



**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
LEE COLLEGE DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
May 1, 2025**

The Board of Regents of the Lee College District met May 1, 2025, at 3:35 pm at President's Conference Room 200-G in Rundell Hall. Building Committee Chair Santana called the meeting to order, noting that a quorum was not present.

PRESENT: Daryl Fontenot, Chairman; Mark Himsel, Secretary; Gilbert Santana

Dr. Lynda Villanueva, President

ABSENT: Susan Moore-Fontenot, Vice Chair; Mark Hall, Assistant Secretary; Weston Cotten; Gina Guillory; Judy Jirrels; Pam Warford

TOUR OF BUILDINGS

Led by Annette Ferguson, Chief Operations Officer and Executive Vice President; John Ditto, Executive Director of Facilities; and Mark Jaime, Director of Physical Plant; Regents toured the Georgie Hederhorst Botanical Greenhouse, the Gymnasium and Benny Moskowitz Natatorium, the Arena and Wellness Center, and the Barney Gray Science Building. Before leaving the conference room, Mr. Ditto reported briefly on a small electrical fire early this morning in the HVAC utilities room at Diana Gray Child Care Center.

The Greenhouse is little used and in disrepair. The college no longer offers horticulture classes, and campus landscaping is done by an outside contractor. The Administration was asked to determine if there is a legacy requirement in connection with the naming.

Completed in the early 1950s, the Gymnasium is one of the original buildings on campus. Hallway carpet is new this year. The Gymnasium floor has just been refinished. Four basketball goals on the sides of the court will be motorized for lowering and raising. Restrooms will be renovated under a contract awarded last month. The building includes a weight room, used by athletes and students, as well as faculty offices and classrooms. Regent Himsel recalled that the facility functioned well as a community emergency shelter in 2017 following Hurricane Harvey.

The group viewed both the Natatorium and the associated mechanical room, before completing their Gymnasium tour by viewing two racquetball courts – one used for storage, the other for wallyball. Room 110, typically used for aerobics/yoga, will be used for voting this Saturday.

At the Arena, completed in 2003, the group walked through the lower and upper levels, visiting the locker rooms, the Athletics Academic Success Center room, the Wellness Center, and the hospitality room. Broken seats will be repaired under a contract awarded last month. The playing floor has just been refinished.

Completed in 1991, the Science Building was named for Barney Gray in 1999. The group viewed laboratory facilities and a lecture room. There are plans to modernize the elevator.

ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chair Santana declared the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Chairman, Board of Regents

Secretary, Board of Regents