
FOUNDATION FOR LOUISIANA STUDENTS

Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes

3113 Valley Creek Drive

Baton Rouge, LA

First Floor Conference Room

November 11, 2025

IN COMPLIANCE WITH LOUISIANA OPEN MEETINGS LAW

- subject to approval at the next board meeting -

I. OPENING ITEMS

- A. Facilities Committee Chair William Biessat called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.
- B. Facilities Committee Chair William Biessat requested a roll call vote. The following Directors through a voice vote were recorded as present: Mr. John Price, Mr. William Biessat, and Ex-officio member – Dr. Quintina Timoll.

Guests present: Mr. Michael Tran, Mr. Barry Harris, Ms. Eugenia Cardozo, Mr. Michael Adams, Ms. Linda Holliday, Mr. Gary Dunn, Mr. Matt Viguerie, Ms. Ashley McCullen, Mr. Michael Jackson, Ms. Maci Washington, and Ms. Darah Husser.

Conference Room & Online Guests: See attached list.

- C. On motion by Director Price, seconded by Director Biessat, to approve the Facilities Committee meeting agenda for November 11, 2025. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Price and Biessat voting in favor. A request by the committee for public comment was made. No public comment.

II. ROUTINE BUSINESS

- A. Approval of Minutes from the October 29, 2025 Facilities Committee Meeting. On motion by Director Price and seconded by Director Biessat, to approve the Facilities Committee meeting minutes for October 29, 2025. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Price and Biessat voting in favor. A request by the committee for public comment was made. No public comment.

III. ORAL REPORTS

N/A

IV. NEW BUSINESS

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A. Discussion of UVA Fencing Bids. Committee Chair William Biossat led the discussion of the eight fencing bids received, with input from Gary Dunn and Matt Viguerie of GD Architecture, LLC. McLin Construction, LLC submitted the lowest bid at \$414,600, followed by Sienna Construction, LLC at \$440,000. Two additional bids were acquired by Mr. Barry Harris from Select Fence, LLC at \$217,063.16 and Supreme Fencing, LLC at \$248,071.50. The committee discussed cost components, material options (steel vs. aluminum), site requirements, aesthetic considerations, and procurement strategies. Members also reviewed required gate and site reconfigurations to comply with city sight-triangle regulations and expressed a preference for automated gates integrated with access control. Additional discussion included a phased implementation approach prioritizing the Bennington site, concrete and demolition cost estimates, campus security enhancements, access control coordination, solar project updates, and vendor due-diligence findings, with no conflicts identified. Following deliberation, the committee agreed to recommend rejecting all bids and pursuing alternative procurement options, including phasing the project or contracting directly with specialized fencing vendors.

On motion by Director Price and seconded by Director Biossat to recommend that the Board reject all bids as being beyond the scope of the anticipated budget. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Price and Biossat voting in favor. A request by the committee for public comment was made. No public comment.

V. CLOSING ITEMS

A. On motion by Director Price, seconded by Biossat, and carried to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. The motion passed through a voice vote with Directors Price and Biossat voting in favor.

CONFERENCE ROOM & ONLINE GUESTS:

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	LOCATION
		Conference Room
3 individuals logged in to attend the meeting online.		