

MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM**

May 7, 1999
Baton Rouge, LA

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met in special session on Friday, May 7, 1999, in the Auditorium, State Office Building, First Floor, 150 Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Shetler at 9:08 a.m. and opened with a prayer by Dr. Smith. The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT:

Mr. Carl Shetler, Chairman
Mr. Andre G. Coudrain, Vice Chairman
Dr. Edward B. Anders
Mr. Robert C. Davidge
Mr. T. L. "Teddy" Duhé
Mr. Herman Gesser, Jr.
Mr. Tex R. Kilpatrick
Mr. Ravis Martinez
Mr. Gordon A. Pugh
Mr. Winfred F. Sibille
Dr. Eunice Wicker Smith
Mr. Michael H. Woods
Mr. David Wright

ABSENT:

Mrs. Elsie P. Burkhalter
Mrs. Carroll W. Suggs

Chairman Shetler indicated that Mrs. Burkhalter and Mrs. Suggs were granted excused absences for this meeting.

Chairman Shetler explained that the purpose of this special meeting was to interview Mr. Bobby P. Jindal, one of three applicants, for consideration as the President of the University of Louisiana System. He also thanked the Board for attending this meeting.

Chairman Shetler opened the interview session by asking Mr. Jindal several questions on behalf of the Board.

Mr. Jindal expressed his interest in and desire to work with one of the most important agencies within the State of Louisiana and expressed his desire to make a contribution to higher education to improve the economic development of the State of Louisiana, the quality of life for Louisiana's citizens, educational opportunities, etc. He also expressed his interest in promoting accountability and strategic planning for the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System and the System Institutions.

Mr. Coudrain stated that additional questions may involve items that require discussion in executive session.

On motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board unanimously voted to enter Executive Session at 9:48 a.m.

Chairman Shetler read the following statement relative to the Board's action to go into Executive Session.

"The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System may meet in Executive Session, pursuant to R.S. 42.6.1., to interview Mr. Bobby P. Jindal, an applicant for the position of President of the University of Louisiana System. Such discussion may include matters involving character, competence, or medical condition. While in Executive Session, the Board may meet with its staff, attorneys, or other persons it deems necessary. No motion or other actions may be taken while in Executive Session."

Mr. Coudrain adopted this statement as a part of his motion to enter into Executive Session at 9:50 a.m.

On motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board unanimously voted to reconvene in open session at 10:45 a.m.

Chairman Shetler read the following statement pertaining to the executive session:

"The Board met in Executive Session to interview Mr. Bobby P. Jindal for the position of President of the University of Louisiana System. While in Executive Session no motions were made nor votes taken. A motion to reconvene was approved."

Mr. Coudrain stated that in consideration of the statements made by Mr. Bobby P. Jindal in open session and during Executive Session and in consideration of his very impressive resume packet of material provided to the Board in support of his nomination, he recommends the following action:

Mr. Coudrain moved that the Board hire Mr. Bobby P. Jindal as Acting System President effective Monday, May 10, 1999 until July 1, 1999 at which time he will assume the position of System President of the University of Louisiana System. He further recommended that Mr. Jindal be appointed in this position at an annual salary of \$155,000, plus \$2,000 per month housing allowance, and with all the retirement, insurance, car allowance and other benefits allowed to State employees by law. This motion was seconded by Mr. Sibille.

The motion was passed by the following Roll Call Vote:

YEAS: Mr. Coudrain, Dr. Anders, Mr. Davidge, Mr. Duhé, Mr. Gesser, Mr. Kilpatrick, Mr. Martinez, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Sibille, Dr. Smith, Mr. Woods, Mr. Wright, Mr. Shetler

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mrs. Burkhalter, Mrs. Suggs

ABSTAINED: None

On motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board unanimously voted to have Dr. Carroll Falcon resume his position as System Vice President for Academic Affairs for the University of Louisiana System effective Monday, May 10, 1999, at his salary and benefits that were in effect prior to assuming the position as Acting System President plus increments and adjustments that were given to Board employees.

Mr. Coudrain stated that Dr. Falcon has done an outstanding job during the interim period as Acting System President of the University of Louisiana System.

Mr. Sibille directed the newly appointed Acting System President to follow up on the letter received by Dr. Falcon from Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, Commissioner of Higher Education at the Board of Regents, concerning the problems with "shortfalls" as determined by the Revenue Estimating Conference.

Chairman Shetler announced that he and Mr. Jindal would be available to meet with the press following the Board meeting.

Mr. Duhé extended "Happy Mother's Day" wishes to all mothers.

On motion of Mr. Duhé, seconded by Mr. Woods, there being no further business, the Board adjourned at 10:48 a.m.