



Postsecondary Inclusive Education Advisory Council Meeting

Location: Board of Regents Conference Room, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Date: Wednesday, July 1, 2026

Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call and Approval of November 5, 2025, Minutes**
- III. Campus Updates**
 - A. Baton Rouge Community College
 - B. Fletcher Community College
 - C. Bossier Parish Community College - *Informational*
- IV. Postsecondary Inclusion Fund Budget Allocation**
- V. Statewide Contract - Equip**
- VI. Other Business**
- VII. Public Comments**
- VIII. Adjournment**



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Wednesday, November 5, 2025

10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.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 Postsecondary Inclusive Education Advisory Council to order at 10:05 a.m.

ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF MARCH 18, 2025 MINUTES

Ms. Kim Langlois called the roll, a quorum was not established so the approval of the March 15, 2025 minutes will be postponed until the next meeting.

Members Present	Affiliation
Dr. Tristan Denley (Proxy)	Commissioner of Higher Education
Melissa Bayham	LA Rehabilitation Services
Tracy Blanchard	LSU System
Dr. Mary Breaud	Office of the Governor
Ebony Haven	LA Developmental Disabilities Council
Gerald "Mitch" Dillon	LA Developmental Disabilities Council
LaKiesha London	Senate Committee on Education
Dr. Jeaninne O'Rourke	UL System
Dr. Willie Smith	LCTCS
Brittany Soden	House Committee on Education
Members Absent	Affiliation
David Martin	Special School District
Johnny Manela	LA Developmental Disabilities Council
President Dennis Shields	Southern University System

2026 POSTSECONDARY INCLUSIVE EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Dr. Denley reviewed the draft of the 2026 Postsecondary Inclusive Advisory Council Legislative Report with the Council. He advised that the final version of the report will be presented at the December Board of Regents meeting and will be submitted to the Legislature once it has been approved. Dr. Denley asked that

any feedback be submitted by Wednesday, November 11th. Ms. Kim Langlois informed the Council that once the finalized version has been completed, it will be sent to the Council.

Dr. Denley informed the Council that during the past legislative session, ACT ____ was approved which will provide ongoing funding for postsecondary inclusive education programs from sports betting. He advised that the funds will not be provided until the end of the fiscal year.

POSTSECONDARY INCLUSIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM UPDATES

Dr. Shalanda Stanley presented an update on the ACES program at University of Louisiana at Monroe. Dr. Stanley informed the Council that the program is currently in its second year, with 6 students in both their first and second cohorts. She also advised that the applications for the program have grown from 100 to 300 applications. She provided an overview of the program and the students' experiences as part of the program, including job training, campus events, and course work and informed the Council that the first cohort will graduate in December 2026.

Dr. Mooney asked about the students' schedule and student support. Dr. Stanley responded that there are student workers to provide peer support and that each student's schedule varies based on the courses that they register for in addition to the scheduled course meeting time for the ACES program.

The Council then discussed their respective recruiting and application processes and how they can grow their programs.

Dr. Barlow asked about students auditing classes in the place of earning credits. Dr. Stanley responded that students audit courses as they would not be able to meet the expected learning outcomes for the courses that they audit.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Mooney asked for clarification regarding extra funds available from the new funding source. Dr. Denley responded that the funds would be provided by the end of the year, but we would not know the amount until they are received. Ms. Langlois advised that a copy of the Act is in the draft legislative report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

NEXT STEPS & ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Denley informed the Council that the next meeting will be scheduled for the Spring.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.