



**Cybersecurity Education Management Council (CEMC) Meeting
Board of Regents Conference Room | Claiborne Building
March 18, 2025 | 1:00 P.M.**

Committee Members/Representatives Present

Rick Bateman
William Bradley
Michael Boykin
Bonnie Chelette
Greg Trahan

Committee Members Not Present

Tristan Denley
Emily DiPalma
Rick Gallot
Mark Bond
Daphne Williams
Gabriel Fagbeyiro

I. Welcome and Agenda Overview

Dr. Coleman called the meeting of the Cybersecurity Education Management Council (CEMC) to order at 1:04 p.m. and welcomed the attendees. Next, Dr. Coleman called the roll and noted quorum was not obtained. Approval of 4th quarter CEMC minutes was postponed to the 2nd quarter CEMC meeting.

II. 2025 RFA Discussion

Next, Dr. Coleman provided an update on the current RFA application process. He reminded the council of the submission deadline being April 4th. As of the meeting date, no applications had been received, which was noted as being common this early in the application process. The council was reminded that they would have a week to submit their scores on applications that were received. Funding approvals would be considered at the 2nd quarter CEMC meeting based on the scoring results received.

III. Updates from the Louisiana Cyber Academy

Next, Board of Regents staff, Pamela Northup, provided the council with an update on the recent successes at the Louisiana Cyber Academy. The Louisiana Cyber Academy is made up of six Louisiana institutions with a focus on increasing the availability of cyber instruction across the state. She reported that the LA Cyber Academy launched on March 17, 2025, with 140 student enrollments across two initial courses: "Information Technology Principles," which prepares students for the CompTIA Tech+ certification exam, and "Problem Solving and Programming Techniques," a foundational Python programming course.

Ms. Northup highlighted that the program has already far exceeded expectations, with initial enrollment numbers nearly triple the grant's total target of 50 students. She explained that the Academy operates as a consortium of six institutions: Bossier Parish Community College (serving as the Lead Institution), Baton Rouge Community College, Grambling State University, Southern University at New Orleans, Nicholls State University, and LSU-Shreveport. These institutions have formalized their collaboration through a signed Memorandum of Understanding and a SACSCOC Cooperative Academic Arrangement that enables course sharing across institutions.

She noted that faculty representing each partner institution participate in the LA Cyber Academy Curriculum Leadership workgroup, which was responsible for designing the syllabi and course content. Select members of this workgroup also serve as instructors for the courses. Ms. Northup informed the Council that two additional courses will launch each subsequent term, and that information about the complete set of six courses is available on the Board of Regents website at <https://www.laregents.edu/lacyber>. She added that while the CEMC grant funds much of the

program, it does not cover test vouchers for certification exams.

IV. New Business and Adjournment

With no additional comments or items for discussion, through unanimous consent of the members, the Council adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

