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Blanco sets dates for special session

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BATON ROUGE — The governor plans to call a special session of the Legislature to begin on Feb. 6, her office announced today. The session will last 12 days and will focus on an "agenda that will accelerate our recovery," Gov. Kathleen Blanco said in a release.

"We must consolidate our levee boards and this will be the centerpiece legislation for this session," Blanco's statement read. "The times require strong action to secure our state's successes. From reopening the I-10 Twin Span and taking over troubled New Orleans schools to passing the state's first building code and the state's first uniform coastal protection authority, we've had many successes in this recovery," she said.

The session is scheduled to run from Feb. 6 until no later than Feb. 17.

The statement said lawmakers may also consider matters related to "housing, limited insurance and election issues, and consolidating some portions of Orleans Parish government."

The governor will issue an official call on Jan. 31.

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