

*MINUTES*

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE  
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM  
MARCH 27, 2009**

A. **Call to Order**

Mrs. Elsie Burkhalter, Chair, called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System in Room 100, the "Louisiana Purchase Room," Claiborne Conference Center, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana at 10:40 a.m.

B. **Roll Call**

The roll was called.

**PRESENT**

Mrs. Elsie Burkhalter, Chair	Mr. E. Gerald Hebert
Mr. Winfred F. Sibille, Vice Chair	Mr. Jimmy D. Long, Sr.
Mr. Paul Aucoin	Mr. Russell Mosely
Mr. Edward Crawford III	Mr. D. Wayne Parker
Dr. Mildred G. Gallot	Mr. Carl Shetler
Mr. Gregory Hamer, Sr.	

**ABSENT**

Mr. Andre G. Coudrain	Ms. Renee Lapeyrolerie
Mr. Jeff Jenkins	Ms. Morgan Verrette

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

C. **Invocation**

Mr. Parker gave the invocation.

D. **Approval of Minutes of January 23, 2009 Board and February 17, 2009 Special Board Meetings**

Upon motion of Mr. Shetler, seconded by Mr. Hebert, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2009 Board and February 17, 2009 Special Board meetings.

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

Dr. Gallot, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, presented the Committee report.

Upon motion of Dr. Gallot, seconded by Mr. Long, the Board voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the following resolutions.

- E.1. Nicholls State University's request for approval of a Proposed Letter of Intent for a Master of Arts degree program in English Studies in Literature and Composition.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Nicholls State University's request for approval of a Letter of Intent for a Master of Arts degree program in English Studies in Literature and Composition.*

- E.2. Northwestern State University's request for approval of a National Affiliate Agreement with Project Lead the Way, Inc.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Northwestern State University's request for a National Affiliate Agreement with Project Lead the Way, Inc.*

- E.3. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request to eliminate the Computer Engineering Option and the Telecommunications Option of the Bachelor of Science degree program in Electrical Engineering and consolidate these associated course offerings into one Electrical Engineering degree program curriculum.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request to eliminate the Computer Engineering Option and the Telecommunications Option of the Bachelor of Science degree program in Electrical Engineering and consolidate these associated course offerings into one Electrical Engineering degree program curriculum.*

- E.4. University of Louisiana System's update on the Board of Regents Low Computer Program Review.

This is a report only, and no Board action is necessary.

F. **Report of Athletic Committee**

Mr. Shetler, Chair of the Athletic Committee, presented the Committee report.

Upon motion of Mr. Shetler, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the following resolutions.

- F.1. Northwestern State University's request for approval to establish a Coach/Staff Financial Incentive for Academic Success.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Northwestern State University's request to establish a Coach/Staff Financial Incentive for Academic Success.*

- F.2. University of Louisiana System's report on significant athletic activities for the period of January 13, 2009 to March 16, 2009.

This is a report only, and no Board action is necessary.

G. **Report of Audit Committee**

Mr. Hamer, Vice Chair of the Audit Committee, presented the Committee report.

Upon motion of Mr. Hamer, seconded by Mr. Aucoin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the following resolution.

- G.1. University of Louisiana System's report on internal and external audits submitted for the period January 13, 2009 through March 13, 2009.

This is a report only, and no Board action is necessary.

H. **Report of Facilities Planning Committee**

Mr. Mosely, Chair of the Facilities Planning Committee, presented the Committee report.

Upon motion of Mr. Mosely, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the following resolutions.

- H.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to demolish three structures located in the Research Park.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Louisiana Tech University's request to demolish three structures located in the Research Park.*

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

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

- H.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to enter into a lease agreement with Louisiana Tech Foundation, Inc. to install chairback seats in Joe Aillet Stadium and donation of improvements to the University.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Louisiana Tech University's request to enter into a lease agreement with Louisiana Tech Foundation, Inc. to install chairback seats in Joe Aillet Stadium and donation of improvements to the University.*

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Dr. Daniel D. Reneau, President of Louisiana Tech University, is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said lease by the University of Louisiana System on behalf of and for the use of Louisiana Tech University.

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

- H.3. McNeese State University's request to continue the process of formulating a lease and management agreement with SWLA Alliance Foundation, Inc., Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, and the City of Lake Charles involving the development, construction, and operation of the Southwestern Louisiana Entrepreneurial and Economic Development Center (SEED).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve McNeese State University's request to continue the process of formulating a lease and management agreement with SWLA Alliance Foundation, Inc., Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, and the City of Lake Charles involving the development, construction, and operation of the Southwestern Louisiana Entrepreneurial and Economic Development Center (SEED).

- H.4. Nicholls State University's request for approval of the forms and authorizing the execution of a Ground and Facilities Lease Agreement and Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase with NSU Facilities Corporation, a 501(c)3, not-for profit corporation, to design and develop a Student Recreation Center (SRC).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Nicholls State University's request to approve the forms and authorizing the execution of a Ground and Facilities Lease Agreement and Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase with NSU Facilities Corporation, a 501(c)3, not-for-profit corporation, to design and develop a Student Recreation Center (SRC).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Dr. Randy Moffett, President of the University of Louisiana System, and/or Dr. Stephen T. Hulbert, President of Nicholls State University, are/is hereby designated and authorized to execute said leases.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that these Lease Agreements are necessary to transfer funds to the not-for-profit corporation for design work already completed and to continue design work associated with the Student Recreation Center.

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

- H.5. Nicholls State University's request for approval to name 401 Gouaux Hall the American Association of Drilling Engineers Computer Simulation and Distance Learning Center.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Nicholls State University's request to name 401 Gouaux Hall the American Association of Drilling Engineers Computer Simulation and Distance Learning Center.

- H.6. Northwestern State University's request for approval to name a conference room in the ROTC Building the Lt. Col. Leon Pennington Conference Room.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Northwestern State University's request for approval to name a conference room in the ROTC Building the Lt. Col. Leon Pennington Conference Room.*

- H.7. Northwestern State University's request for approval to name the Band Hall the William E. Brent Band Hall.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Northwestern State University's request to name the Band Hall the William E. Brent Band Hall.*

- H.8. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a petition to the State Interim Emergency Board to address repairs to Fletcher Hall.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request to petition the State Interim Emergency Board to address repairs to Fletcher Hall.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, President of University of Louisiana at Lafayette, is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said action by the University of Louisiana System.*

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

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

- H.9. University of Louisiana System's request for approval to amend the FY 2009-10 Capital Outlay Budget Request.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve amendments to the FY 2009-10 Capital Outlay Budget Request to reflect changes recommended by Staff.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Staff be authorized to make minor technical adjustments to the request.*

I. Report of Finance Committee

Mr. Parker, Chair of the Finance Committee, presented the Committee report.

Upon motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Hebert, the Board voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the following resolutions.

- I.1. Grambling State University's request for approval to include a self-assessed transportation fee on the upcoming SGA Spring ballot.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Grambling State University's request for approval to include a self-assessed transportation fee on the upcoming SGA Spring ballot.*

- I.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to include a self-assessed health fee increase on the upcoming SGA Spring ballot.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to include a self-assessed health fee increase on the upcoming SGA Spring ballot.*

- I.3. McNeese State University's request for approval to adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds, an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000, for the renovation and expansion of the Athletic Field House.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve McNeese State University's request for approval to adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds, an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000, for the renovation and expansion of the Athletic Field House.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Dr. Randy Moffett, President of the University of Louisiana System, is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary, including the trust indenture, to issue revenue bonds on behalf of and in the name of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System.*

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

- I.4. Nicholls State University's request for approval to establish the Henry Lafont and Kim Corales Lafont First Generation Endowed Undergraduate Scholarship.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Nicholls State University's request to establish the Henry Lafont and Kim Corales Lafont First Generation Endowed Undergraduate Scholarship.*

- I.5. University of Louisiana System's report on the interim financial status of alternatively financed projects for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009.

This is a report only, and no Board action is necessary.

- I.6. University of Louisiana System's report from the Cost Containment Efficiencies Subcommittee.

This is a report only, and no Board action is necessary.

Mr. Parker stated that the Finance Committee had authorized this Subcommittee to proceed with its efforts and to meet with various agencies as necessary to gather information regarding energy, credit cards, telecommunications, and healthcare.

**J. Report of Personnel Committee**

Mr. Aucoin, Chair of the Personnel Committee, gave the Committee report.

Upon motion of Mr. Aucoin, seconded by Mr. Crawford, the Board voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the following resolutions.

- J.1. Grambling State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Matthew Uwaknoye as Interim Dean of the College of Business effective January 1, 2009.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve the request of Grambling State University to appoint Dr. Matthew Uwakonye as Interim Dean of the College of Business effective January 1, 2009.*

- J.2. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to appoint Ms. Wendy Johns-Lauderdale as Vice President for University Advancement effective March 27, 2009.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Southeastern Louisiana University's request to appoint Ms. Wendy Johns-Lauderdale as Vice President for University Advancement effective March 27, 2009.*

**K. Report of Special Committee on Access and Success**

Chair Parker gave the report of the Committee.

- K.1. Louisiana Tech University

Chair Parker stated that Dr. Pamela Ford, Dean of Enrollment Management, and Dr. Linda Griffin, Dean of Student Development, Louisiana Tech University, had presented a report to the Committee describing the University's initiatives to advance recruitment, retention, and graduation rates among its students. No Board action is required.

L. **System President's Business**

L.1. **Personnel Actions**

Dr. Randy Moffett, System President, reported that System staff reviewed the personnel actions and staff recommends approval.

*Upon motion of Mr. Aucoin, seconded by Mr. Long, the Board voted unanimously to approve the System personnel actions.*

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

- Dr. Moffett commended Board members and campus administrators who participated in the Board Development held on Thursday, March 26.
- Dr. Moffett invited Dr. Caprice Ieyoub, System Executive Director of Student Development, to report on the current Service Learning Grant Awards. The focus of this year's grant proposals is mentoring students to address the dropout crisis among Louisiana's high school population. The awards represent the final round of the three-year, \$1.2 million grant from the Corporation for National Community Service's Learn and Serve Division.

Dr. Ieyoub especially thanked Superintendent of Education Paul Pastorek, Deputy Superintendent Ollie Tyler, Dr. Jim Owens, and Donna Nola-Ganey for their interest. Dr. Ollie Tyler thanked our System for its support and interest. She said that the Department of Education is excited about the potential of our partnership and the role that UL System students will play in engaging and mentoring at-risk children near our campus communities.

Checks were awarded to the nine grant recipients from the eight campuses. Dr. Ieyoub expressed special appreciation to the members who serve on the System Service Learning Council.

- **Recognitions:**
  - **Gregory Hamer, Sr.** – Dr. Moffett congratulated Mr. Hamer for being recognized by *Multi-Unit Franchisee Magazine* as a "Mega 99 Star."
  - **Elsie Burkhalter** – Dr. Moffett stated that at Southeastern Louisiana University's spring convocation, Mrs. Burkhalter will be named "Alumnus of the Year" for the University's College of Education and Human Development.
  - **Jimmy Long, Sr.** – Dr. Moffett informed the Board that Mr. Long has been nominated to be inducted into the Louisiana Public Broadcasting's Louisiana Legends Hall of Fame on April 30 in Baton Rouge at the Louisiana State Museum.



- **Blair Broussard** – Dr. Moffett congratulated Ms. Blair Broussard, Graduate Assistant in the System office, for successfully defending her thesis for the master's in mass communications program at Louisiana State University.
- Dr. Moffett reported that earlier in March the Board of Regents had hosted a summit to discuss improvements in matriculation from two-year colleges to four-year universities. He stated that the University of Louisiana System has a long history of community college partnerships, with over thirty 2+2 agreements in place.
- Dr. Moffett invited Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, President of University of Louisiana at Lafayette, to address the Board about recent media attention dedicated to the New Iberia Research Center. Dr. Savoie distributed information about the Center and provided an update to the Board. Dr. Savoie stated that, after investigation into the allegations, he is confident that the Center is well-managed and a valuable research facility.
- Dr. Beatrice Baldwin, Vice President for Research and Performance Assessment, updated the Board members on the Economic and Community Impact Study. She thanked the campus Presidents, Dr. Edwin Litolff, and Jackie Tisdell for their work and indicated that the campuses have worked diligently on this project. Dr. Baldwin announced that the results of the impact study would be released on April 16, 2009.

M. **Board Chair's Report**

- Mrs. Burkhalter recognized Dr. Randy Moffett for being appointed by Governor Bobby Jindal to serve on the Southern Regional Education Board. Other state representatives include Senator Francis Thompson, Superintendent of Education Paul Pastorek, and Higher Education Commissioner Sally Clausen.
- Mrs. Burkhalter reminded Board members that the next Board meeting will be on April 23-24, 2009.

N. **Other Business**

There was no other business to come before the Board.

O. **Adjournment**

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Crawford, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.