The Board of Regents met in session at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, August 23, 2007, in the Louisiana Purchase Room, Claiborne Building, 1201 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Chair Pat Strong called the meeting to order. Executive Assistant to the Commissioner, Ms. Carolyn Blanchard, called the roll, and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Scott Brame, Vice Chair
Richard D’Aquin
Maurice Durbin
Donna Klein
James Klock
Robert Levy
W. Clinton Rasberry
Mary Ellen Roy
Victor Stelly
Harold Stokes
Pat Strong, Chair
Artis Terrell, Jr.
Roland Toups

Absent for the meeting were:

Robert Bruno
Ingrid Labat
Clifford Smith

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Strong noted that no written requests were received for public comments and asked whether the audience had any comments at this time. There were none.

MINUTES APPROVED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 28, 2007

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Stokes, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of June 28, 2007.
INTRODUCTION OF CHANCELLOR JACK WEISS, LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY PAUL M. HEBERT LAW CENTER

Dr. William Jenkins, President of the Louisiana State University System, introduced the new chancellor of the Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Jack Weiss. Dr. Jenkins noted that Chancellor Weiss is a graduate of both Yale University and Harvard University. He said he has also been listed in several well known legal publications such as the Law Dragon and Chambers USA.

Chancellor Weiss stated that he was glad to be back home and thankful for the opportunity to serve the state, Louisiana State University and the Law Center. He discussed some of the challenges facing him as Chancellor. A question and answer period followed with the Board members.

PRESENTATION BY MR. TRENT WILLIAMS, REGIONAL TECHNOLOGY STRATEGIES (RC/EEP)

Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, introduced Mr. Trent Williams, Principal with Regional Technology Strategies (RTS). Mr. Williams then introduced members of the RTS Project Team: (1) Dr. Lou Tornatzky, Chair, Industrial Technology, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo; (2) Dr. Jacques Koppel, Koppel Group, and (3) Mr. Chris Beacham, Director, Economic Development Program with RTS. Mr. Williams gave a power point presentation entitled “Growing Louisiana’s Next Economy.” He said this was a progress report on a statewide plan to foster university technology development and commercialization funded by the Louisiana Board of Regents, the Louisiana Recovery
Authority, and the Office of Community Development. Mr. Williams noted that Phase I has been completed and ground work is being laid for Phase II. He noted that on Wednesday, August 22\textsuperscript{nd} a meeting was held with campus representatives to discuss Phase II. A question and answer period followed with Board members. Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, Commissioner of Higher Education, thanked Regional Technology Strategies for its presentation. He also noted not only the assistance of Mr. John Spain with the Baton Rouge Foundation, but also the Louisiana Recovery Authority.

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Regent Strong, Chair of the Executive Committee, Ms. Connie Koury, Legal Counsel, presented motions from the Executive Committee Report of July 9, 2007.

**POLICY FOR STATE FUND USAGE IN ATHLETIC PROGRAMS**

Ms. Koury noted that the Board had deferred changes to the Board of Regents’ Policy for State Fund Usage in Athletic Programs at its June meeting until the Executive Committee of the Board, acting on behalf of the Board, could meet and consider the need for and merits of the proposal.
On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee to adopt the revised Board of Regents’ Policy for State Fund Usage in Athletic Programs.

ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT OF JULY 9, 2007

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Report of July 9, 2007. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Prior to the call to order, Ms. Connie Koury, General Counsel of the Board of Regents, administered the oath of office to newly appointed Board member, Ms. Donna Klein. Her husband, son and daughter-in-law were in the audience.

On behalf of Regent Roy, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, Dr. Larry Tremblay, Acting Deputy Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs, presented motions from the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of August 22, 2007.

PROPOSED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Louisiana State University Health Science Centers - New Orleans - Ph.D. in Biostatistics

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed Ph.D. in Biostatistics (CIP Code 26.1102) at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-New Orleans, effective Fall 2007. By August 31, 2008, and annually until CEPH accreditation has been achieved by the School of Public Health, the LSUHSC-NO shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs a progress report addressing the following:

1. Numbers of students/graduates/placement of graduates, when applicable;

2. Updates on faculty workload;
3. Documentation of the use of adjunct faculty, graduate teaching associates and distance learning technology to distribute teaching load/effect interactions with closely related state institutions (LSUSCH-S, LSU A&M, UNO, La Tech, Pennington); and

4. Progress toward CEPH accreditation.

Louisiana State University-Alexandria - B.S. in Business Administration

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed B.S. program in Business Administration (CIP Code 52.0201) at Louisiana State University-Alexandria, with the following stipulations:

1. During AY 2007-2008, the University shall aggressively recruit new and/or replacement faculty with an anticipated hire date of Fall 2008, as recommended by external consultants. The University shall also use this year to address other consultants’ recommendations and suggestions to the fullest extent possible, especially those that relate to AACSB program accreditation requirements.

2. By May 1, 2008, the University shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs a progress report which fully addresses all requirements of #1 above, including a revised, corrected 5-year budget which fully accounts for all program revenues and expenditures. The staff shall immediately assess the contents of this progress report and make a recommendation regarding eventual program implementation. Assuming sufficient progress has been made, program implementation is anticipated for Fall 2008.

3. Depending on the contents of the May 1, 2008 progress report, it is possible that additional stipulations or requirements may be imposed to ensure appropriate program development.
On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the Graduate Certificate in the Dynamics of Domestic Violence (CIP Code 42.0401) at Louisiana Tech University, effective Fall 2007.

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed A.A.S. program in Occupational Education (CIP Code 13.1319) at Louisiana Technical College - Baton Rouge campus to be implemented when a qualified program director has been hired.

By August 1, 2008, the College shall submit a report to the Associate Commissioner addressing the following issues:

1. Numbers of students enrolled in the program;

2. Development of additional on-line or other distance learning courses; and

3. A list of courses offered in AY 2007-08 and those projected for AY 2008-09.

Following consideration of the abovementioned progress report, it is possible that the Committee may authorize additional progress reports at that time.

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent D’Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to terminate the A.S. program in Emergency Medical Services-Paramedic (CIP Code 51.0904) at Nicholls State University, effective immediately.
PROPOSED LETTERS OF INTENT

Louisiana State University Health Science Centers - Doctor of Public Health

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent D’Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the proposed Letter of Intent for the projected Doctor of Public Health program (CIP Code 51.2201) at the Louisiana State University Health Science Center-New Orleans. Any forthcoming proposal submitted as a result of this Letter of Intent shall address cost/funding concerns expressed in the staff summary.

Southern University-Baton Rouge - B.S. in Computer Science - Option in Cyber Security

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent D’Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the proposed Letter of Intent for the projected B.S. program in Computer Science - Option in Cyber Security (CIP Code 11.1003) at Southern University-Baton Rouge.

PROPOSED RESEARCH UNIT - SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY-BATON ROUGE - INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed International Center for Information Technology and Development at Southern University and A&M College for a period of five years, effective immediately. By June 1 of each year, the institution shall submit a revised annual budget for the upcoming year to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs.

PROPOSED ACADEMIC UNIT - SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY-BATON ROUGE - DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the following actions within the College of Education at Southern University-Baton Rouge:

1. The establishment of a new Department of Educational Leadership; and
2. The renaming of the Department of Behavioral Studies and Educational Leadership to the Department of Behavioral Studies.

PROGRESS REPORTS ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROGRAMS

Baton Rouge Community College - A.A.S. in Entertainment Technologies

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent D’Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to authorize immediate implementation of the A.A.S. program in Entertainment Technologies at Baton Rouge Community College. Beginning August 1, 2008, the College shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs an annual report updating progress toward full program development and funding, as described in the College’s August, 2007 report.

Northwestern State University - M.A. in Heritage Resources

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent D’Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AYs 2005-2007 Progress Report from Northwestern State University Relative to Implementation of the M.A. Program in Heritage Resources. As all previous stipulations have been adequately addressed, the program is hereby granted full approval.

Louisiana Technical College - T. H. Harris Campus - A.A.S. in the Care and Development of Young Children

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent D’Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the June, 2007 Progress Report from Louisiana Technical College - T.H. Harris Campus Relative to Fulfillment of Conditions for Implementation of the A.A.S. Program in the Care and Development of Young Children. As all conditions have been adequately addressed, program implementation is hereby authorized, effective immediately.

Nicholls State University

B.S. in Geomatics

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent D’Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY
2006-2007 Progress Report from Nicholls State University Relative to Implementation of the B.S. Program in Geomatics. By August 1, 2008, the University shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs a subsequent progress report addressing remaining areas of concern as identified in the staff summary.

M.S. in Coastal and Marine Biology

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent D’Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2006-2007 Progress Report from Nicholls State University Relative to Implementation of the M.S. Program in Marine and Environmental Biology. As all previous stipulations of conditional approval have been successfully addressed, the staff further recommends full program approval. Hence, no further progress reports are deemed necessary.

M.S. in Community and Technical College Mathematics

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent D’Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2006-2007 Progress Report from Nicholls State University Relative to Implementation of the M.S. Program in Community and Technical College Mathematics. By August 1, 2008, the University shall submit to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs a subsequent progress report addressing concerns expressed in the staff summary.

Southern University-Baton Rouge - Master of Business Administration

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent D’Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the Fifth Progress Report Relative to Implementation of the Master of Business Administration Program at Southern University-Baton Rouge. The next report addressing placement of graduates and AACSB assessment shall be due to the Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs on August 1, 2008.
AND LEADERS

Southern University-Baton Rouge - M.Ed. in Special Education

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the redesigned M.Ed. Program in Special Education at Southern University-Baton Rouge.

REPORTS OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

Dr. Tremblay noted that updates were given on the following items:

1. Status of Reviews of Conditionally Approved Programs
2. Status of Reviews for Proposed Programs/Units
3. Staff Approval of Routine Academic Requests

He further reminded that approval was updated to a request was received from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette to rename the Center for Child Development to the Cecil J. Picard Center for Child Development, in honor of the late State Superintendent of Education Cecil Picard. Dr. Tremblay also said that Dr. Stephen Scott was recently hired as Assistant Commissioner for Academic Affairs at the Board of Regents.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT OF AUGUST 22, 2007

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent D’Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of August 22, 2007. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

**SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT**

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the Small Capital Projects Report as listed:

- **Maple Floor Court Replacement, Thomas Assembly Center** - Louisiana Tech University
  - $195,000 Donations

- **Office, Media, and Dressing Room Modifications** - Louisiana Tech University
  - $220,000 Donations

- **Training Pool** - Young Memorial Technical College Campus of the LTC
  - $282,500 Donations

- **CENTREX Renovation for Culinary Arts** - Northwestern State University
  - $175,000 State Funds

- **Prather Coliseum Renovations and ADA Upgrades** - Northwestern State University
  - $225,000 State Funds

- **Frey Computing Service Center Supplemental Cooling** - Louisiana State University
  - $348,000 Restricted Plant Funds

- **Copy and Mail Center Second Floor Modification** - Louisiana State University
  - $348,000 Auxiliary Funds

- **School of Nursing Medical Gas Installation** -
LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans
$150,000 Self-Generated Sources

Dental School Network Closets - 
LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans
$200,000 Other, Self-Generated Restricted Funds

Residence Hall Enclosed Entryway - 
LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans
$349,000 Other, Self-Generated Restricted Funds

PROJECTS UTILIZING ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF FINANCING

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent D’Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the completion of Phase I of the residential housing project at the University of Louisiana in Lafayette. The project will construct an additional 162 beds at a cost of $10,345,000 utilizing alternative means of financing.

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Roy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the renovation of the Wigwam Dining facility at the University of Louisiana in Monroe for use as a Student Success Center. The project is estimated to cost $2,945,000 with funding from student self-assessed fees, and will be accomplished utilizing alternative means of financing.

ACT 959 PROJECTS

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent D’Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the project to renovate the existing 6th floor Vivarium of the Life Sciences Building at Louisiana State University and A&M College under the provisions of Act 959 of 2003. Cost of the project is estimated to be $1,400,000, with $400,000 from an NIH Grant, and $1,000,000 from grants and contracts overhead.

DEMOLITION OF EXISTING FACILITIES

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Roy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the demolition of three obsolete facilities at Grambling State University, namely Memorial Stadium, Wheatley Hall, and Pinchback
Hall. Demolition costs will come from the new project for replacement housing.

LEASE OF PROPERTY

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent D’Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the lease of the court portion and related areas of the Thomas Assembly Center at Louisiana Tech University to Louisiana Tech Foundation, Inc. for the purpose of installing a new resilient athletic playing surface and related work which is being donated by former Louisiana Tech and NBA All-Star player Karl Malone. Upon completion of the work or July 31, 2008 at the latest, the lease will terminate and the improvements donated to the institution.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT OF AUGUST 22, 2007

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Report of August 22, 2007. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of Regent Stokes, Chair of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee, Dr. Tremblay presented motions from the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of August 22, 2007.

PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee to approve an initial operating license for Academy of Dental Assisting, located in Breaux Bridge, Louisiana.

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee to approve an initial operating license for Jefferson Nursing Knowledge, LLC, located in Marrero, Louisiana.
On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee to renew the licenses of the following proprietary schools (initial license date in parentheses):

- Baton Rouge College--Baton Rouge Campus (06/26/86)
- Baton Rouge College--Hammond Campus (06/22/95)
- Baton Rouge College--New Orleans Campus (06/24/93)
- Cameron College (06/29/83)
- Delta College of Arts & Technology (06/25/92)
- Diesel Driving Academy--Baton Rouge Campus (06/25/87)
- Eastern College of Health Vocations--Shreveport Campus (05/27/04)
- High-Tech Institute--Atlanta (05/22/03)
- High-Tech Institute--Nashville (05/22/03)
- Lafayette General Medical Center (06/27/96)
- Louisiana Institute of Massage Therapy (06/25/92)
- MedVance Institute (05/25/00)
- Nashville Auto-Diesel College (05/22/03)
- New Horizons Computer Learning Center--New Orleans (05/25/00)
- New Horizons Computer Learning Center--Shreveport (05/25/00)
- Next Level Foundation, LLC (05/26/05)
- Southern Medical Corporation School of Ultrasound (06/26/97)

LICENSURE

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Roy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to renew the license of Panola College, located in Carthage, Texas.

2007-08 HEALTH WORKS PLAN & BUDGET

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Roy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to adopt the Board of Regents’ 2007-08 Health Works Plan & Budget.
SUCCESS THROUGH ARTICULATION (STArt)

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent Roy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve the Success Through Articulation (STArt) Statewide Secondary to Postsecondary Articulation Agreement.

REPORT FROM ACTING DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

Dr. Tremblay said updates were given on the following items:

1. Projected dual enrollment course enrollments in 2007-08, and
2. ACT statistics for the 2007 high school graduation class.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF AUGUST 22, 2007

On motion of Regent Stokes, seconded by Regent D’Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Report of August 22, 2007. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of Regent Toups, Chair of the Technology Committee, Dr. Tremblay presented the Technology Committee Report of August 22, 2007.

LONI UPDATE

Dr. Tremblay noted that a briefing was given on the status of the Louisiana Optical Network Initiative (LONI).

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER FOR INFORMATION AND LEARNING TECHNOLOGY

Dr Tremblay thanked Ms. Diana Didier for her hard work on the 2007 Multimedia Educational Resource for Learning and Online Teaching (MERLOT) International Conference held in New Orleans. Additionally, he said that an update was given on the progress of the
Postsecondary Education Physical Security Initiative.

ADOPTION OF THE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT OF AUGUST 22, 2007

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Roy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Technology Committee Report of August 22, 2007. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT

On behalf of Regent Levy, Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson presented motions from the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of August 22, 2007.

NOMINATIONS FOR EPSCoR COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the nominations of new members and reconfirmations of existing members as representatives on the BoRSF EPSCoR subcommittee.

UPDATES

Dr. Davidson said updates were given on several items:

1. Research Commercialization and Education Enhancement Program (RC/EEP),
2. Louisiana Mathematics, Science, and English Initiative (LMSEI), and
3. 2007 Gulf Coast Post-Katrina Forum - August 19-21, 2007

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF AUGUST 22, 2007

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Roy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of August 22, 2007. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
On behalf of Regent Strong, Chair of the Executive Committee, Ms. Koury presented motions from the Executive Committee Report of July 22, 2007.

**LOUISIANA COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM (LCTCS) POLICY ON OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT OF LCTCS EMPLOYEES**

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee to approve the technical revision of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) Policy on Outside Employment of LCTCS. Approval of this revision by the LCTCS Board is contingent upon subsequent approval of both the Board of Regents and the Board of Ethics.

**UPDATES**

Ms. Koury noted that updates were given on the following items:

1. Workforce Development presentation by Dr. Joe May, LCTCS, and
2. Data Breach Issue

**GRAMBLING UNIVERSITY NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, ET AL V. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA, ET AL, U.S. DISTRICT COURT, WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA, ALEXANDRIA DIVISION, CIVIL ACTION NO. 06-CV-1571**

Ms. Koury said that an Executive Session was called to discuss the litigation matters which involves Grambling University National Alumni Association, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, and the Board of Regents.

**ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT OF AUGUST 22, 2007**

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Report of August 22, 2007.

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**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER**

Commissioner Savoie reported on the following items:
• Each fall the Junior Achievement of North Louisiana publicly honors three business role models who have given to the community. This year, Regent Rasberry will be honored on October 2nd in Shreveport.

• Several individuals who have served the education community will be retiring. Chancellor Robert Cavanaugh, LSU-Alexandria; Dr. William Arceneaux, President of the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (LAICU), will retire effective August 31; and Ms. Carole Wallin, Deputy Superintendent of Education.

• Dr. Rouse Caffey is Interim Chancellor at LSU-Alexandria and Ms. Maryann Coleman is Interim President at LAICU.

• Endowed professorship check presentations are underway.

• Regent Labat gave birth to a baby girl on August 21st.

• On August 27, 2007, Senator Mary Landrieu will hold a Recovery Summit meeting at the Lindy C. Boggs Conference Center at UNO in New Orleans.

• September 26 and 27, 2007 are dates for the next Committee and Board meetings.

• September 27 and 28, 2007, are dates for the next Master Plan Advisory Panel meetings.

OTHER BUSINESS

Regent Strong said a vacancy had occurred on the High School Redesign Commission which allows for the Board chair or his designee to fill. He requested nominations for the Commission, and Regent Roland Toups volunteered to fill that vacancy on the High School Redesign Commission.
Regent Toups noted that the Governor and the Legislature clearly made Education the number one priority in funding during the 2007 Legislative Session. He continued by saying that the Board of Regents and all management boards should exercise a corresponding higher degree and level of accountability. Mr. Toups said that each institution should pro-actively and regularly report on planned expenditures of these funds to its management board and to the Board of Regents. In turn, he said, the Board of Regents should report such financial status to the state and the public.

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Roy, the Board voted unanimously to obtain regular updates from the management boards on how the monies designated to higher education during the 2007 Legislative Session are being utilized. The Board would then, in turn, make efforts to convey the use and value of these funds to the Governor, the Legislature, and the public.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Regent Strong, seconded by Regent Toups, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.