

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM
April 23, 2010**

A. **Call to Order**

Mr. Winfred Sibille, Chair, called to order the special 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 8:33 a.m.

B. **Roll Call**

The roll was called and a quorum established.

PRESENT

Mr. Winfred Sibille, Chair	Mr. E. Gerald Hebert
Mr. D. Wayne Parker, Vice Chair	Mr. Steven Jackson
Mr. Paul Aucoin	Ms. Renee Lapeyrolerie
Mrs. Elsie Burkhalter	Mr. Jimmy Long
Mr. Andre G. Coudrain	Mr. Russell Mosely
Dr. Mildred G. Gallot	Mr. Carl Shetler

ABSENT

Mr. Edward Crawford III	Mr. Jeff Jenkins
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Also present for the meeting were the following: System President Randy Moffett, System staff, interested citizens, and representatives of the news media.

C. **Report of McNeese State University Presidential Search Committee**

Dr. Moffett thanked Search Committee members for their willingness to serve during the process and also commended the non-Board members who devoted their time and efforts to assist in the search. These members included: Mr. Robert Davidson, community member; Dr. Linda Larson, McNeese faculty member; and Mr. Tim Rye, SGA President at McNeese. Mr. Davidson and Dr. Larson were present in the audience.

Dr. Moffett stated that the Committee had met daily on the McNeese campus during the week of April 12-16, 2010. On the first four days, the four semifinalists had been interviewed and each had been given several opportunities to participate in meetings with deans, department heads, faculty, student leaders, staff, and community members. These meetings also allowed Committee members to observe the candidates in various settings.

Dr. Moffett stated that the Search Committee had met on Friday, April 16 to deliberate and selected three finalists for the Board's consideration: Dr. Jeanne Daboval, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at McNeese State University; Dr. Linda Rinker, Provost and Vice President for

Academic Affairs at Western Connecticut State University; and Dr. Philip Williams, President of University of Montevallo. Dr. Rinker subsequently withdrew her name from consideration, leaving Drs. Daboval and Williams to be interviewed by the Board.

Chair Sibille asked for public comment from the audience prior to the interview process. There was no public comment.

D. **Overview of Interview Procedures**

Mr. Sibille indicated that each candidate will be given the opportunity to provide an opening statement. Subsequently, the candidate will be questioned by Board members. Following each public interview, the Board will individually meet in executive session with the finalist. After the second interview and executive session, the Board will remain in executive session to deliberate. When the Board returns to open session, discussion and voting will follow.

E. **Candidate Interviews**

Dr. Philip Williams

Dr. Moffett introduced Dr. Philip Williams, who has served as the President of Montevallo in Alabama since August of 2006. Previous to that position, he served at Gardner-Webb University (Boiling Springs, North Carolina) as Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs and in 2003 at Methodist University (Fayetteville, North Carolina) as Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College. Dr. Williams earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in History from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a degree in law from Columbia University School of Law (New York City). Dr. Williams practiced corporate law and served as administrative vice president and counsel for Sea World, Inc. He earned his Ph.D. in Health Policy and Administration from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Dr. Williams made an introductory statement and said that it was an honor to have the opportunity to interview for the position as President of McNeese. Joining him at the table was his wife Sandra. Board members were given the opportunity to question Dr. Williams.

Dr. Moffett stated that the Board would meet in Executive Session pursuant to R.S. 42:6.1 to discuss personnel matters with Dr. Williams.

Upon motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, the Board voted to convene in Executive Session. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Yeas: Mr. Aucoin, Mrs. Burkhalter, Mr. Coudrain, Dr. Gallot, Mr. Hebert, Mr. Steven Jackson, Ms. Lapeyroterie, Mr. Long, Mr. Mosely, Mr. Parker, Mr. Shetler, Mr. Sibille

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Crawford, Mr. Jenkins

At 9:15 a.m., the Board met in Executive Session with Dr. Williams. While in Executive Session, the Board may meet with its staff, legal counsel, or other persons it deems necessary. No motions may be made nor votes taken.

At 10:00 a.m., upon motion of Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Coudrain, the Board voted to reconvene in Open Session. While in Executive Session, no motions were made nor votes taken.

Dr. Jeanne Daboval

Dr. Moffett introduced Dr. Jeanne Daboval as the second finalist. Dr. Daboval has served as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at McNeese since July 2001. She previously held the positions of Dean of Enrollment Management and Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Academic Support at the campus. Dr. Daboval earned her Bachelor of Science in Business Education and Master of Business Administration from McNeese. She earned her doctorate of business administration from Nova Southeastern University in Florida.

Dr. Daboval made an opening statement and thanked the Board for being selected as a finalist. She stated her desire to serve McNeese as its next President. Board members had an opportunity to question Dr. Daboval.

Dr. Moffett stated that the Board would meet in Executive Session pursuant to R.S. 42:6.1 to discuss personnel matters with Dr. Daboval.

Upon motion of Mrs. Burkhalter, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board voted to convene in Executive Session. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Yeas: Mr. Aucoin, Mrs. Burkhalter, Mr. Coudrain, Dr. Gallot, Mr. Hebert, Mr. Steven Jackson, Ms. Lapeyrolerie, Mr. Long, Mr. Mosely, Mr. Parker, Mr. Shetler, Mr. Sibille

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Crawford, Mr. Jenkins

At 10:52 a.m., the Board met in Executive Session with Dr. Daboval. While in Executive Session, the Board may meet with its staff, legal counsel, or other persons it deems necessary. No motions may be made nor votes taken.

At 1:00 p.m., upon motion of Dr. Gallot, seconded by Mr. Mosely, the Board voted to reconvene in Open Session. While in Executive Session, no motions were made nor votes taken.

F. **Selection of President of McNeese State University**

Dr. Moffett asked for observations from the Board members. Mr. Hebert began the discussion and made the following motion, seconded by Mr. Mosely. Mr. Mosely asked for a unanimous second to the motion and there was no objection. A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby appoint Dr. Philip C. Williams as the next President of McNeese State University, with salary and related benefits to be determined by System President Randy Moffett, in consultation with the Board Chair and Vice Chair, and executed by a letter of appointment and in accordance with Board Rules.*

The following roll call vote was recorded:

Yeas:	Mr. Aucoin, Mrs. Burkhalter, Mr. Coudrain, Dr. Gallot, Mr. Hebert, Mr. Jackson, Ms. Lapeyrolerie, Mr. Long, Mr. Mosely, Mr. Parker, Mr. Shetler, Mr. Sibille
Nays:	None
Absent:	Mr. Crawford, Mr. Jenkins

Dr. Moffett and Mr. Sibille congratulated Dr. Williams on being appointed President. Dr. Williams thanked the Board for approving his appointment and he said that he was honored and excited to begin his tenure there.

G. **Other Business**

There was no further business to come before the Board.

H. **Adjournment**

Upon motion of Mr. Long, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the meeting adjourned at 1:09 p.m.