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# Agenda

# **Facilities and Property**

Wednesday, June 18, 2025 10:50 AM

Claiborne Building, 1st Floor • Louisiana Purchase Room 1–100 1201 N. Third St. • Baton Rouge, LA 70802

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Board of Regents Facilities Policy Revision
- IV. House Bill 2/Deferred Maintenance Funding Update
- V. Campus Safety Assessment Update
  - A. National Center for Biomedical Research and Training (NCBRT)
    Presentation
- VI. Other Business
- VII. Adjournment

Committee Members: Phillip R. May Jr., Chair; Collis B. Temple III, Vice Chair; David J. Aubrey; Ted H. Glaser III; Darren G. Mire; Christy Oliver Reeves; Terri P. Sterling; LCTC System Representative; LSU System Representative; SU System Representative; UL System Representative

Staff: Chris Herring, Associate Commissioner for Facilities Planning & Emergency Management

#### AGENDA ITEM III.

#### **Consent Agenda**

### **Board of Regents Facilities Policy Revision**

The passage of legislation during the 2024 and 2025 Regular Sessions of the Louisiana Legislature requires changes to the current Board of Regents (BOR) Facilities Policy. Prior to the revisions proposed herein, the last update to the Board of Regents' Facilities Policy occurred in April of 2019.

The three primary changes to the policy involve the passage and implementation of Act 751 of the 2024 Regular Session, passage of the Job Order Contracting project delivery method in the 2025 Regular Session, and the acknowledgment of the facilities condition assessment initiated this year to assist with deferred maintenance project planning.

First, the policy creates a section devoted to Act 751 of 2024. Act 751 created the College and University Deferred Maintenance and Capital Improvement Program to address the deferred maintenance and capital improvement needs that exist for facilities located at public postsecondary education institutions across the state of Louisiana. Within the last year, the Office of Facility Planning and Control (FP&C) developed policies and procedures related to the implementation of the program that deviate from Major Repair and Reroofing (deferred maintenance) funds provided in prior years. The current revision provides guidance as to the implementation of the Program.

The second newly created section involves the passage of the Job Order Contracting (JOC) project delivery method. The JOC legislation passed in the 2025 Regular Session to support the implementation of Act 751. JOC offers a flexible and efficient framework for completing projects by using competitively awarded, indefinite delivery/indefinite quantify (IDIQ) contracts with pre-priced construction tasks. This approach allows institutions to respond rapidly to facility needs, reduce procurement lead times, and ensure cost transparency while maintaining compliance with public contracting standards.

The BOR is statutorily responsible for establishing standard procedures and templates, certifying institutional readiness to implement the JOC program, approving procurement frameworks, and monitoring JOC program compliance and outcomes. To augment the additional policy, BOR staff also created a JOC Policy and Procedures Manual which is included as Appendix A to the BOR Facilities Policy. BOR staff requests Board approval to create the templates included as appendices to the JOC Policy and Procedures Manual upon approval of the Facilities Policy revision.

The final substantial revision to the current policy involves modifications to the section related to the facilities condition assessment. The current policy highlights efforts to assess the state of Louisiana's public postsecondary education institutions over 20 years ago. During discussions around the implementation of Act 751, each management board expressed the need for an updated facilities condition assessment. The policy revision addresses the current assessment that was

initiated in the Spring of 2025.

The policy revision also addresses the increase to projects authorized through Act 959 of 2003 and technical changes throughout the document.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Senior Staff recommends approval of the revisions to the Board of Regents Facilities policy, including the Job Order Contracting manual, and authorizes staff to finalize the appendices within the manual before any institution, or management board, issues a Request for Qualifications for a Job Order Contractor.

#### AGENDA ITEM V.

#### National Center for Biomedical Research and Training Campus Safety Update

The BOR received a total of \$2M from the Louisiana Legislature during the 2023 and 2024 Regular Sessions to perform campus safety assessments across all public postsecondary institutions, including specialized facilities, within the state. The BOR partnered with the National Center for Biomedical Research and Training (NCBRT) to conduct these assessments, which began with Delgado Community College in December 2023 and concluded with Louisiana State University (LSU) Health Sciences Center New Orleans in June 2025. NCBRT is a nationally recognized center for emergency preparedness and response training located on LSU's flagship campus. The team, comprised of twenty subject matter experts, visited every institution campus, satellite facility, and specialized research center during the project.

Each assessment consisted of an initial review of each institution's public-safety-related policies, structured interviews with campus and student leadership, conversations with campus police departments where applicable, informal conversations with faculty, staff, and students during the onsite visit, a physical assessment of every building on campus, and an exit interview to ensure transparency. During the evenings NCBRT conducted lighting surveys, often walking campuses with students and leadership to gain perspective from the campus community regarding evening safety challenges.

The NCBRT team will attend the June board meeting to share their observations and suggestions during their campus safety presentation. The most common recommendations made across higher education involved additional training for faculty, staff and students, improvements to infrastructure and communication, and staffing levels related to campus police departments.

In the coming months, NCBRT will provide the BOR with a comprehensive final report containing recommendations for higher education as an enterprise. The team also developed eleven training modules to address gaps and build institutional capacity. The BOR intends to continue to engage the NCBRT team in strengthening public safety across the state with the goal of helping campuses not only to respond to emergencies but also to prevent and recover from them more

effectively.

This item is for informational purposes.