## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LCTCS FACILITIES CORPORATION

December 29, 2008 9:00 a.m.

At a duly called meeting of the Board of Directors of LCTCS Facilities Corporation (the "Corporation") was held by conference call on December 29, 2008. Those directors of the Corporation present include: Stevie Smith, Chair, Jimmy Dimos, Secretary; Gene Thibodeaux, Director; Billy Montgomery, Director, and, Joe May, Ex-Officio Member. Other participants were Jan Jackson and Bill Obier from LCTCS.

Chair Smith asked Dr. May to provide an update on the status of the sale of Act 391 Bonds. Dr. May reported that the state was facing a \$1.40 million budget shortfall for FY 08-09 and a potential larger shortfall for FY 09-10. He mentioned that in discussions with the Governor's Office, we agreed to delay the sale of Act 391 Bonds until August 2009 to offset possible \$14 million in operating budget cuts for FY 08-09 for LCTCS colleges. Chair Smith said that he understood that this action was beneficial to the system. He said he understands the impact as follows:

- Budget reduction avoidance will keep LCTCS whole through FY 08-09.
- This will represent a one time reduction avoidance and will not impact next year.
- It is probable the system will take a larger reduction next year.

Dr. May said that it would be necessary to be on the Bond Commission agenda by May or June for an August 2009 sale. Chair Smith was concerned that citizens and constituents around the state are expecting that bonds will be sold and construction will begin. He was concerned about how the message should be communicated. He wanted to make sure that supporters and campus personnel were kept in the loop.

Director Billy Montgomery said it was important to communicate the positive impact of avoiding the cuts. All agreed that this was a good temporary approach.

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