

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE  
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM  
January 11, 2019**

A. **Call to Order**

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met on Friday, January 11, 2019 at 10:42 a.m. in Room 100, Louisiana Purchase Room, of the Claiborne Conference Center, 1201 North Third Street, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana

B. **Roll Call**

**PRESENT**

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| Mr. James Carter      | Ms. Mimi Methvin      |
| Dr. Jimmy Clarke      | Mr. Shawn Murphy      |
| Mr. Richard Davis Jr. | Mr. Alejandro Perkins |
| Ms. Lola Dunahoe      | Ms. Elizabeth Pierre  |
| Dr. Pamela Egan       | Mr. Mark Romero       |
| Mr. Thomas Kitchen    | Ms. Kristine Russell  |

**ABSENT**

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| Dr. John Condos         | Mr. Virgil Robinson, Jr. |
| Mr. Edward Crawford III | Mr. Joe Salter           |

Also present for the meeting were the following: System President Jim Henderson, System staff, administrators from System campuses, and Attorney Winston DeCuir, Sr.

C. **Invocation**

Ms. Dunahoe provided the invocation.

D. **Administration of Oath to 2019 Officers**

Mr. Al Perkins indicated that the first order of business was to install 2019 officers. He asked Mr. Mark Romero to join The Honorable Judge John Conery, Appellate Judge of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals, to receive his oath as reappointed Board member as well as Chair. Mr. Romero's wife Cindy and daughter Madison were also recognized as well as former State Senator Troy Hebert.

At their request, Mr. James Carter and Ms. Elizabeth Pierre were administered their oaths as Vice Chair and Parliamentarian, respectively, by Mr. Al Perkins.

E. **Administration of Oath to Reappointed and Newly Appointed Board Members**

Mr. Romero stated Dr. John Condos, Mr. Virgil Robinson, and Mr. Joe Salter had been reappointed by Governor John Bel Edwards; however, they were unable to attend the meeting.

Chair Romero also reported that the Governor had appointed three new Board members: Dr. Jimmy Clarke, serving At Large; Ms. Mildred E. "Mimi" Methvin, serving the 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District; and Ms. Kristine Russell, serving the 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. They were invited to join Judge Conery to be administered their oaths of office.

Dr. Clarke, who currently serves as Senior Director of State Policy with HCM Strategists, expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to continue to serve students. Ms. Methvin, who is an attorney and mediator, said she was honored to join such a dedicated and talented group of members on the Board. Ms. Russell, an attorney and District Attorney for Lafourche Parish, thanked the Governor for this opportunity of public service.

F. **System President's Business**

F.1. **Consideration of Proposed Revision to Bylaws, Section V. Duties, Powers and Functions, C. Other Duties, Powers, and Functions**

Dr. Henderson said that a copy of the proposed revision to this Board bylaw was included in Board member folders. He said that the revision ensures compliance with a new SACSCOC requirement that the Board regularly review each institution's mission.

Upon motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Ms. Dunahoe, the Board unanimously approved adoption of the Proposed Revision to *Bylaws, Section V. Duties, Powers and Functions, C. Other Duties, Powers, and Functions*.

F.2. **System Presidents' Report**

**Economic Impact**

Dr. Henderson reported that the System had partnered with Economic Modeling Specialists International to produce a System economic impact study. Dr. Henderson asked Dr. Claire Norris to briefly report on the results of the study.

**For Our Future Conference**

Dr. Henderson said that the System staff has been busily preparing for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual *For Our Future* Conference to be held on the campus of UL-Lafayette on February 14-15. He encouraged Board members to attend as much of the conference as possible and encouraged them to contact Dr. Kahn or Ms. Anne McKisson with any questions. Ms. McKisson gave an update on the details of the conference and a brief schedule of events.

**Next Meeting/Retreat – Change of Date/Location**

Dr. Henderson indicated that the System staff is planning a Board Retreat in conjunction with the February Board meeting. He said that as soon as the date has been confirmed, it will be conveyed to Board members and campuses. President Henderson said that the location of these meetings will be in Lake Charles at McNeese State University.

G. **Board Chair's Report**

*Standing Committee Assignments*

Mr. Romeo indicated that he is finalizing Committee assignments for the year and will distribute the list before the end of the month.

*Winfred Sibille Tribute*

Chair Romero reported that an event organized by former Palmetto High School students is being scheduled for Saturday, January 19, to honor Mr. Winfred Sibille, former long-time Board member. He stated that event will be held in Opelousas and details will be forwarded via email to each of them.

H. **Other Business/Adjournment**

There was no other business to come before the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Perkins, seconded by Dr. Egan, the Board voted at 11:20 a.m. to adjourn.