

# LASERS announces changes in executive management

The Louisiana State Employees’ Retirement System (LASERS) Board of Trustees announced structural changes in management last week.

The Board selected Bernard E. “Trey” Boudreaux III to serve as executive director of the \$12.8 billion retirement system. He is set to replace Cindy Rougeou, who retired from the position in June.

Boudreaux has over 32 years of state government experience. He has been a part of the LASERS executive staff since 2008, having served as chief administrative officer and chief of staff.

Prior to joining LASERS, Boudreaux served as undersecretary of the Department of Corrections. He has also worked for the Legislative Fiscal Office and the Attorney General’s Office.

Boudreaux holds a bachelor’s degree in marketing and a master’s in public administration from Louisiana State University (LSU). He is a member of the Louisiana Association of Public Employees’ Retirement Systems (LAPERS) and a recipient of the Civil Service League’s Monte M. Lemann award in 2018.

“I am humbled and honored for the opportunity to lead the retirement system I’ve been a part of for 32 years,” Boudreaux said. “I was fortunate to work with Cindy Rougeou throughout my 15-year tenure at LASERS and I’m excited to work with the great team currently assembled.”

In addition to this change, Travis McIlwain was selected as LASERS chief of staff.

McIlwain joined LASERS in 2021, most recently serving as chief administrative officer. McIlwain began state service in 2005 and was the state budget director at the Division of Administration, Office of Planning and Budget prior to joining LASERS.

McIlwain holds a bachelor’s degree in mass communication and a master’s in public administration from LSU.

Completing the LASERS executive management team, Tina Grant is expected to continue to serve as executive counsel and Robert “Bobby” Beale would continue as chief investment officer.

“Prior to Cindy’s retirement, the Board worked closely with Cindy, Trey and the entire executive team to ensure a smooth transition in leadership,” said LASERS Board Chair Shannon Templet. “We are confident in Trey’s ability to continue to uphold the LASERS mission of providing a sound retirement plan to members.”

LASERS administers a defined benefit pension plan that covers approximately 100,000 members. The System’s total market value of assets stands at \$12.8 billion.

LASERS benefits the state by paying over \$1 billion in annual benefits to retirees and their beneficiaries, providing a strong and reliable economic stimulus for the state.

## GUILTY

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months in jail or take the plea. I plead thinking I was going to keep my job. My back was against the wall.”

Landers said he wasn’t given a choice when Carroll principal Patrick Taylor informed him of his impending resignation.

Superintendent Brent Vidrine said the school was in the process of looking for an interim coach and would look toward options on the current staff.

“It’s a tough situation all around. This affects a lot of people’s lives,” Vidrine said. “I haven’t spoken to Brandon about this. He told (Taylor) he was going to resign. I asked Mr. Taylor if he had a guy in mind (for interim), and he told me he did but hadn’t talked to him yet.”

Landers called the incident involving the officer “totally unintentional.”

“I just tapped him on the arm,” Landers said.

Video posted on social media showed a different scenario with Carroll coaches cursing fans that escalated to pushing and wrestling with police officers including Cobb.

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idency programs, Kramer said the programs provide an opportunity for the medical residents and hospitals to see how they fit into each other’s plans for the future related to medical staffing.

That benefit is something recognized by HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra in announcing the grants last week.

“Training residents in rural areas leads more medical school graduates to stay and practice in rural settings,” said HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra. “There’s a shortage of doctors across the nation, especially in our most underserved communities, and these rural residency development grants will help address this shortage.”

According to HHS, nearly 70 percent of areas designated as primary medical Health Professional Shortage Areas are in rural areas. Physician shortages, poverty, and geographic isolation contribute to lack of access to care and poorer health outcomes for rural Americans.

More than half of rural U.S. counties lack hospital obstetric services. In response to the declining access to rural maternal health care, three of the 15 awards will be used specifically to develop new family medicine residency programs with enhanced obstetrical training in rural communities.

“Through HRSA’s decades of work supporting access to health care in rural communities, we know that rural residency programs help ensure that qualified doctors train and stay in the rural communities that need them,” said HRSA Administrator Carole Johnson. “This funding will help build the pipeline of doctors who have experience with the unique needs and challenges of working in rural areas, particularly rural women who face increased barriers to high-quality maternal health care before, during, and after pregnancy.”

The funding may be used to support accreditation costs, curriculum development, faculty recruitment and retention, resident recruitment activities, and consultation services to support program development (e.g., financing).

Throughout the duration of their grant, award recipients will have access to one-on-one advisor support, tools, and resources provided by the HRSA funded Rural Residency Planning and Development Technical Assistance Center to navigate the various stages of program development.

The awards build on over \$43 million that HRSA invested in the Rural Residency Planning and Development program from fiscal year 2019 through 2022.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has also been taking critical steps to advance health equity and access to care. In January 2023, CMS awarded the first 200 of 1,000 new Medicare-funded physician residency slots. In allocating these new residency slots, CMS prioritized hospitals with training programs in geographic areas demonstrating the greatest need for additional providers, as determined by Health Professional Shortage Areas. CMS is also working to implement the new residency slots for psychiatry positions in fiscal year 2025 that Congress established in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023.

For fiscal year 2024, CMS proposed that rural emergency hospitals (REHs) could be designated as graduate medical education training sites. As a result, more medical residents would be able to train in rural settings, which can help address workforce shortages in these communities.

In addition to today’s awards, HRSA has a variety of programs that have strengthened the rural health workforce in fiscal year 2023.

## LIBRARY

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The next major undertaking for crews will be the installation of the windows. Currently, they are waiting for the glass to be delivered. There will be plate windows on the lower level with transom windows above the canopy which will restore the front similar to how it was in the past.

“It will be a more traditional canopy separating the two,” Young said. “A lot of the conversations have been what is the best way to install that canopy to make it safe and also is it compatible with the timeframe of the building.”

Flooring will also be replaced in all three of the buildings’ fronts.

Meanwhile, there have been issues with paint not adhering to some brick sections that crews were presently addressing.

“The paint we are using is supposed to be super durable,” Young said. “It will really help with water sealing that old brick.”

When choosing paint colors, Library Board members went with historically compatible colors but also wanted to preserve the look of three separate storefronts.

“We wanted to have a fun color at the Learning Center. The library is a more traditional cream, and the genealogy is a great hue,” Young explained.

“They will all have black trim. The windows are framed with old world bronze which is a black trim. It will be really sharp with it is completed.”

While painting, the library had to be closed different days because of safety issues during the process. But according to Young, the closures and construction has only slightly minimized library traffic. During construction, traffic has been funneled through the library’s back door.

“We’re really pleased we haven’t had to close more,” Young said. “In fact, our (library) traffic is only slightly down which is pretty remarkable.”

With the storefront entrance receiving a total makeover, the library’s interior will be, for the most part, unchanged.

“The foot print of the inside won’t change much,” Young said. “The view will be better because all the light that will be coming in from the transoms.”

In 2022, the library received a Lighting Efficiency grant and changed all fluorescent lights in the main building, Learning Center and Wisner branch to LED. The interior was painted giving the space a lighter and brighter appearance. The HVAC system was also upgraded, and the library received a new roof.

# PUBLIC NOTICES

Advertisement for Bids  
Project No. 22-06-701E (LCDBG NO. 2000738547)  
Owner:  
Town of Wisner  
9530 Natchez Street  
Wisner, LA 71378  
Sealed bids marked "Sealed Bid –Town of Wisner Community Development Block Grant Project to be financed by the State of Louisiana CDBG- CVLove Louisiana Outdoors Program" will be received by the Owner for the construction of the project described as follows: Town of Wisner - LCDBG-CV LLOP Park Improvements  
Proposals shall be addressed to the Town of Wisner, and delivered to the Office of the Mayor located at (address) 9530 Natchez Street, Wisner LA 71378 not later than 10:00 A.M. (local time), on the day of Tuesday, August 22, 2022. Sealed bids to be marked "Sealed Bid –Town of Wisner Community Development Block Grant Project to be financed by the State of Louisiana CDBG- CV Love Louisiana Outdoors Program-Town of Wisner - Contract LLOP LCDBG-CV Park Improvements". Any bid received after the specified time and date will not be considered. The sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 10:00 A.M. (local time) on the day of Tuesday, August 22, 2022, at Town of Wisner, located at 9530 Natchez Street, Wisner LA 71378. The information for Bidders, Form of Bid Proposal, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications, and Forms of Bid Bond, Performance Bond and Payment Bond, and other contract documents may be examined at the following locations:  
Town of Wisner  
9530 Natchez Street  
Wisner, Louisiana 71378  
(318) 724-6568  
McManus Consulting Engineers, Inc.  
116 Smelser Road  
Monroe, Louisiana 71202  
(318) 343-5600  
Copies may be obtained at this office upon payment of a deposit of \$ 150. This deposit will be refunded upon request in accordance with R.S. 38:2212. A CD of the Plans and Specifications may also be obtained upon payment of \$25.00 which will be nonrefundable. The Contractor must pay shipping costs.  
The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause; such actions will be in accordance with Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes.  
Each bidder must have must have an active Unique Entity ID (SAM), as verified on www.sam.gov, prior to the beginning of construction.  
Each Bidder must deposit with his/her bid, security in the amount, form, and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. Sureties used for obtaining bonds must appear as acceptable on the U. S. Department of Treasury Circular 570.  
No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.  
The Contractor shall begin mobilization and procurement of materials within ten (10) working days of the receipt of the Notice to Proceed.  
The Attention of Bidders is called particularly to the requirements for conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the Contract, Section 3, Segregated Facilities, Executive Order 11246, and all applicable laws and regulations of the Federal government and State of Louisiana and bonding and insurance requirements.  
Equal Opportunity in Employment: All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard for race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in the specifications.  
Any person with disabilities requiring special accommodations must contact the Town of Wisner no later than seven (7) days prior to bid opening.  
IN PARTICULAR, BIDDERS SHOULD NOTE THE REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS AND CERTIFICATIONS TO BE EXECUTED AND SUBMITTED WITH THE BID PROPOSAL.  
Owner encourages Section 3 and minority owned businesses to submit bid

proposals.  
The Contractor shall be licensed with the Louisiana State Licensing Board in: Building, Municipal and Public Worksor Specialty: Recreation and Sporting Facilities and Golf Courses.  
Project No. 22-06-701E  
Estimated Cost: \$77,800 (LA R.S. 38:2212(H))  
Town of Wisner  
July 14, 2023  
Marc McCarty, Mayor  
7/19,7/26,8/2  
NOTICE  
The Franklin Parish School Board is now accepting sealed bids for fresh and pre-cut produce for use in the school cafeterias for the SY 2023-24.  
Detailed bid specifications and bid documents may be requested/obtained at the Franklin Parish School Board Office, 7293 Prairie Road, Winnsboro, LA 71295 or online at www.bidsync.com. Bids must be submitted on the bid quote form included in the bid document. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked "SEALED BID – FS2023-07 FRESH and PRE-CUT PRODUCE BID". Sealed bids must be received by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at the Franklin Parish School Board Office, 7293 Prairie Road, Winnsboro, LA 71295. Bids will be promptly opened at 12:15 pm on Wednesday, August 16, 2023. For more information, please call Nan Lee/Sheila Nolan at 318.435.9046.  
The Franklin Parish School Board is an equal opportunity employer.  
7/26,8/2  
NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION  
Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Franklin, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Franklin, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), on April 13, 2023, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the Parish on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:  
PROPOSITION  
(MILLAGE CONTINUATION)  
Shall the Parish of Franklin, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), be authorized to continue to levy an 8.14 mills tax on all property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$924,400 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 5 years, beginning with the year 2023 and ending with the year 2027, for the purpose of maintaining, operating and purchasing Parish equipment, said millage to represent a .02 increase (due to reappraisal) over the 8.12 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2022 pursuant to an election held on December 10, 2016?  
Said special election will be held at each and every polling place in the Parish of Franklin, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541.  
The polling places at the precincts in the Parish are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.  
The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$3,400.  
Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.  
The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet

at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room of the Courthouse, 6558 Main Street, Winnsboro, Louisiana, on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2023, at FIVE O'CLOCK (5:00) P.M., and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the said special election. All registered voters of the Parish are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.  
8/2, 8/9, 8/16, 8/23  
NOTICE  
The Franklin Parish School Board will be taking sealed bids for the following air conditioners:  
25,000 BTU heat/cool unit  
14,000 BTU PTAC heat/cool floor unit  
The deadline for submitting bids will be Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 12:00 Noon. Bids will be opened on Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at the Franklin Parish School Board Office, 7293 Prairie Road, Winnsboro, LA 71295.  
Bids must be sealed and clearly marked, "2023-24 AIR CONDITIONERS".  
Bid forms are available at the Franklin Parish School Board. For additional information and specifications on supplies, please contact the Franklin Parish School Board, (318) 435-9046. The Franklin Parish School Board has the right to accept or reject any and all bids.  
SPECIFICATIONS  
Window Unit: 208/230V AC, 30 AMP Power cord, plug type (NEMA) 6-30p, EER Rating 9.4,  
CEER Rating 9.4, Remote control, 24,700 – 25,000 BTU cooling, 13,000 – 16,000 BTU Heating  
Power cord with three prong grounding plug.  
Floor Unit: PTAC 15,000 BTU cooling with 5K 17,000 BTU electric heat, EER is 10, 208/230 volts,  
6 amp, 1480 watts, Depth 21 inches, height 16 inches and width is 42 inches.  
Power cord with three prong grounding plug.  
8/2, 8/9, 8/16, 8/23  
FRANKLIN PARISH POLICE JURY  
NOTICE OF EMPLOYMENT  
The Franklin Parish Police Jury will accept employment applications or résumés between the dates of August 2, 2023, and August 16, 2023 for the following position: Courthouse Maintenance Personnel (Janitorial)  
Employment applications and list of job duties may be obtained at the Franklin Parish Police Jury Office located at 6558 Main Street, Winnsboro, Louisiana, Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M.  
The Franklin Parish Police Jury is an equal opportunity employer and will not discriminate against any person in recruitment, examination, appointment, promotion, retention, discipline, or any other aspect of personnel administration because of political or religious opinions or affiliations, or because of age, sex, race, color, national origin, marital status, handicap or other non-merit factors.  
Applications must be submitted during the time period advertised. If you have previously applied, please call and update your application. 318-435-9429  
8/2, 8/9  
NOTICE  
I, David A. Punched, have been convicted of 14:81.1 PORNOGRAPHY INVOLVING JUVENILES on Aug 02, 2017.  
My address is: 1282 Highway 857, Baskin, LA 71219  
Race: White  
Sex: Male  
Date of Birth: 06/02/1970  
Height: 6'0"  
Weight: 215  
Hair Color: Brown  
Eye Color: Brown  
8.2-8.9, 2tp

