
FOUNDATION FOR LOUISIANA STUDENTS

Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes

3113 Valley Creek Drive

Baton Rouge, LA

First Floor Conference Room

October 29, 2025

IN COMPLIANCE WITH LOUISIANA OPEN MEETINGS LAW

I. OPENING ITEMS

- A. Facilities Committee Chair William Biessat called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.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. Quentina Timoll.

Guests present: Mr. Michael Tran, Mr. Barry Harris, Ms. Eugenia Cardozo, Ms. Lekisha Chambers, Mr. Michael Adams, Mr. Thomas Nealsson, Mr. Gary Dunn, Mr. Matt Viguerie, 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 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.

II. ROUTINE BUSINESS

N/A

III. ORAL REPORTS

N/A

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion of Programming Project for UVA Convention Center. Facilities Committee Chair William Biessat led the discussion with Mr. Gary Dunn and Mr. Matt Viguerie from GD Architecture, LLC. Mr. Dunn stated that this meeting is to discuss the potential UVA Conference Center to be located at the corner of Bennington and Valley Creek and establish what needs and functionality this space needs to have. Dr. Quentina Timoll stated that this

facility will host events such as convocations, professional development, open houses, and college/career fairs—but not full graduation ceremonies due to parking and capacity limits. The Committee stated that the preferred construction is a steel or metal structure with a modern, glassy lobby consistent with campus design. Site planning will address a utility servitude relocation, campus-wide parking strategies, and preservation of green space. Programming will define core uses, breakout configurations, and support spaces including a kitchen (phased for future cooking), AV-integrated partitions, and substantial storage for flexible furniture. The team aims to complete preliminary test fits and cost studies by late November and finalize programming by February, ensuring scalability, operational efficiency, and financial sustainability. No vote was taken.

V. CLOSING ITEMS

- A. On motion by Director Price, seconded by Biossat, and carried to unanimously adjourn the meeting at 3:41 p.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
2 individuals logged in to attend the meeting online.		