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# Regents Recap

## Regents holds meeting in Shreveport *Local Higher Education Leaders Deliver Presentations*

**Baton Rouge, LA**-The Board of Regents held its regular January meeting at the LSU Health Sciences Center at Shreveport. Dr. Robert Barish, Chancellor, greeted the members providing an overview of the center, along with conveying its impact on the north Louisiana region, especially as it relates to economic development. "Our medical schools are major contributors to the economic growth in our state," said Barish. "Two-thirds of Louisiana medical school graduates who train at a Louisiana teaching hospital continue to practice regionally, reinvesting in the Louisiana economy on an annual basis." He also spoke of the high demand for medical schools in our state. Since 2008, LSUHSC has increased its medical school enrollment by 18 percent; however, healthcare demand still outpaces the pipeline for professionals in medicine.

Also during the meeting, chancellors from the Shreveport area made presentations to the board outlining some of the highlights and successes at their respective universities. Chancellor Jim Henderson, Bossier Parish Community College, Interim Chancellor Paul Sisson, Louisiana State University at Shreveport, Chancellor Ray Belton, Southern University at Shreveport, and Chancellor Robert Barish, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center were all in attendance. "We are very pleased with the work that is being done in our region," said W. Clinton Rasberry, Chairman of the Board of Regents. "Several of our universities have seen record-setting enrollment, and all of them are major contributors to workforce and economic development." A special luncheon was held for board members and guests, hosted by the Shreveport Bossier Business Alliance for Higher Education, and the day ended with a tour of the medical school and hospital.



LSU Health Sciences Center Chancellor Robert Barish addresses luncheon attendees.

### Regents Members

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## January Board Meeting Pics...



## Regents Supports New Funding Initiative for Higher Education

Earlier this week, the Board of Regents participated in the Governor's announcement of a new initiative to support higher education called the Workforce and Innovation for a Stronger Economy plan—also known as the WISE plan. This initiative seeks to stabilize higher education funding through a performance-based fund aligned with workforce needs and innovation. Regents Chairman, W. Clinton Rasberry, and system presidents participated in the press conference, all conveying their support. Below are comments from Chairman Rasberry:

*This is a tremendous step towards the financial recovery of higher education, and a true example of a positive outcome resulting from collaboration. The WISE Plan not only provides support for workforce initiatives, but it also focuses on many of the long term goals that are outlined in the Board of Regents Master Plan for higher education.*

*The Board of Regents recognizes that the alignment of higher education with workforce demand is critical. Our universities are putting an emphasis on current and new programs that are linked to high demand, high wage opportunities. We have been working with our Workforce Cabinet partners to realize the workforce and economic goals of this state. It is through initiatives such as the WISE plan, that our universities will continue preparing individuals to meet the evolving demand for skilled labor in Louisiana.*

# Regents' Highlights

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- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the following Consent Agenda Items (Planning, Research, and Performance Committee):
  - ~Initial Licenses
    - American Sentinel University, Inc.
    - Eastern Kentucky University
  - ~License Renewals
    - Columbia University Teachers College
    - St. Joseph College
  - ~Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission
  - ~Initial License
    - Industrial Design Institute
    - ~Associate in Occupational Specialty Degree Programs
      - Career Technical College
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved an extension of the operating license for Delta International University.
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the response to Senate Resolution 171 of the 2013 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the BA-7 for the Louisiana Community and Technical College System.
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the following items (Academic and Student Affairs Committee):
  - ~Letter of Intent
    - SUNO Doctor of Social Work
  - ~Proposed New Programs
    - AAS in Digital Media Design – South Louisiana Community College
    - PMC in Global Security and Intelligence – Northwestern State University
  - ~Termination Requests
    - BS in Radiologic Sciences – Southeastern Louisiana University
    - BA in Sociology – University of Louisiana at Monroe
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved a motion to defer the termination request for the BS in Laboratory Sciences – University of Louisiana at Monroe.
- ✓ The Board of Regents received the Small Capital Projects Report.
- ✓ The Board of Regents approved the Major Repair Fund Reallocations.

## About Regents

*The Board of Regents, a state agency created by the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, coordinates all public higher education in Louisiana. The Board of Regents believes that a robust public postsecondary education system is critical in order to enhance Louisiana's social and economic environment. Through statewide academic planning and review, budgeting and performance funding, research, and accountability, Regents strives to ensure that all students have access to high-quality educational opportunities.*

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