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The following will be invited to interview in Lafayette later this month:

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"The committee was thorough and thoughtful in considering all of the applicants," said University of Louisiana System President and Search Chair Sally Clausen. "However, in the end, the committee felt that these five individuals presented the most potential in assuming the leadership role of a large progressive research institution such as UL Lafayette. We're confident that the next President will emerge from this group."

"Today we have taken an important step towards selecting a very qualified candidate for UL Lafayette. We have five capable people for our consideration, any one of whom could lead this university" said UL System Board Chair Jimmy Long, Sr.

The meeting marked the third gathering of the search committee. Public hearings were conducted on the Lafayette campus June 14 and Sept. 12, where the university community addressed the committee regarding the search. Videos of both meetings are available to view at [www.youtube.com/ulsystem](http://www.youtube.com/ulsystem).

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Community member and UL Lafayette Foundation representative James Prince commented, "We have heard much from the community in our open sessions and some of the characteristics that they asked for are definitely in the five finalists."

"We heard most of our local community's cry, as well as the students, faculty and administration. I think the five candidates here have the desired characteristics and would be qualified to run our university," said UL Lafayette Student Government Association President Candace Urbanowski.

"As we conducted our open process and stakeholders participated, all of their ideas were taken into consideration when we looked at these candidates. I felt the search committee did a thorough job and worked very hard to keep this process open to the public," said UL System Board Vice Chair Elsie Burkhalter. "The input from those closer to the university including students was especially appreciated."

Candidate applications are available at [www.ulsystem.net](http://www.ulsystem.net), where a special section has been dedicated to the search. It also contains information about the university, search announcements, news and important links.

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