

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM
September 10, 2013**

A. **Call to Order**

Mr. D. Wayne Parker, 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 9:08 a.m.

B. **Roll Call**

The roll was called.

PRESENT

Mr. D. Wayne Parker, Chair	Mr. Davante Lewis
Mr. E. Gerald Hebert, Vice Chair	Mr. Jimmy Long
Mr. John Condos	Mr. Jimmie "Beau" Martin, Jr.
Mr. Andre G. Coudrain	Mr. Mark Romero
Dr. Kelly Faircloth	Mr. Carl Shetler
Mr. David Guidry	Mr. Winfred Sibille

ABSENT

Mr. Edward Crawford III	Mr. Robert Shreve
Mr. John LeTard	Mr. Gary Solomon

Also present for the meeting were the following: System President Sandra Woodley, System staff, legal counsel, interested citizens, and representatives of the news media.

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

Dr. Woodley thanked the Search Committee members for their service and also recognized those non-Board members who devoted their time to participate in the search process. These members included: Mr. Boysie Bollinger, Ms. Melissa Cloutet, Mr. Matthew Jewell, Mr. Travis Lavigne, Dr. Steve Michot, and Ms. Debbie Raziano.

Dr. Woodley also voiced her thanks to the Nicholls community for hosting the semifinalist interviews. She reported that the Committee had met on the Nicholls campus from August 26-29, 2013. During the first three days, the six semifinalists were interviewed, and each was given opportunities to participate in meetings with deans, department heads, faculty, student leaders, staff, and community members. The Search Committee again convened on Thursday, August 29, to deliberate and selected two finalists for the Board's consideration: Dr. Mirta Martin, Dean and Professor of Management at the Reginald F. Lewis School of Business at Virginia State University; and Dr. Bruce Murphy, Vice President for Academic Affairs at Air University in Alabama.

D. **Overview of Interview Procedures**

Mr. Parker described the procedure for the interviews. He stated that each candidate would be asked to provide an opening statement, followed by questioning by Board members. After each public interview, the Board would individually meet with the finalist in executive session. After the second 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.-F. **Candidate Interviews/Deliberations**

Dr. Mirta Martin

Mr. Parker introduced Dr. Mirta Martin as the first finalist to be interviewed. Dr. Martin is currently the Dean and Professor of Management at the Reginald F. Lewis School of Business at Virginia State University. She also served as Special Assistant to the Chancellor of Virginia College System and Executive Vice President and Executive Director of the Foundation for John Tyler Community College. Dr. Martin has several years of experience in enrollment management, management, consulting, and banking.

Dr. Martin received her Bachelor of Science degree from Duke University and her Master of Business Administration from Robins School of Business at the University of Richmond. She earned her Doctorate from Virginia Commonwealth University in Strategic Management/Leadership.

Dr. Martin made an opening statement and thanked the Board for being chosen as a finalist. She said she particularly appreciated the friendly atmosphere of the campus and community when she visited Thibodaux. Joining her at the table was her husband, John. Board members had an opportunity to question Dr. Martin.

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

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

Yeas: Mr. Condos, Mr. Coudrain, Dr. Faircloth, Mr. Guidry, Mr. Hebert, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Long, Mr. Martin, Mr. Parker, Mr. Romero, Mr. Shetler, Mr. Sibille

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Crawford, Mr. LeTard, Mr. Shreve, Mr. Solomon

At 10:16 a.m., the Board met in Executive Session with Dr. Martin.

Upon motion of Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Romero, at 11:03 a.m. the Board reconvened in Open Session. While in Executive Session, no motions were made nor votes taken.

Dr. Bruce Murphy

Mr. Parker introduced Dr. Bruce Murphy as the second finalist. Dr. Murphy has held the position of Vice President for Academic Affairs at Air University in Alabama for the past eight years. He was also the Founding Dean of the School of Business at Point Park University in Pittsburgh. Dr. Murphy was the Founding Director of the Graduate Program in Organizational Leadership and Chair of the Walker School of Business at Mercyhurst College in Pennsylvania. He also taught military science at Vanderbilt University and leadership at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Dr. Murphy received his Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of California at Berkeley and his Master of Business Administration and Master of Science in Systems Management from the University of Southern California. He also earned his Master of Arts from Teachers College at Columbia University and a Doctorate in Education from Vanderbilt University.

Dr. Murphy made an opening statement and thanked the Board for the opportunity to be interviewed by the Board. Joining him at the table was his wife, Jeanne. Board members had an opportunity to question Dr. Murphy.

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

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

Yeas:	Mr. Condos, Mr. Coudrain, Dr. Faircloth, Mr. Guidry, Mr. Hebert, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Long, Mr. Martin, Mr. Parker, Mr. Romero, Mr. Shetler, Mr. Sibille
Nays:	None
Absent:	Mr. Crawford, Mr. LeTard, Mr. Shreve, Mr. Solomon

At 12:05 p.m., the Board met in Executive Session with Dr. Murphy.

Upon motion of Mr. Guidry, seconded by Mr. Romero, at 1:10 p.m. the Board reconvened in Open Session. While in Executive Session, no motions were made nor votes taken.

G. **Introduction of President of Nicholls State University**

Mr. Parker asked for comments and observations from Board members. Mr. Martin made the following motion, seconded by a unanimous second.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby appoints Dr. Bruce Murphy as President of Nicholls State University, effective early January 2014, and further authorizes the President of the University of Louisiana System Sandra Woodley and Board Chair Wayne Parker to negotiate the terms of the appointment on behalf of the Board.*

The following roll call vote was recorded:

Yeas: Mr. Condos, Mr. Coudrain, Dr. Faircloth, Mr. Guidry, Mr. Hebert, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Long, Mr. Martin, Mr. Parker, Mr. Romero, Mr. Shetler, Mr. Sibille

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Crawford, Mr. LeTard, Mr. Shreve, Mr. Solomon

Dr. Murphy and his wife were greeted with a standing ovation as they were escorted back into the auditorium. Mr. Parker congratulated him on behalf of the Board.

Dr. Murphy thanked the Board for approving his appointment and especially recognized the Search Committee, the Nicholls community, and System staff for the entire search process.

H. **Other Business**

There was no other business to come before the Board.

I. **Adjournment**

Upon motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Dr. Faircloth, the meeting adjourned at 1:19 p.m.