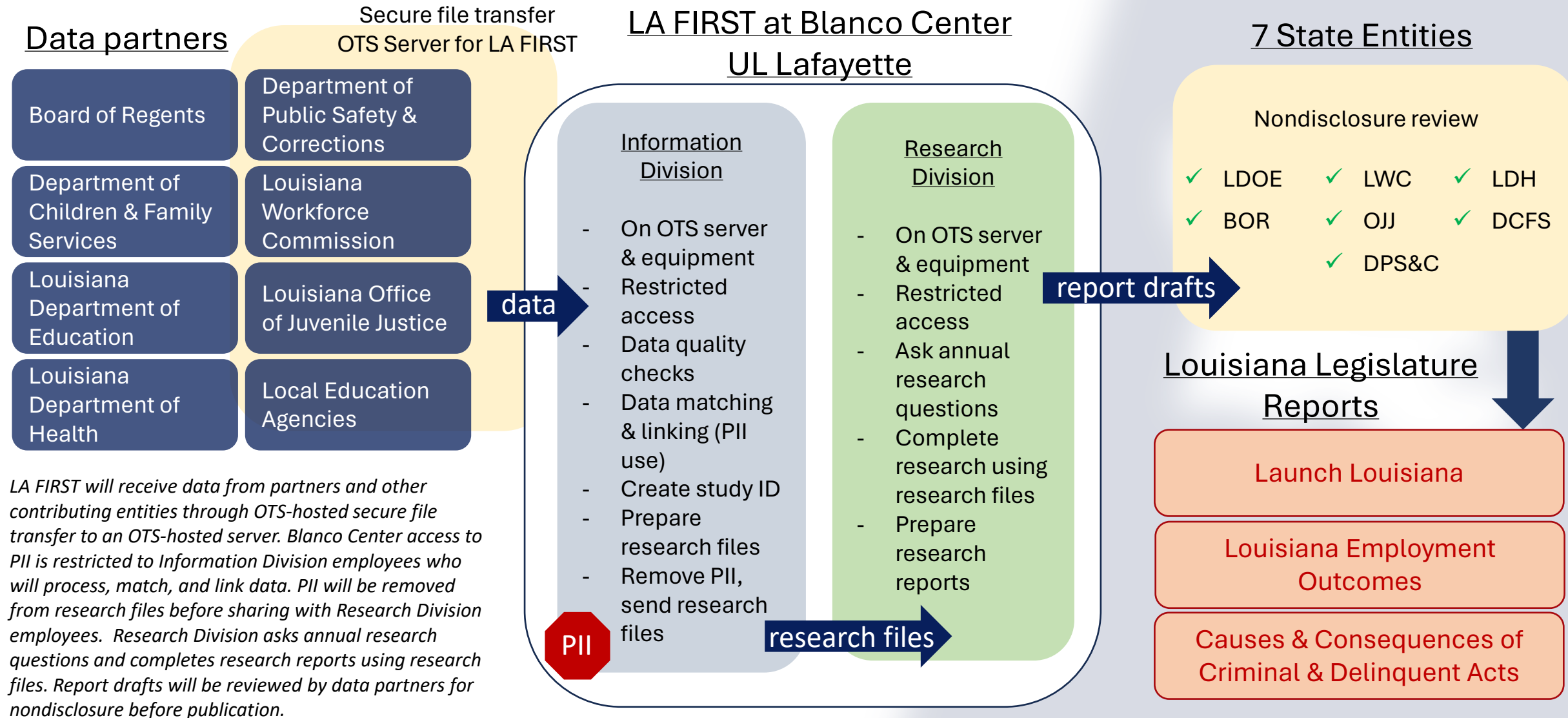


# Implementation Updates

- **Infrastructure** | 7 of 7 DSAs executed, secure server environment established within OTS, staff OTS training, secure file transfer underway
- **Hiring** | Of 13 total staff: 5 hired, 2 finalizing offers, 4 searches underway, 2 planned positions
- **Research Division** | Meetings to build 3 report research agendas in collaboration with data partners; literature reviews & policy reviews
- **Information Division** | Comprehensive data inventory & data dictionary work



# LA FIRST data flow diagram



# Agenda Item IX.

## Reports and Recommendations of Standing Committees



# Agenda Item IX.

## **Motion to Approve the Reports and Recommendations of Standing Committees**

# Agenda Item X.

## **Reports and Recommendations by the Commissioner of Higher Education**



# ***Welcome to Our New Governor's Fellow***



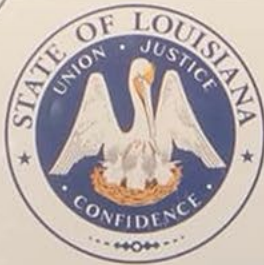
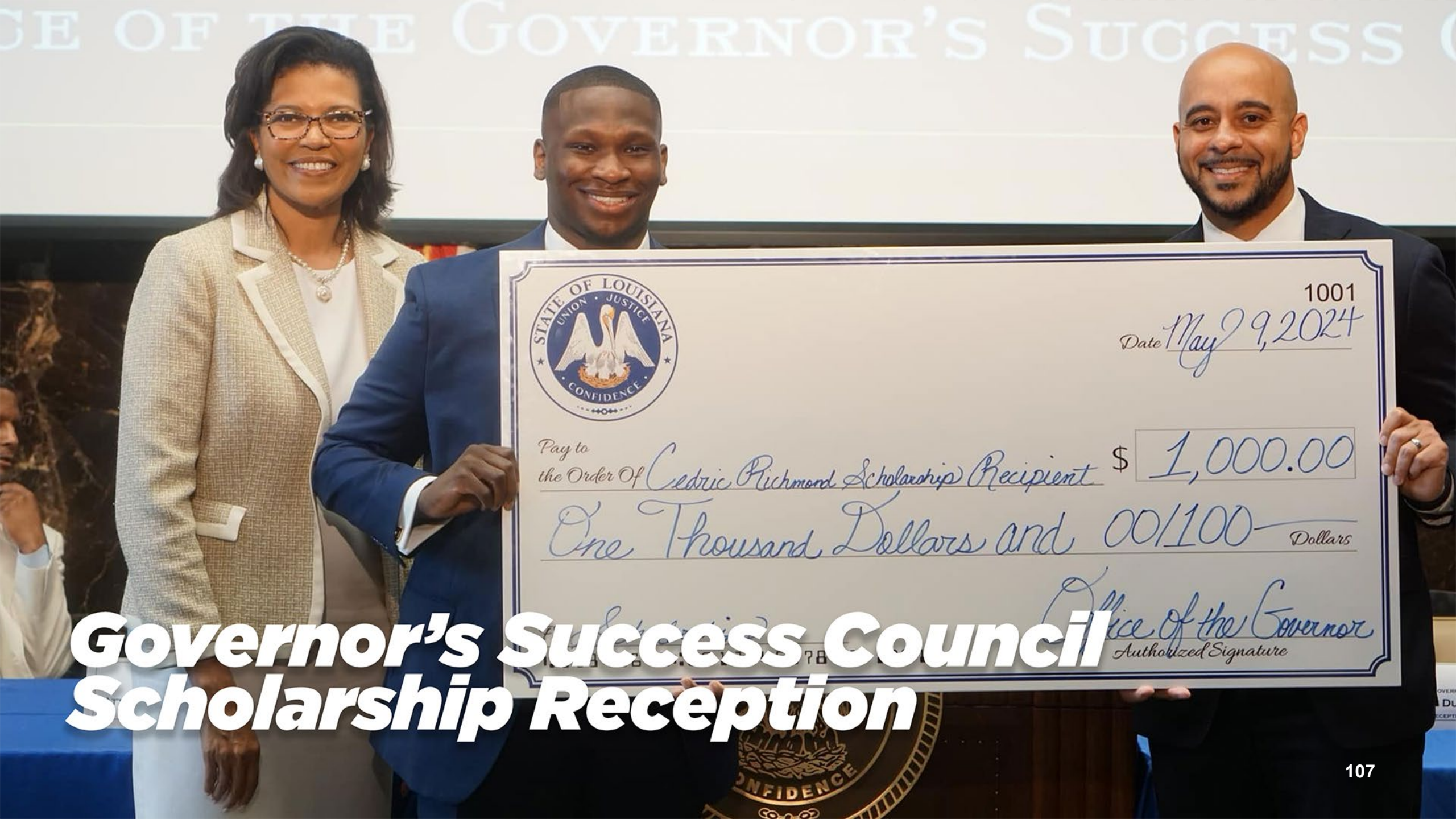
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Office of the Governor  
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# Governor's Success Council Scholarship Reception





***2024 Teacher of the Year on Latest Episode of “Louisiana’s Got Talent”***





**THANK YOU  
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AND GOV. LANDRY**

# Agenda Item XI.

## Other Business



# Agenda Item XII.

## Adjournment

