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**Media Advisory:
Regents to Hold Emergency Meeting**

BATON ROUGE, La. – The Board of Regents will hold an emergency meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 17, 2010, in Baton Rouge. The public meeting will be held in the Board Conference Room – Room 6-242 of the Claiborne Building. The meeting was called following the action taken by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget last Thursday which denied approval of the Regents' recommended compensation package for the Interim Commissioner of Higher Education. The Board will discuss next steps regarding leadership and addressing time sensitive work.

On Thursday, the Chair of the Search and Personnel Committee for the Board of Regents, Maurice Durbin, was joined at the committee room table by Chairman, Artis Terrell, with Regents Charlotte Bollinger, Bubba Rasberry and Vic Stelly in the audience, seeking approval for the salary for the Interim Commissioner. In her presentation, Ms. Durbin cited Act 648 which requires an appointment shall be made by two-thirds of the total Board of Regents membership and subject to confirmation by the Senate and that the salary shall be subject to approval of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

Ms. Durbin stated, "Our board received recommendations from experts across the country in order to pick a nationally recognized leader with experience in critical areas to ensure we could get the most out of his/her short tenure. During three (3) weeks prior to coming on board to Regents, Mr. Layzell has provided us with great input on implementation of the GRAD Act and has been involved with perfecting the agreements required by the Act."

The Regents Committee sought assistance from SHEEO, the national organization of State Higher Education Executive Officers, to identify a reasonable salary range for the temporary position. "We feel very fortunate to have found someone who is nationally respected, has served as a Higher Education Commissioner in three (3) other states, has been President of the national association, has been a Chief Financial Officer, so he knows higher education."

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AGENDA
BOARD OF REGENTS MEETING
1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 17, 2010
Claiborne Building
Board Conference Room 6-242
1201 North Third Street, Sixth Floor
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Public Comments
- IV. Approval of Minutes of July 15, 2010
- V. Update on Board of Regents' Leadership*
- VI. Other Business
- VII. Adjournment

**NOTE: The Board of Regents reserves the right to enter into Executive Session, if needed, in accordance with R.S. 42:6.1, to discuss personnel matters.*