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Cybersecurity Education Management Council (CEMC) Meeting

Thursday, August 7, 2025
2:00-3:30 p.m.

Claiborne Building, 6th Floor
Board of Regents Conference Room, Room 6-242
1201 North Third Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Tristan Denley called the meeting of the Cybersecurity Education Management Council to order at 2:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF MAY 14, 2025 MINUTES

Ms. Kim Langlois called the roll, and a quorum was established.

Members Present	Affiliation
Dr. Tristan Denley, Chair Lt. Col. Michael J. Bendich William Bradley III Dr. Bonnie Chalette Michael Boykin Greg Trahan Dr. Rick Bateman Emily DiPalma Marsha Andrews (Proxy)	Commissioner of Higher Education-Designee Office of the Governor Office of the Governor LA Department of Education LA Chemical Association LSU System LCTCS System LA Workforce Commission LA Department of Economic Development
Members Absent	Affiliation
Dr. Rick Gallot	UL System

Dr. Denley asked the Council to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2025 meeting. On motion of Emily DiPalma, seconded by Greg Trahan, the minutes were approved.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION

Dr. Denley asked Lt. Col. Michael Bendich to provide an update the work of the Louisiana National Guard (LANG) and potential collaboration opportunities. Lt. Col. Bendich provided an update on the current cybersecurity work of the

Louisiana National Guard (LANG), including its responses to date as well as plans for future operations in cybersecurity. He informed the Council that the main mission of the LANG is to be the quick reaction force to cyber incidents that impact Louisiana. He noted that the LANG has responded to numerous incidents across the state as well as participated in training related to cybersecurity solutions.

He advised the Council that there are opportunities for collaboration in the following categories: Cybertraining and Development; Incident Response Collaboration; Open Communications and Internal Meetings and Collaborations; and Cyber Initiatives. Mr. Greg Trahan asked about the target audience for the initiatives; Lt. Col. Bendich responded that, based on the topics, the initiatives would be tailored to the groups who attend. The Council discussed the time requirements for the training courses and possible partnerships with institutions, including the Louisiana Cyber Academy. Mr. William Bradley asked about the size of the incident response teams and Lt. Col. Bendich indicated that there are about 100 active guardsmen on each team.

UPDATES

Dr. Denley provided an update on the Louisiana Cyber Academy. He advised approximately 150 students completed a Python course in the spring and in the fall these students will continue through the final two courses in the sequence while a new cohort of students will begin the program. He added that now all institutions in the state now have access to Canvas Credentials and will work with institutions to provide badges as students complete Cyber Academy courses.

Dr. Rick Bateman added that courses are being updated as technology changes, an approach that needs to be considered over the long term. Dr. Bateman added that Bossier Parish Community College is working with the Louisiana Department of Education to assist more high school teachers to complete certification in computer science subjects.

Mr. Trahan added that he recently participated in detailed cybersecurity training focused on industry.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

NEXT STEPS & ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.