

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM
December 4, 2012**

A. **Call to Order**

Mr. Wayne Parker, Chair, called to order the special meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System in Room 136, "Thomas Jefferson Room," Claiborne Conference Center, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana at 9:10 a.m.

B. **Roll Call**

The roll was called.

PRESENT

Mr. D. Wayne Parker, Chair	Mr. David Guidry
Mr. Russell Mosely, Vice Chair	Mr. E. Gerald Hebert
Mr. Paul Aucoin	Mr. Jimmy Long
Mr. Edward Crawford III	Mr. Jimmie "Beau" Martin, Jr.
Mr. William Dearmon	Mr. Winfred Sibille
Mr. Jimmy Faircloth, Jr.	

ABSENT

Mr. Andre Coudrain	Mr. John LeTard
Mr. Louis Lambert	Mr. Carl Shetler
Ms. Renee Lapeyrolerie	

Also present for the meeting were the following: Interim System President Tom Layzell, System staff, interested citizens, and representatives of the news media.

C. **Report of Louisiana Tech University Presidential Search Committee**

Mr. Parker reported that the Louisiana Tech University Presidential Search Committee had met on November 28-29 to conduct semi-finalist interviews. At that time, the Committee recommended Dr. Les Guice as the finalist to be interviewed by the Board.

Mr. Parker thanked members of the Search Committee for their work in the process. Members included Edward Crawford, Will Dearmon, Jimmy Faircloth, David Guidry, Jimmy Long, Russell Mosely, and Winfred Sibille. He also acknowledged Heath Tims (Vice President-Louisiana Tech Faculty Senate), Dan Hollingsworth (Mayor of Ruston), and Jack Byrd (President-Tech Foundation) for their service.

Mr. Parker especially thanked campus personnel Dave Guerin, Mark Guinn, Reggie Hanchey, Susan Rasbury, and Corre Stegall for their help in planning and executing the campus visits. He also recognized UL System staff for devoting innumerable hours to the search: Erica Calais, Sandra Cypryan, Dianne Irvine, Tom Layzell, Jodi Mauroner, Gary Reichard, and Jackie Tisdell.

D. **Overview of Interview Procedures/Public Comments**

Mr. Parker asked for public comment from the audience prior to the interview process. There were no requests for public comment.

Mr. Parker described the procedure for the interview. He stated that Dr. Guice would be given the opportunity to provide an opening statement, followed by questioning by Board members. Subsequent to the public interview, the Board would individually meet with Dr. Guice in executive session. After the interview and executive session, the Board planned to remain in executive session to deliberate. When the Board returned to open session, discussion and voting would follow.

E. **Candidate Interview**

Dr. Leslie Guice

Mr. Parker introduced Dr. Leslie Guice and his wife Kathy.

Mr. Parker stated that Dr. Guice had received his B.A. in Architecture and his M.S. in Civil Engineering from Louisiana Tech University. He earned his Ph.D. in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M University. Dr. Guice has worked at Louisiana Tech for 34 years, with his current position being Vice President for Research and Development/Executive Vice President.

Dr. Guice made an opening statement and introduced his wife to the Board. He told members that it was a privilege to be selected for interview. Board members each had the opportunity to question him.

F. **Deliberations**

Mr. Parker stated that the Board would meet in Executive Session pursuant to R.S. 42:6.1 to discuss personnel matters with Dr. Guice and his wife.

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

Yeas:	Mr. Aucoin, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Dearmon, Mr. Faircloth, Mr. Guidry, Mr. Hebert, Mr. Long, Mr. Martin, Mr. Mosely, Mr. Parker, Mr. Sibille
Nays:	None
Absent:	Mr. Coudrain, Ms. Lapeyrolerie, Mr. Lambert, Mr. LeTard, Mr. Shetler

At 9:56 a.m., the Board met in Executive Session with Dr. Guice and his wife Kathy.

At 10:27 a.m., the Board reconvened in Open Session. While in Executive Session, no motions were made nor votes taken.

G. **Board Decision on Selection of President of Louisiana Tech University**

Mr. Parker asked for comments from Board members. Mr. Parker asked that Mr. Mosely temporarily serve as Chair.

Mr. Parker made the following motion, with a unanimous second by the Board:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby appoints Dr. Leslie Guice as President of Louisiana Tech University effective July 1, 2013, with salary and related benefits to be negotiated, on behalf of the Board, by Board Chair Wayne Parker.

The motion was unanimously approved.

The following roll call vote was recorded:

Yeas:	Mr. Aucoin, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Dearmon, Mr. Faircloth, Mr. Guidry, Mr. Hebert, Mr. Long, Mr. Martin, Mr. Mosely, Mr. Parker, Mr. Sibille
Nays:	None
Absent:	Mr. Coudrain, Ms. Lapeyrolerie, Mr. Lambert, Mr. LeTard, Mr. Shetler

Dr. Guice thanked the Board for approving his appointment as President of Louisiana Tech University and said that he enjoyed the interview process. Dr. Guice told Board members that he considered it an honor to be selected and he had worked toward this goal for many years. He thanked the Tech family and Ruston community for their support.

H. **Other Business**

Mr. Parker thanked Dr. Layzell, UL System staff, and members of the Search Committee for a successful search.

I. **Adjournment**

Upon motion of Mr. Dearmon, seconded by Mr. Faircloth, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.