



Cybersecurity Education Management Council (CEMC) Meeting
Claiborne Building | Marbois Room 1-137
November 14, 2023 | 10:00 A.M.

Committee Members/Representatives Present

Rick Bateman
Bonnie Chelette
Tristan Denley
Gabriel Fagbeyiro (arrived after roll call)

Brian Landry
Greg Trahan
Tavares Walker
Daphne Williams

Committee Members Not Present

William Bradley
Les Guice
Paul Helton

Staff Members Present

Clint Coleman
Carrie Robison
Jennifer Stevens

I. Welcome and Agenda Overview

Dr. Coleman called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. and welcomed the attendees. He called the roll and noted quorum was not obtained; therefore, he tabled approval of the second and third-quarter meeting minutes and announced it would be reintroduced during the first quarter meeting of 2024.

II. Selection of New Committee Chair

Dr. Coleman reminded the Committee that Chair Trahan announced his intention to step down as Chair at the last quarterly meeting and that Dr. Denley asked to be considered as his successor. With no other interest for the Chair position expressed, Dr. Coleman stated Dr. Denley would move forward as acting chair until the Committee could vote on the nomination.

III. 2024 RFA Discussion and Updated Timeline

Dr. Coleman reminded the Committee that the timeline for release of the Cybersecurity Talent Initiative Fund Request for Applications was pushed up a month to align with the Board of Regents' meetings schedule, in order to request approval from the Board.

Dr. Denley asked about eligibility of the Louisiana Cybersecurity Academy for CTIF funding. Ms. Robison responded with the language from the statute: "Monies in the fund shall be appropriated to the Board of Regents to be distributed to public postsecondary education institutions." It was noted there have been collaborations in the past and opportunities for more in the future as well, provided applications and projects are funded through the institutions. With no opposition to the RFA as presented, Dr. Coleman indicated that Regents staff would release the RFA by the end of the week.

IV. 2024 Meeting Dates

Dr. Coleman returned to Dr. Denley's previous suggestion of moving to a six-meeting annual schedule, rather than the current quarterly model. He noted that Regents would need to check with its legal department to see if CEMC has statutory authority to change its meeting schedule, and that meeting dates would be established after a determination is made.

V. Other Business/Adjournment

Dr. Bateman asked whether there would be an effort to request additional resources and funding in the upcoming 2024 Regular Legislative Session. Dr. Denley affirmed this intention, while also noting the need to learn about the priorities of the new administration. Dr. Coleman added that he would advocate as well.

With no additional comments or items for discussion, the Committee adjourned through unanimous consent of the members at 10:10 a.m.