

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM
February 22, 2019**

A. **Call to Order**

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met in Lake Charles on Friday, February 22, 2019 at 9:56 a.m. in the Stokes Auditorium - Juliet Hardtner Hall on the campus of McNeese State University.

B. **Roll Call**

PRESENT

Mr. James Carter	Mr. Shawn Murphy
Dr. Jimmy Clarke	Mr. Alejandro "Al" Perkins
Dr. John Condos	Ms. Elizabeth Pierre
Mr. Richard Davis Jr.	Mr. Virgil Robinson
Ms. Lola Dunahoe	Mr. Mark Romero
Dr. Pamela Egan	Ms. Kristine Russell
Mr. Thomas Kitchen	Mr. Joe Salter

**Some members arrived after the roll call.*

ABSENT

Mr. Edward Crawford III
Ms. Mimi Methvin

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

C. **Invocation**

Mr. Joe Salter provided the invocation.

Chair Romero thanked Dr. Daryl Burckel, President of McNeese State University, and staff for welcoming the Board to the campus and for hosting the Board meeting and Board Retreat.

D. **Approval of Minutes of December 6, 2018 and January 11, 2019 Board Meetings**

Upon motion of Dr. Egan, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System unanimously approved the minutes of the December 6, 2018 and January 11, 2019 Board Meetings.

E. **Administration of Oath to Reappointed Board Members**

Mr. Brandon DeCuir, Attorney, administered the Oath of Office to recently reappointed Board members, including Dr. John Condos, Mr. Virgil Robinson, and Mr. Joe Salter. These members' terms will expire 12/31/24.

Upon motion of Mr. Salter, seconded by Mr. Kitchen, the Board unanimously voted to suspend the rules and dispense with Committee deliberations to allow the Board to consider all items on the agenda.

F. **Academic and Student Affairs**

Committee Chair Lola Dunahoe asked Dr. Jeannine Kahn, System Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, to present Items F.1.-F.14. for the Board's consideration.

After the summary by Dr. Kahn, upon motion of Dr. Egan, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following items:

- F.1. McNeese State University's request for approval to terminate the Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Middle School Education Grades 4-8 (Practitioner Teacher Certification).

***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 terminate the Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Middle School Education Grades 4-8 (Practitioner Teacher Certification).*

- F.2. McNeese State University's request for approval to terminate the Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Secondary Education Grades 6-12 (Practitioner Teacher Certification).

***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 terminate the Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Secondary Education Grades 6-12 (Practitioner Teacher Certification).*

- F.3. McNeese State University's request for approval to terminate the Graduate Certificate in Business Administration.

***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 terminate the Graduate Certificate in Business Administration.*

- F.4. Northwestern State University's request for approval of a Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Computed Tomography.

***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 Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Computed Tomography.*

- F.5. Northwestern State University's request for approval of a Master of Science in Computer Information Systems.

***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 Master of Science in Computer Information Systems.*

- F.6. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to restructure the Bachelor of Arts in Spanish to a Bachelor of Arts in World Languages.

***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 restructure the Bachelor of Arts in Spanish to a Bachelor of Arts in World Languages.*

- F.7. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a Master of Music 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 Master of Music Education.*

- F.8. University of New Orleans' request for approval to award a Doctorate Honoris Causa to Mr. Raymond J. Brandt.

***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 award a Doctorate Honoris Causa to Mr. Raymond J. Brandt.*

- F.9. University of New Orleans' request for approval of Center Austria – The Austrian Marshall Plan Center for European Studies.

***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 Center Austria – The Austrian Marshall Plan Center for European Studies.*

- F.10. University of New Orleans' request for approval of a Student Transfer Agreement with Delgado Community College.

***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 Student Transfer Agreement with Delgado Community College.*

- F.11. University of New Orleans' request for approval of an International Friendship and Academic Exchange Agreement with The IUT of Saint Nazaire and the IUT of Nantes, part of the University of Nantes, France.

***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 an International Friendship and Academic Exchange Agreement with The IUT of Saint Nazaire and the IUT of Nantes, part of the University of Nantes, France.*

- F.12. University of New Orleans' request for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Nicholls State University.

***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 Nicholls State University.*

- F.13. University of New Orleans' request for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Université de Nantes.

***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 Université de Nantes.*

- F.14. University of New Orleans' request for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Chengdu Neusoft 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 Chengdu Neusoft University, Chengdu, Sichuan, China.*

G. **Athletic**

Committee Chair Murphy asked Mr. Bruce Janet, System Director of Internal and External Audits, to present the items included on the agenda.

Upon motion of Ms. Pierre, seconded by Mr. Salter, the Board unanimously voted to approve Items G.1.-G.16.:

- G.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Thomas Lane Burroughs, Head Men's Baseball Coach, effective May 26, 2018.

***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 contract with Mr. Thomas Lane Burroughs, Head Men's Baseball Coach, effective May 26, 2018.*

- G.2. McNeese State University's request for approval of its 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 McNeese State University's request for approval of its revised Athletic Home Game Complimentary Ticket Policy.*

- G.3. McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Michael E. Fluty, Head Men's and Women's Golf Coach, effective January 16, 2019.

***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 contract with Mr. Michael E. Fluty, Head Men's and Women's Golf Coach, effective January 16, 2019.*

- G.4. McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Sterlin Gilbert, Head Men's Football Coach, effective December 6, 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 of a contract with Mr. Sterlin Gilbert, Head Men's Football Coach, effective December 6, 2018.*

- G.5. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Christopher McBride, Head Women's Soccer Coach, effective March 1, 2019.

***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. Christopher McBride, Head Women's Soccer Coach, effective March 1, 2019.*

- G.6. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Lance Guidry, Football Defensive Coordinator, effective January 10, 2019.

***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. Lance Guidry, Football Defensive Coordinator, effective January 10, 2019.*

- G.7. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Jeremy White, Head Women's Volleyball Coach, effective January 1, 2019.

***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. Jeremy White, Head Women's Volleyball Coach, effective January 1, 2019.*

- G.8. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Lance Key, Head Soccer Coach, effective January 1, 2019.

***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 contract with Mr. Lance Key, Head Soccer Coach, effective January 1, 2019.*

- G.9. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a contractual amendment with Mr. Michael Desormeaux, Assistant Football Coach, effective January 1, 2019.

***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 contractual amendment with Mr. Michael Desormeaux, Assistant Football Coach, effective January 1, 2019.*

- G.10. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a contractual amendment with Mr. David Looney, Jr., Assistant Football Coach, effective January 1, 2019.

***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 contractual amendment with Mr. David Looney, Jr., Assistant Football Coach, effective January 1, 2019.*

- G.11. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a contractual amendment with Mr. Patrick Toney, Assistant Football Coach, effective January 1, 2019.

***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 contractual amendment with Mr. Patrick Toney, Assistant Football Coach, effective January 1, 2019.*

- G.12. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a contractual amendment with Mr. Troy Wingerter, Director of Football Operations, effective January 1, 2019.

***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 contractual amendment with Mr. Troy Wingerter, Director of Football Operations, effective January 1, 2019.*

- G.13. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Mike Collins, Defensive Coordinator/Assistant Head Football Coach, effective January 1, 2019.

***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. Mike Collins, Defensive Coordinator/Assistant Head Football Coach, effective January 1, 2019.*

- G.14. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Matt Kubik, Offensive Coordinator/Assistant Head Football Coach, effective January 1, 2019.

***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. Matt Kubik, Offensive Coordinator/Assistant Head Football Coach, effective January 1, 2019.*

- G.15. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Keith Richard, Head Men's Basketball Coach effective May 1, 2019.

***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. Keith Richard, Head Men's Basketball Coach effective May 1, 2019.*

- G.16. University of New Orleans' request for approval of its Athletic Home Game Complimentary Ticket Policy.

***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 its Athletic Home Game Complimentary Ticket Policy.*

H. Facilities Planning

Committee Chair Perkins asked Mr. Bruce Janet to present the items.

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

- H.1. McNeese State University's request for approval to name a room in the Health and Human Performance Educational Complex the "Missy Shaddock Basketball Suite and Conference Room."

***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 name a room in the Health and Human Performance Educational Complex the "Missy Shaddock Basketball Suite and Conference Room."*

- H.2. Nicholls State University's request for approval to rename the President's Dining Room located in Room 140 of the Lanny D. Ledet Culinary Arts Building the "Chef John Folse Dining Room."

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Nicholls State University's request to rename the President's Dining Room located in Room 140 of the Lanny D. Ledet Culinary Arts Building the "Chef John Folse Dining Room."*

- H.3. Nicholls State University's request for approval to rename the Madewood Room to the "Andrea Bollinger Room" and the Magnolia Room to the "Charlotte Bollinger Room" in the Donald G. Bollinger Memorial Student Union.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Nicholls State University's request for approval to rename the Madewood Room to the "Andrea Bollinger Room" and the Magnolia Room to the "Charlotte Bollinger Room" in the Donald G. Bollinger Memorial Student Union.*

- H.4. Northwestern State University's request for approval to allow certain properties located in DeSoto Parish totaling 110.17 acres to be nominated to the State Mineral Board for mineral lease.

***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 to allow certain properties located in DeSoto Parish totaling 110.17 acres to be nominated to the State Mineral Board for mineral lease.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the President of the University or his or her designee be authorized to execute a lease on the properties located in DeSoto Parish on behalf of Northwestern State University.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Northwestern State University 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 the University will provide the System office with copies of all final executed documents for Board files.*

- H.5. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to name several rooms in the Computer Science and Technology Building.

***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 several rooms in the Computer Science and Technology Building.*

- H.6. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to name Room 86 in the R. Norval Garrett Building the "Northwestern Mutual Sales Training Room."

***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 Room 86 in the R. Norval Garrett Building the "Northwestern Mutual Sales Training Room."*

- H.7. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to enter into a Grounds and Facilities Lease Agreement with ULM Facilities, Inc., a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation, to construct a new Golf Facility pursuant to the authority vested in La. R.S. 17:3361 and to purchase the improvements back from the ULM Facilities, Inc. in accordance with the law.

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 to allow certain properties located in DeSoto Parish totaling 110.17 acres to be nominated to the State Mineral Board for mineral lease.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that University of Louisiana at Monroe shall obtain final review from UL System staff, legal counsel, and shall secure all other appropriate approvals from agencies/parties of processes, documents, and administrative requirements prior to execution of documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Monroe's request to negotiate a purchase of the improvements back from the ULM Facilities, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of University of Louisiana at Monroe is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said lease and purchase by the University of Louisiana System on behalf of and for the use of University of Louisiana at Monroe.

AND FURTHER, that University of Louisiana at Monroe will provide the System office with copies of all final executed documents for Board files.

- H.8. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to enter into a lease with an option to purchase 2.84 acres of property from the ULM Foundation and acceptance of an irrevocable assignment and act of donation for the Doppler Radar Tower from ULM Facilities, Inc.

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 enter into a lease with an option to purchase 2.84 acres of property from the ULM Foundation and acceptance of an irrevocable assignment and act of donation for the Doppler Radar Tower from ULM Facilities, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that University of Louisiana at Monroe shall obtain final review from UL System staff, legal counsel and shall secure all other appropriate approvals from agencies/parties of processes, documents, and administrative requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of University of Louisiana at Monroe and his or her designee is hereby designated and authorized to execute all documents necessary to execute the Lease Agreement; and all documents necessary to execute the irrevocable assignment and act of donation.

***AND FURTHER**, that University of Louisiana at Monroe will provide the System office with copies of all final executed documents for Board files.*

After Dr. Bruno gave some comments on the request, upon motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Ms. Pierre, the Board unanimously approved the following resolution:

- H.9. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System for the execution of a Ground Lease Agreement between the Board, acting on behalf of the University, and Provident Group – ULM Properties LLC, in connection with the construction of student housing and related facilities on the University's campus.

***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 the form and authorization to execute a Ground Lease Agreement and a Cooperation Agreement, each between the Board, acting on behalf of the University, and Provident Group – ULM Properties LLC in connection with the financing and construction of student housing and related facilities on the University's campus.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that University of Louisiana at Monroe shall obtain final review from UL System staff, legal counsel to the Board, and shall secure all other appropriate approvals from agencies/parties of processes, documents, and administrative requirements prior to execution of documents.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President of University of Louisiana at Monroe and his or her designees are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Ground Lease and the Cooperation Agreement described herein, and any and all documents necessary in connection with the Project described herein.*

***AND FURTHER**, that University of Louisiana at Monroe will provide the System office with copies of all final executed documents for Board files.*

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

- H.10. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System for the execution of an amendment to the Ground Lease Agreement between the Board, acting on behalf of the University, and the Harvey W. Peters Research Foundation, in connection with the construction of a medical school on the University's campus for the purpose of adding property to the Ground Lease.

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 the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System for the execution of an amendment to the Ground Lease Agreement between the Board, acting on behalf of the University, and the Harvey W. Peters Research Foundation, in connection with the construction of a medical school on the University's campus for the purpose of adding property to the Ground Lease.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board also hereby authorizes, approves, and consents to each and every sublease and assignment of the Ground Lease as permitted by, and in accordance with the requirements and other provisions of, the Ground Lease.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University shall obtain final review from University of Louisiana System staff and legal counsel to the Board, and shall secure all other appropriate approvals from agencies/parties of processes, documents and administrative requirements prior to execution of documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the University, and his or her designee, are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Amendment as described herein and any and all documents necessary in connection with the project described herein.

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

- H.11. University of New Orleans' request for approval to name the auditorium in the College of Engineering Building the "Dr. Fritz Dohse Auditorium."

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 name the auditorium in the College of Engineering Building the "Dr. Fritz Dohse Auditorium."

- H.12. University of New Orleans' request for approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Hynes Charter School Corporation and Friends of Hynes, both not-for-profit corporations, to proceed with the development and execution of a future lease agreement pursuant to the authority vested in La. R.S. 17:3361.

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 enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Hynes Charter School Corporation and Friends of Hynes, both not-for-profit corporations, to proceed with the development and execution of a future lease agreement pursuant to the authority vested in La. R.S. 17:3361.

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

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

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

I. **Finance**

Mr. Kitchen, Chair, asked staff to present the items on the agenda. Dr. Edwin Litolff, Mr. Charles Wendt, and Mr. Bruce Janet introduced the items.

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

- I.1. Grambling State University's request for approval of a resolution approving the optional redemption of the outstanding \$4,710,000 Louisiana Public Authority Taxable Revenue Bonds (Black and Gold Facilities Project) Series 2006C.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approve Grambling State University's request for approval of a resolution approving the option redemption of the outstanding \$4,710,000 Louisiana Public Authority Taxable Revenue Bonds (Black and Gold Facilities Project) Series 2006C.

Upon motion of Dr. Condos, seconded by Ms. Pierre, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following item:

- I.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of Amendment No. 5 to Lease Agreement by and between the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System on behalf of Louisiana Tech University and Barnes and Noble College Booksellers, LLC.

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 Amendment No. 5 to Lease Agreement by and between the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System on behalf of Louisiana Tech University and Barnes and Noble College Booksellers, LLC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of Louisiana Tech University and his or her designee is hereby designated and authorized to execute all documents necessary to execute the Lease Agreement.

Upon motion of Dr. Condos, seconded by Ms. Dunahoe, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following item:

- I.3. McNeese State University's request for approval to charge certain contract tuition and fee rates for online RN to BSN program.

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 charge certain contract tuition and fee rates for online RN to BSN program.

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

- I.4. McNeese State University's request for approval to conduct a student referendum to approve a self-assessed Spirit Fee.

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 conduct a student referendum to approve a self-assessed Spirit Fee.

Upon motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Salter, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following item:

- I.5. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract price to offer the University's RN to BSN program in a Learn-on-Demand format.

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 price to offer the University's RN to BSN program in a Learn-on-Demand format.

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

- I.6. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of its Advancement Incentive Compensation Plan.

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 its Advancement Incentive Compensation Plan.

Upon motion of Ms. Pierre, seconded by Dr. Condos, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following item:

- I.7. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a Service Agreement with Instructional Connections, LLC.

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 Service Agreement with Instructional Connections, LLC.

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

I.8. **University of Louisiana System's** request for approval to establish LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorships/First Generation Endowed Scholarships/Superior Graduate Scholarships as follows:

a. **Nicholls State University**

The Michael C. and Christine P. Bourgeois Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarship

b. **University of Louisiana at Lafayette**

Francis Patrick Clark/BORSF Professorships in Computer & Informatics V

Francis Patrick Clark/BORSF Professorships in Computer & Informatics VI

Francis Patrick Clark/BORSF Professorships in Computer & Informatics VII

Leonder & Louizette Labbe – Sy and Laura Arceneaux/BORSF Professorship in Education

Ellen Coussan Coffin/BORSF Endowed Superior Graduate Scholarship in Biology I

Ellen Coussan Coffin/BORSF Endowed Superior Graduate Scholarship in Biology II

Ellen Coussan Coffin/BORSF Endowed Superior Graduate Scholarship in Biology III

Ellen Coussan Coffin/BORSF Endowed Superior Graduate Scholarship in Biology IV

Ellen Coussan Coffin/BORSF Endowed Superior Graduate Scholarship in Biology V

Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) Acadiana Chapter/BORSF Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarship in Architecture

c. **University of New Orleans**

University of New Orleans International Alumni Association First Generation Scholarship

Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarship in Accounting and Tax Accounting

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the requests from System institutions to establish the LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorships/First Generation Endowed Scholarships/Superior Graduate Scholarships noted above.

Mr. Charles Wendt, Director of Accounting and Financial Analysis, reported on I.9. Upon motion of Mr. Salter, seconded by Ms. Pierre, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following item:

I.9. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of payments made by nonprofit organizations to employees of the University of Louisiana System during Fiscal Year 2018 in accordance with the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 17:3390(F).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of Louisiana System's request for approval of payments made by nonprofit organizations to employees of the University of Louisiana System during Fiscal Year 2018 in accordance with provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 17:3390(F).

- I.10. University of Louisiana System's discussion of Fiscal Year 2018-19 second quarter financial reports and ongoing assurances.

Mr. Charles Wendt gave the report. No action was required by the Board.

- I.11. University of Louisiana System's financial status of alternatively financed projects for the six months ended December 31, 2018.

Mr. Charles Wendt gave the report. No action was required by the Board.

- I.12. University of Louisiana System's report on internal and external audit activity for the period of November 29, 2018 to February 17, 2019.

Mr. Bruce Janet described the summary of audit reports. No action was required by the Board.

J. Personnel

Committee Chair Virgil Robinson asked Dr. Edwin Litolff, Vice President for Business and Finance, to present Items J.1.-J.6.

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

- J.1. Grambling State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. David Ponton as Vice President for Student Affairs and Athletic Director effective January 1, 2019.

***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 to appoint Dr. David Ponton as Vice President for Student Affairs and Athletic Director effective January 1, 2019.*

- J.2. McNeese State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Cynthia Cano as Dean for the College of Education effective February 2, 2019.

***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. Cynthia Cano as Dean for the College of Education effective February 2, 2019.*

- J.3. McNeese State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Christopher J. Thomas as Vice President for Student Affairs effective March 1, 2019.

***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 Vice President for Student Affairs effective March 1, 2019.*

- J.4. McNeese State University's request for approval to appoint Mr. Kedrick Nicholas as Dean of Student Services effective February 22, 2019.

***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 Mr. Kedrick Nicholas as Dean of Student Services effective February 22, 2019.*

- J.5. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to appoint Dr. Ahmed Khattab as Interim Dean of the College of Engineering effective January 1, 2019.

***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 appoint Dr. Ahmed Khattab as Interim Dean of the College of Engineering effective January 1, 2019.*

- J.6. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to appoint Dr. Steven Siconolfi as Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs effective March 1, 2019.

***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. Steven Siconolfi as Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs effective March 1, 2019.*

President Rick Gallot introduced Dr. David Ponton as the new Vice President for Student Affairs and Athletic Director for Grambling. Dr. Ponton thanked the Board and stated his commitment to the University.

Dr. Mitch Adrian, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs for McNeese State University, introduced Dr. Cynthia Cano. She expressed her appreciation for the appointment and assured the Board that she has a vision for the College of Business.

McNeese State University President Daryl Burckel recognized Dr. Christopher Thomas as the new Vice President for Student Affairs. Dr. Thomas expressed his gratitude and said that he has a strong commitment to the students. Dr. Thomas then introduced Dr. Kedrick Nicholas via video. Dr. Nicholas stated that he had the opportunity to participate in the Management and Leadership Institute in 2018 and is excited to serve McNeese for years to come.

Lastly, ULM President Nick Bruno recognized Dr. Eric Pani at his last meeting and thanked him for his years of service. Dr. Bruno also introduced Dr. Steven Siconolfi, who will serve as Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs. Dr. Siconolfi said that he is excited to join the team at ULM.

K. **Legislation**

Chair Joe Salter asked Ms. Ashley Mitchell Carter, Director of Governmental Affairs, to report to the Committee.

Ms. Carter distributed the details for the 2019 Legislative Roundtables held at each of the nine campuses. She invited the Board members to attend as many meetings as possible, especially those that were scheduled in their local districts. She indicated that the events would give administrators, constituents, and Board members a way to share their thoughts and visions for higher education in a meaningful way with the local legislators.

She also said that the requests this year to the Legislature include: a 3% increase in faculty and staff salaries; funding outside of the formula for ULM's College of Pharmacy; and covering increased mandated costs in Division of Administration's continuation budget.

L. **SYSTEM PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS**

L.1. **Personnel Actions**

President Henderson indicated that Board members had received personnel actions for consideration. He also said that System staff had reviewed all personnel actions and recommends approval.

Upon motion of Ms. Dunahoe, seconded by Dr. Egan, the Board unanimously voted to approve the System personnel actions.

L.2. **System President's Report**

System Staff

Dr. Henderson reported on two staff changes in the System office. He indicated that Ms. Katelyn Wilkerson will assume the role as Communication Director. In her position, she will manage graphic design and direct social media efforts, including additional focus on analytics. She will also be responsible for oversight of the System and Compete LA websites.

Dr. Henderson also introduced Ms. Jessie Gabor, who has been working as a graduate assistant on the communications team. Jessie will graduate with a Master's in Strategic Communication in May and will assume the responsibility as Graphic Designer and Brand Manager.

Ms. Wilkerson introduced a transparency webpage that is being added to the ULS website. This page will highlight relevant data and trends of interest to the Board, administrators, faculty, legislators, and constituents. She invited the Board members to explore the page.

Conference

President Henderson congratulated the staff for the success of the second annual *For Our Future Conference* held on the campus of University of Louisiana at Lafayette. He said that more than 450 participants were able to attend all or a portion of the conference during the two days. Dr. Henderson asked Dr. Kahn to give the Board an update.

Dr. Jeannine Kahn, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, highlighted this year's activities. She also announced that next year's conference will be held on the campus of University of Louisiana at Monroe on January 30 and 31.

Reginald F. Lewis Equity Initiative

Dr. Henderson announced an initiative that stemmed from the Conference—the Reginald F. Lewis Equity Initiative. Along with the work that has already begun, the ultimate goal of the initiative will be to advance equity and diversity in the UL System.

Compete LA

Dr. Henderson asked Dr. Jeannine Kahn, Dr. Claire Norris, and Ms. Cami Geisman to update the Board on the progress of Compete LA, a program being developed to encourage and support adult learners to complete their degrees. A video that will be used to introduce the concept to stakeholders was presented to the Board. Dr. Henderson reported that a significant investment by a large foundation has been pledged.

ULS Day at the Capitol

President Henderson reminded Board members that plans for the 2019 ULS Day at the Capitol activities are being finalized and asked Ms. Cami Geisman and Ms. Ashley Mitchell Carter to give the Board an update.

Ms. Geisman and Ms. Carter stated that an additional focus this year will be on high impact relationship building. Also, they indicated that Compete LA will be introduced to the legislators as well as showcasing many exciting academic programs via interactive displays. Ms. Carter reported that students will be assigned to legislators as they tour the exhibits. In response to concerns voiced by Board members that the momentum continue to build from year to year, Ms. Geisman and Dr. Henderson assured them that the campuses and students are excited to participate in the activities and a large level of student involvement is anticipated.

Academic Summit and Academic Honors Day Celebration

Ms. Erica Calais, Vice President for Student Affairs and Governance, invited the Board members to reserve April 11 and 12 for this year's Academic Summit. The annual summit will be held at Grambling State University and will prove to be a demonstration of the work and talents of the System's faculty and students.

Ms. Calais also said that the Academic Honors Network will hold its Annual Academic Honors Day Celebration on Saturday, April 27. She said that the System first participated in this event in 2018 and it had been a privilege to honor East Baton Rouge Parish high-performing juniors and seniors.

M. **Board Chair's Business**

M.1. **Board Chair's Report**

Board Retreat

Mr. Romero again thanked Dr. Burckel for hosting the Board for its meeting and Retreat. He said that their sessions would begin immediately after lunch with George Pernsteiner, AGB Consultant, and would conclude by noon on Saturday.

Spring Calendar and Commencement

Mr. Romero said that a calendar of events including dates of commencement exercises was available in their folders. He encouraged Board members to attend as many as practical and, if interested, to contact Ms. Katelyn Wilkerson to order custom regalia. Further, he indicated that Ms. Sandra Green will email an RSVP link for commencements as well as additional information on commencements. Also, a few robes from the System office will be available for loan.

Annual Requirements

Mr. Romero reminded the Board that Financial Disclosure Statements for 2018 will be due on May 15 and that Ms. Sandra Green will be emailing information about completing their statements. Also, he stated that Mr. Bruce Janet is scheduling a live ethics session that will fulfill the annual ethics training required for all Board members.

N. **Other Business**

Mr. Romero reminded the Board that the next scheduled meeting is April 25 in Baton Rouge.

O. **Adjournment**

Upon motion of Mr. Salter, seconded by Ms. Dunahoe, at 12:04 p.m., the Board voted to adjourn.