



**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
LEE COLLEGE DISTRICT
BUILDING COMMITTEE
March 18, 2026**

The Board of Regents Building Committee of the Lee College District met on March 18, 2026, at the President’s Conference Room, Rundell Hall, Room 200-G. Daryl Fontenot, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

PRESENT: Daryl Fontenot, Committee Chair; Mark Himself; Pam Warford; Gilbert Santana

Jacob Atkin, Interim President; Leslie Gallagher, Chief of Staff and Vice President, Strategic Initiatives and External Affairs; John Ditto, Executive Director, Facilities; Mark Jaime, Director, Physical Plant; David Mohlman, Coordinator of Board Relations

VIRTUAL: Stephen Dorman, Sledge Engineering; Chris Laack, Pfluger Architects

ABSENT: Philip Handley, Director, Physical Plant

ITEMS TO PRESENT TO FULL BOARD ON MARCH 19

None.

FACILITIES MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Ditto introduced Chris Laack, Regional Higher Ed. Practice Leader for Pfluger, who reported the working group met yesterday, focus group meetings are to come, and the steering committee is to meet Monday. The Discovery phase, which is scheduled to continue through April, included a visioning workshop last month. Pfluger’s facilities assessment team (Alpha Solutions) will complete its work on campus this week or next week, Mr. Laack said.

Mr. Atkin noted that the steering committee includes the President’s Cabinet and Mr. Ditto, and that the working group includes supervisors at the next level down, along with key stakeholders on campus. The steering committee and working group together comprised a “robust group” that resulted in a “fantastic” and “really productive” visioning workshop experience, Mr. Atkin said. *(Mr. Laack left the meeting at 3:40 p.m.)*

PROPOSED LAND SWAP – CITY OF BAYTOWN AND LEE COLLEGE

Reviewing the latest timeline provided by the City of Baytown for the ExxonMobil Baytown Events Center, Mr. Atkin said if the proposed land swap with the City goes through, all Lee College buildings that would be involved must be vacated no later than October.

Ensuing discussion included the following:

- Possible future placement of structures and parking by Lee College, in relation to flood plain
- The City's Event Center option that would not include the land at 909 Decker Drive
- The child care facility on Lee College property, and provisions to be made for child care
- Total acreage the college would receive, and location of that property relative to flood plain

Regarding provisions in the draft contract of a proposed land swap with the City, lengthy discussion took place. Mr. Atkin said he wants more in the way of specifics written into the contract – he asked committee members for guidance, which they provided.

Mr. Atkin also noted promotional opportunities for the college that are anticipated to result along Texas Avenue, Decker Drive and Market Street, along with such opportunities on existing college buildings – in particular the Performing Arts Center and McNulty-Haddick Complex.

CURRENT PROJECT UPDATES

Mr. Ditto reported as follows:

- Weather during Spring Break prevented additional ADA Phase 2 work
- More circuit breakers are being added to the new cosmetology facilities
- First billing of just over \$50,000 has been received for the facilities master plan project
- Estimates are received for installation of new generators for ATC and the Arena
- Demolition of T-V 8 did not take place during Spring Break; a storm sewer permit from the City of Baytown was needed

Discussion ensued regarding replacement of generators in general – natural gas powered rather than diesel, determination of total load on each building, development of a philosophy of desired/possible uses for each building in an emergency, and how much generator capacity would be appropriate in each case.

MATTERS OF CONCERN FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Committee Chair Fontenot asked for a Regent to lead the committee meeting in April, and Regent Himsel agreed to do so.

Adjournment

Committee Chair Fontenot declared the meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Chairman, Board of Regents

Secretary, Board of Regents