

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM
August 23, 2018**

A. **Call to Order/Roll Call**

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met on Thursday, August 23, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 100, Louisiana Purchase Room, of the Claiborne Conference Center, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

PRESENT

Mr. James Carter	Mr. Alejandro Perkins
Mr. Richard Davis Jr.	Ms. Elizabeth Pierre
Ms. Lola Dunahoe	Mr. Virgil Robinson
Dr. Pamela Egan	Mr. Mark Romero
Mr. Thomas Kitchen	Mr. Joe Salter
Mr. Jimmie “Beau” Martin, Jr.	Mr. Winfred Sibille
Mr. Shawn Murphy	

ABSENT

Dr. John Condos
Mr. Edward Crawford III
Mr. Robert Shreve

Also present for the meeting were the following: System President Jim Henderson, System staff, administrators and faculty representatives from System campuses, Attorney Linda Clark, interested citizens, and representatives of the news media.

B. **Invocation**

Mr. Romero provided the invocation.

Mr. Perkins publicly recognized Mr. Jordan Taylor, a young man employed by Rouse’s in Baton Rouge, for his unselfish service. Board members were shown a video that highlighted Mr. Taylor as he showed exceptional consideration to a young customer. Jordan’s mother was recognized at the meeting, and Jordan was available via Skype from Grambling, where he is currently enrolled.

C. **Recognition of Mr. Johnny McFerren**

Mr. Perkins again expressed his condolences to the family of Mr. Johnny McFerren, Board member, who had passed away on August 1. On behalf of the family, The Honorable Jeremy Evans, Clerk of Court for DeSoto Parish, was presented a resolution prepared to commend Mr. McFerren for his service on the Board.

D. **Approval of Minutes June 21, 2018 Board Meeting**

Upon motion of Dr. Egan, seconded by Mr. Romero, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System unanimously approved the minutes of the June 21, 2018 meeting.

Mr. Perkins formally welcomed Mr. Joe Salter as a newly appointed Board member, representing the 4th Congressional District. Mr. Perkins said that the Oath of Office had been administered earlier that morning. Chair Perkins also indicated that he was appointing Mr. Salter to the Academic and Student Affairs, Grievance, and Legislation Committees.

E. **Report of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

Upon motion of Dr. Egan, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following items:

- E.1. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a Letter of Intent to develop a New Academic Program leading to a Bachelor of Science in Integrated Science and Technology.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a Letter of Intent to develop a New Academic Program leading to a Bachelor of Science in Integrated Science and Technology.*

- E.2. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a Letter of Intent to develop a New Academic Program leading to a Master of Science in Athletic Training.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a Letter of Intent to develop a New Academic Program leading to a Master of Science in Athletic Training.*

- E.3. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a Post Baccalaureate Certificate for Practitioner Teacher Program Alternative Path to Teacher Certification in Elementary Education.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a Post Baccalaureate Certificate for Practitioner Teacher Program Alternative Path to Teacher Certification in Elementary Education.*

- E.4. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a Post Baccalaureate Certificate for Practitioner Teacher Program Alternative Path to Teacher Certification in Secondary Education.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a Post Baccalaureate Certificate for Practitioner Teacher Program Alternative Path to Teacher Certification in Secondary Education.*

- E.5. University of New Orleans' request for approval of a Letter of Intent to develop a New Academic Program leading to a Professional Pilot Bachelor of Science.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of New Orleans' request for approval of a Letter of Intent to develop a New Academic Program leading to a Professional Pilot Bachelor of Science.*

- E.6. University of New Orleans' request for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Xavier University of New Orleans.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of New Orleans' request for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Xavier University of New Orleans.*

- E.7. University of New Orleans' request for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Southwest Petroleum University, Chengdu, Sichuan, China.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of New Orleans' request for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Southwest Petroleum University, Chengdu, Sichuan, China.*

- E.8. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of System Universities' 2018-19 Promotions in Faculty Rank and Recommendations for Tenure.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves System Universities' 2018-19 Promotions in Faculty Rank and Recommendations for Tenure.*

F. Report of the Athletic Committee

Upon motion of Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following items:

- F.1. Grambling State University's request for approval of a revised Athletic Home Game Complimentary Ticket Policy.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Grambling State University's request for approval of a revised Athletic Home Game Complimentary Ticket Policy.*

- F.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a revised Athletic Home Game Complimentary Ticket Policy.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a revised Athletic Home Game Complimentary Ticket Policy.*

- F.3. Northwestern State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Bobby Barbier, Head Baseball Coach, effective July 1, 2018.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Northwestern State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Bobby Barbier, Head Baseball Coach, effective July 1, 2018.*

- F.4. Northwestern State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Donald Pickett, Head Softball Coach, effective July 1, 2018.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Northwestern State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Donald Pickett, Head Softball Coach, effective July 1, 2018.*

- F.5. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Tim Donnelly, Assistant Men's Baseball Coach, effective July 1, 2018.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Tim Donnelly, Assistant Men's Baseball Coach, effective July 1, 2018.*

- F.6. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Benjamin Gipson, Associate Men's Baseball Coach, effective July 1, 2018.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Benjamin Gipson, Associate Men's Baseball Coach, effective July 1, 2018.*

- F.7. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. William Narro, Head Golf Coach, effective July 2, 2018.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. William Narro, Head Golf Coach, effective July 2, 2018.*

- F.8. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Jacob Carlson, Assistant Men's Baseball Coach, effective July 16, 2018.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Jacob Carlson, Assistant Men's Baseball Coach, effective July 16, 2018.*

- F.9. University of New Orleans' request for approval of a contractual amendment with Mr. Derek Morel, Athletic Director, effective July 1, 2018.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of New Orleans' request for approval of a contractual amendment with Mr. Derek Morel, Athletic Director, effective July 1, 2018.*

G. **Report of the Facilities Planning Committee**

Upon motion of Mr. Romero, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following items:

- G.1. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to name the Bloomberg Lab in the College of Business Building the "John and Francelle Regan Bloomberg Lab."

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to name the Bloomberg Lab in the College of Business Building the "John and Francelle Regan Bloomberg Lab."*

- G.2. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to demolish the Bus Maintenance Shop building as a part of its new campus housing project.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to demolish the Bus Maintenance Shop building.*

***AND FURTHER,** that ULS staff and legal counsel ensure that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.*

- G.3. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to demolish the L-Club House located at 4407 Bon Aire Drive on the campus of the University.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to demolish the L-Club House located at 4407 Bon Aire Drive on the campus of the University.*

***AND FURTHER,** that ULS staff and legal counsel ensure that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.*

- G.4. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to demolish the ULM Golf Facility located at 4503 Bon Aire Drive on the campus of the University.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to demolish the ULM Golf Facility located at 4503 Bon Aire Drive on the campus of the University.

AND FURTHER, that ULS staff and legal counsel ensure that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.

- G.5. University of New Orleans' request for approval to lease the 4th floor of the University of New Orleans' Center for Energy Resource Management (CERM) Building located on UNO's Research and Technology Park at 2045 Lakeshore Drive in New Orleans, Louisiana to the State of Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of New Orleans' request for approval to lease the 4th floor of the University of New Orleans' Center for Energy Resource Management (CERM) building located on UNO's Research and Technology Park at 2045 Lakeshore Drive in New Orleans, Louisiana to the State of Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the University of New Orleans and his or her designee are hereby designated and authorized to review to execute any and all documents necessary to execute said lease.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University of New Orleans shall obtain final approvals from UL System staff, legal counsel, and all other appropriate agencies/parties, of processes, documents and administrative requirements.

AND FURTHER, that University of New Orleans will provide System office with copies of all final executed documents for Board files.

- G.6. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Capital Outlay Budget Request and Institutions' Five-Year Capital Outlay Plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Capital Outlay Budget Request and Institutions' Five-Year Capital Outlay Plans.

H. **Report of the Finance Committee**

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Robinson, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following items:

- H.1. McNeese State University's request for approval of a revised Internal Audit Charter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves McNeese State University's request for approval of a revised Internal Audit Charter.

- H.2. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a Student Referendum to add a Student Spirit and Athletic Enhancement Fee of \$10 per credit hour.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a Student Referendum to add a Student Spirit and Athletic Enhancement fee of \$10 per credit hour.

- H.3. University of Louisiana System's request for acceptance of Fiscal year 2017-18 Financial and Compliance and Federal Award Programs Representation Letters for (a) Grambling state University, (b) Louisiana Tech University, (c) McNeese State University, (d) Northwestern State University, (e) Southeastern Louisiana University, (f) University of Louisiana at Lafayette, (g) University of Louisiana at Monroe, (h) University of New Orleans, and (i) University of Louisiana System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby accepts Fiscal year 2017-18 Financial and Compliance and Federal Award Programs Representation Letters for (a) Grambling state University, (b) Louisiana Tech University, (c) McNeese State University, (d) Northwestern State University, (e) Southeastern Louisiana University, (f) University of Louisiana at Lafayette, (g) University of Louisiana at Monroe, (h) University of New Orleans, and (i) University of Louisiana System.

- H.4. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of Fiscal Year 2018-19 Operating Budgets, including organizational charts, undergraduate/graduate mandatory attendance fees, scholarships, and System Shared Costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Fiscal Year 2018-19 Operating Budgets, including organizational charts, undergraduate/graduate mandatory attendance fees, scholarships, and System Shared Costs.

- H.5. University of Louisiana System's report on internal and external audit activity for the period of June 18 to August 19, 2018.

No action was taken as this was a report only.

I. Report of the Personnel Committee

Upon motion of Ms. Pierre, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following items:

- I.1. McNeese State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Christopher J. Thomas as Interim Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students effective July 1, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves McNeese State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Christopher J. Thomas as Interim Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students effective July 1, 2018.

- I.2. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to appoint Dr. Elward Kendall Alford as Interim Dean of the College of Health Sciences effective July 2, 2018.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana Monroe's request for approval to appoint Dr. Elward Kendall Alford as Interim Dean of the College of Health Sciences effective July 2, 2018.*

- I.3. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to appoint Dr. Michael Camille as Vice President for Information Services and Student Success effective September 1, 2018.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to appoint Dr. Michael Camille as Vice President for Information Services and Student Success effective September 1, 2018.*

- I.4. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a title change for Dr. William Graves from Chief Business Officer to Vice President for Business Affairs effective September 1, 2018.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a title change for Dr. William Graves from Chief Business Officer to Vice President for Business Affairs effective September 1, 2018.*

J. Report of the Legislation Committee

- J.1. Update on the 2018 Third Extraordinary Session of the Louisiana Legislature

No action was necessary by the Board as this was a report only.

K. SYSTEM PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS

- K.1. Personnel Actions

President Henderson indicated that Board members had recently received personnel actions via email and that System staff had reviewed all personnel actions and recommends approval. He also stated that summer pay plans were in Board member folders for McNeese, Nicholls, and Southeastern.

Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Board unanimously voted to approve the System personnel actions and summer pay plans.

K.2. Proposed Revision to Board Rules, Chapter IV. Finance and Business, Section V. Student Fees, I. Vehicle Registration Fee.

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Robinson, the Board unanimously approved the revision to Board Rules, *Chapter IV. Finance and Business, Section V. Student Fees, I. Vehicle Registration Fee.*

K.3. System President's Report

Presidents' Retreat

Dr. Henderson thanked the Presidents for their participation in the retreat that took place in early August in Baton Rouge. Dr. Kahn reported that the new Commissioner of Higher Education, Dr. Kim Hunter Reed, shared her vision and goals for higher education in Louisiana. The Presidents discussed issues related to the three following areas: policy environment, strategic reinvestment, and stewardship.

Corporate Playbook

Dr. Henderson said that Corporate Playbook's Deb Elam, consultant, met with System staff to discuss the issues of diversity and inclusion. He indicated that the System plans to utilize her expertise to perform a needs assessment and develop a multi-year plan of action.

Compete LA

Dr. Jeannine Kahn, Dr. Claire Norris, and Ms. Cami Geisman described an initiative that is being developed in the System office--**Compete LA**. The purpose of the program is to offer a valuable service to adult learners who have some college credits, without completing their degree. They described how the initiative could impact thousands of citizens by giving them the tools to achieve their goal of completion of a college education.

Free Speech Update

Ms. Erica Calais, System Vice President for Student Affairs and Governance, reported that the System Office is working in collaboration with the Universities to develop a free speech Policy and Procedures Memorandum. She also indicated that policies that comply with recent legislation are being finalized by the nine campuses.

Hazing Update

Ms. Calais also reported that a revised *Policy and Procedures Memorandum S-II.XXIII.-1* was available in the Board member folders. She said that the policy had been changed to comply with recent legislative mandates. Ms. Calais also indicated that the campuses are reviewing and amending their policies to conform to regulations.

Management and Leadership Institute

Dr. Henderson informed Board members that the 2019 Management and Leadership Institute had recently met for its first session. He indicated that Dr. Caprice Ieyoub would be contacting Board members throughout the year to visit with the class.

L. **Board Chair's Business**

Mr. Perkins thanked Dr. E. Joseph Savoie for hosting the lovely reception for Board members and staff.

For Our Future Awards

Mr. Perkins reported that the Board awarded 35 For Our Future Awards for the 2018-19 Academic Year. He congratulated the recipients as they work to complete their degrees.

Athletics Pass/Board Calendar

Mr. Perkins pointed out that included in each Board member folder was an athletics pass for System athletic games. He encouraged them to attend as many events as they could and stated that a calendar of events was also included in each folder.

Thomas Kitchen

Mr. Perkins acknowledged Mr. Tom Kitchen for being inducted into the first class of the University of New Orleans' Hall of Distinction. Mr. Perkins informed members that the inductees are nominated on the basis of exemplary achievement, notable service to the community, and strong commitment to the University and the City of New Orleans.

M. **Evaluation of Campus Presidents** (*McNeese State University and Northwestern State University*)

Chair Perkins said that as Board policy requires that Presidents be evaluated on a regular basis, three Presidents had undergone the process of self-assessment, campus surveys, and meetings with Dr. Henderson and key stakeholders.

Mr. Perkins said that the Board would convene in Executive Session to first meet with Dr. Daryl Burckel and next with Dr. Chris Maggio. The third evaluation would be conducted at the next meeting.

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Romero, at 1:20 p.m., the Board convened to Executive Session to meet with (1) Dr. Daryl Burckel and (2) Dr. Chris Maggio. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Yeas: Mr. Carter, Mr. Davis, Ms. Dunahoe, Dr. Egan, Mr. Kitchen, Mr. Martin, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Perkins, Ms. Pierre, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Romero, Mr. Salter, Mr. Sibille

Nays: None

Absent: Dr. Condos, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Shreve

Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Romero, at 2:25 p.m., the Board reconvened in Open Session. While in Executive Session, no motions were made nor votes taken.

N. **Other Business**

Mr. Perkins reminded Board members that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 25, in Baton Rouge.

There was no other business to come before the Board.

O. **Adjournment**

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Martin, at 2:26 p.m., the Board voted to adjourn.