

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM
APRIL 25, 2014**

A. **Call to Order**

Mr. E. Gerald Hebert 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 10:44 a.m.

B. **Roll Call**

The roll was called.

PRESENT

Mr. John Condos	Mr. Jimmie "Beau" Martin, Jr.
Mr. Andre Coudrain	Mr. D. Wayne Parker
Mr. Edward J. Crawford III	Mr. Mark Romero
Mr. David Guidry	Mr. Robert Shreve
Mr. E. Gerald Hebert	Mr. Winfred Sibille
Mr. Davante Lewis	Mr. Gary Solomon
Mr. Jimmy Long, Sr.	

ABSENT

Dr. Kelly Faircloth
Mr. John LeTard
Mr. Carl Shetler

Also present for the meeting were the following: System President Sandra Woodley, System staff, administrators and faculty representatives from System campuses, Attorney Winston DeCuir, Jr., interested citizens, and representatives of the news media.

C. **Invocation**

Mr. Parker gave the invocation.

D. **Approval of March 28, 2014 Minutes**

Upon motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Condos, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the March 28, 2014 Board Meeting.

E. **Special Presentation**

Southeastern Louisiana University – Strength. Endurance. Tradition.

President John Crain narrated a brief presentation on Southeastern Louisiana University, especially emphasizing the history of the university as well as its endurance to move forward in a changing world.

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

Upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Martin, the Board unanimously voted to approve Agenda Items F.1. through F.8. and adopted the following resolutions:

- F.1. Grambling State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctorate of Laws to Mr. James H. Colon at the Spring Commencement Exercises.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Grambling State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctorate of Laws to Mr. James H. Colon at the Spring Commencement Exercises.*

- F.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to consolidate two degree programs in the College of Liberal Arts.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to consolidate two degree programs in the College of Liberal Arts.*

- F.3. McNeese State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to Mr. Carroll Wade Shaddock, Jr. at the Spring Commencement Exercises.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves McNeese State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to Mr. Carroll Wade Shaddock, Jr. at the Spring Commencement Exercises.*

- F.4. McNeese State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to Mr. Louie D. "Beau" Barbe III at the Spring Commencement Exercises.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves McNeese State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to Mr. Louie D. "Beau" Barbe III at the Spring Commencement Exercises.*

- F.5. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the University and Chungbuk National University in the Republic of Korea.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the University and Chungbuk National University in the Republic of Korea.*

- F.6. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of two Memoranda of Understanding between the University and Geumgang University in the Republic of Korea.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of two Memoranda of Understanding between the University and Geumgang University in the Republic of Korea.*

- F.7. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the University and Hanbat National University in the Republic of Korea.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the University and Hanbat National University in the Republic of Korea.*

- F.8. University of New Orleans' request for approval to award an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to Ms. Soledad O'Brien at the Spring Commencement Exercises.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of New Orleans' request for approval to award an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to Ms. Soledad O'Brien at the Spring Commencement Exercises.*

G. **Report of Finance Committee**

Upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Long, the Board unanimously voted to add one item of Other Business.

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board unanimously voted to approve Agenda Items G.1. through G.4. as well as Other Business Item G.5. and adopted the following resolutions:

- G.1. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to appoint Dr. Ramesh Kolluru as Vice President for Research effective April 1, 2014.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to appoint Dr. Ramesh Kolluru as Vice President for Research effective April 1, 2014.*

- G.2. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Jeff Dow, Head Women's Basketball Coach, effective April 7, 2014.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Jeff Dow, Head Women's Basketball Coach, effective April 7, 2014.*

- G.3. University of Louisiana System's recommendation to approve Campus Housing and Meal Plan Rates, Auxiliary Rates, Energy Surcharge, and Non-Governmental Charges for Academic Year 2014-15.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana System's recommendation to approve Campus Housing and Meal Plan Rates, Auxiliary Rates, Energy Surcharge, and Non-Governmental Charges for Academic Year 2014-15.

- G.4. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of payments made by nonprofit organizations to employees of the University of Louisiana System during Fiscal Year 2013 in accordance with provision of Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 17:3390(F).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana System's request for approval of payments made by nonprofit organizations to employees of the University of Louisiana System during Fiscal Year 2013 in accordance with provision of Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 17:3390(F).

Other Business

- G.5. Grambling State University's request for approval of a resolution giving final approval to the issuance of not exceeding \$7,500,000 of Revenue Bonds for the benefit of Grambling State University, authorizing the execution of a Supplemental Trust Indenture and a Capital Project Loan Agreement and other documents in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection with the foregoing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Grambling State University's request for approval of a resolution giving final approval to the issuance of not exceeding \$7,500,000 of Revenue Bonds for the benefit of Grambling State University, authorizing the execution of a Supplemental Trust Indenture and a Capital Project Loan Agreement and other documents in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection with the foregoing.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair, Vice Chair, and President of the University and his designee are/is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute said documents.

AND FURTHER, that University of Louisiana System staff and legal counsel ensure that all related documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.

H. Report of Legislation Committee

- H.1. Update of the 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature

No action was required since this was a report only.

I. **Report of Strategy and Performance Committee**

No action was required since this was a report only.

J. **System President's Business**

J.1. **Personnel Actions**

Dr. Sandra Woodley, System President, reported that System staff reviewed the personnel actions, and staff recommends approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Romero, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board voted unanimously to approve the System personnel actions.

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

Reminder

Dr. Woodley reminded Board members that their Personal Financial Disclosure Statements are due to the Board of Ethics by May 15.

Policies and Procedure Memoranda

Dr. Woodley pointed out that included in Board Member folders were two PPMs requiring no vote. These were M-12 (*Preventing and Addressing Retaliation*) and M-18 (*Hiring without Regard to Retirement Status and without Regard to Prior Complaints of Discrimination of other Protected EEO Activity*).

Meetings

Dr. Woodley informed the Board that she had the pleasure of participating in two investitures in the past month – Dr. Bruce Murphy (President of Nicholls State University in Thibodaux) and Dr. Les Guice (President of Louisiana Tech University in Ruston). She applauded each campus for a job well done.

President Woodley thanked System staff and the nine campuses for making ULS Day at the Capitol a tremendous success and indicated that it would be scheduled again next year.

Dr. Woodley also stated that she had enjoyed participating in the third annual 2014 UL System Academic Summit held at University of Louisiana at Lafayette on April 11 and 12. She thanked the University for hosting the event and commended System staff, Ms. Anne McKisson and Ms. Jackie Tisdell, for their leadership in spearheading this worthwhile two-day conference.

Dr. Karla Hughes, Executive Vice President and Provost, introduced Ms. Brittany Hebert (UL-Lafayette student) and her Faculty Mentor Dr. Carolina Cruz-Neira. Dr. Hughes explained that she had invited Ms. Hebert to demonstrate her project *Virtual University on the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Campus* to the Board. Her project was one of 44 poster presentations showcased at the Summit.

K. **Board Chair's Business**

Presidential Search Committees

Chair Hebert indicated that two Presidents had recently announced plans to retire: Grambling State University President Frank Pogue and Northwestern State University President Randall Webb. He thanked them both for their years of service.

Mr. Hebert listed the following appointments to the Grambling Search Committee: Andre Coudrain, Edward Crawford, David Guidry, Davante Lewis, Jimmy Long, Jimmie "Beau" Martin, Wayne Parker, Mark Romero, and Winfred Sibille.

L. **Other Business**

Mr. Hebert reminded Board members that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Thursday-Friday, June 26 and 27, with Committees again being scheduled for Thursday afternoon and the Board meeting on Friday morning.

M. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Condos, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.