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**FINALISTS NAMED IN SEARCH FOR
COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

Baton Rouge - The Louisiana Board of Regents announced today the names of four finalists for the position of Commissioner of Higher Education.

The finalists are:

- **Robert Donley, Ed.D.** (Northeastern University, MA)
 - Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, Board of Regents Iowa (5/2008-8/2017)
- **Kim Hunter Reed, Ph.D.** (Southern University and A&M College, LA)
 - Executive Director, Colorado Department of Higher Education
- **Cathy Sandeen, Ph.D.** (University of Utah, UT)
 - Chancellor, University of Wisconsin Colleges and University of Wisconsin-Extension
- **Paul D. Turman, Ph.D.** (University of Nebraska-Lincoln, NE)
 - System Vice President for Academic Affairs, South Dakota Board of Regents

"The Board of Regents is excited to learn more about the candidates for this position," said Regents' Chair Robert W. Levy. "We believe these individuals are extremely qualified to move forward the work of elevating higher education in Louisiana including advocating for stable funding and working toward educational attainment and access."

An update on the Commissioner's Search will be given at the next Board of Regents meeting Wednesday, March 21, 2018. Stakeholder interviews will be held on April 16-17, 2018, followed by interviews with the Board of Regents at the April 18 meeting. The Louisiana Board of Regents plans to name the next Commissioner of Higher Education during the April 18, 2018, board meeting.

Additional information about the search is available at:

<https://search.regents.state.la.us>

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