

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM
December 12, 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 12:15 p.m.

B. **Roll Call**

The roll was called.

PRESENT

Mr. John Condos	Mr. Adam Lefort
Mr. Andre Coudrain	Mr. John LeTard
Mr. Edward J. Crawford III	Mr. Jimmie "Beau" Martin, Jr.
Dr. Kelly Faircloth	Mr. Mark Romero
Mr. David Guidry	Mr. Carl Shetler
Mr. E. Gerald Hebert	Mr. Winfred Sibille

ABSENT

Mr. Jimmy Long, Sr.	Mr. Robert Shreve
Mr. D. Wayne Parker	Mr. Gary Solomon

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. Shetler gave the invocation.

D. **Approval of Minutes of October 23, 2014 Board Meeting**

Upon motion of Mr. Lefort, seconded by Mr. Romero, the minutes of the October 23, 2014 Board Meeting were unanimously approved.

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

Upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Dr. Faircloth, the Board unanimously voted to approve Agenda Items E.1. and E.2. and adopted the following resolutions:

E.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to change the name of the Bachelor of Fine Arts Communication Design degree program to the Bachelor of Fine Arts Graphic Design degree program.

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 change the name of the Bachelor of Fine Arts Communication Design degree program to the Bachelor of Fine Arts Graphic Design degree program.

- E.2. McNeese State University's request for approval to offer an existing program online: the Master of Science in Health and Human Performance, Health Promotion Concentration.

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 offer an existing program online: the Master of Science in Health and Human Performance, Health Promotion Concentration.

Dr. Peter Yaukey, UNO Department of Geography, requested to speak in opposition to the approval of the below-listed agenda item. Mr. Kenneth Brad Ott also spoke in opposition to the item.

- E.3. University of New Orleans' request for approval of the academic program discontinuance and restructuring plan.

Upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Dr. Faircloth, the Board unanimously voted to approve Agenda Item E.3. and adopted the following resolution:

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 of the academic program discontinuance and restructuring plan. The plan consists of three phases: Phase 1 – Immediate discontinuance of specified academic programs including the approval of termination of faculty in the discontinued programs; Phases 2-3 – Implementation and completion of recommendations for Phases 2 and 3 as specified over the next two academic years, including any corresponding reductions in faculty and staff associated with the program discontinuance and restructuring.

F. **Report of Athletic Committee**

Upon motion of Mr. Shetler, seconded by Mr. LeTard, the Board unanimously voted to approve Agenda Items F.1. through F.4. and adopted the following resolutions:

- F.1. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Blake Hornbuckle, Head Women's Soccer Coach, effective February 1, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Blake Hornbuckle, Head Women's Soccer Coach, effective February 1, 2015.

- F.2. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Scott A. Farmer, Athletic Director, effective October 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 of a contract with Mr. Scott A. Farmer, Athletic Director, effective October 1, 2014.*

- F.3. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Bruce Peddie, Head Men's Baseball Coach, effective December 1, 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. Bruce Peddie, Head Men's Baseball Coach, effective December 1, 2014.*

- F.4. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Corey Lyon, Head Women's Softball Coach, effective December 1, 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. Corey Lyon, Head Women's Softball Coach, effective December 1, 2014.*

G. Report of Joint Facilities Planning, Finance, and Personnel Committee

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

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Shetler, the Board unanimously voted to approve Agenda Items G.1.-G.6. and G.8.-G.11. and adopted the following resolutions:

- G.1. Grambling State University's request for approval to allow properties in Lincoln Parish to be nominated to the State Mineral Board for mineral lease. Specifically, the University has been requested to allow the main campus containing approximately 381.00 acres to be nominated for lease.

***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 allow properties in Lincoln Parish to be nominated to the State Mineral Board for mineral lease. Specifically, the University has been requested to allow the main campus containing approximately 381.00 acres to be nominated for lease.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the President of the University be authorized to execute a lease on the above-said property in Lincoln Parish on behalf of Grambling State University.*

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

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

- G.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to allow properties in Lincoln Parish to be nominated to the State Mineral Board for mineral lease. Specifically, the University has been requested to allow the Leggett Smith Arboretum containing approximately 13.5 acres to be nominated for lease.

***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 allow properties in Lincoln Parish to be nominated to the State Mineral Board for mineral lease. Specifically, the University has been requested to allow the Leggett Smith Arboretum containing approximately 13.5 acres to be nominated for lease.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President of the University be authorized to execute a lease on the above-said property in Lincoln Parish on behalf of Louisiana Tech University.*

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

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

- G.3. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to allow properties in Lincoln Parish to be nominated to the State Mineral Board for mineral lease. Specifically, the University has been requested to allow the Biomedical Engineering Site containing approximately 3.8 acres to be nominated for lease.

***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 allow properties in Lincoln Parish to be nominated to the State Mineral Board for mineral lease. Specifically, the University has been requested to allow the Biomedical Engineering Site containing approximately 3.8 acres to be nominated for lease.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President of the University be authorized to execute a lease on the above-said property in Lincoln Parish on behalf of Louisiana Tech University.*

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

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

- G.4. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to allow properties in Lincoln Parish to be nominated to the State Mineral Board for mineral lease. Specifically, the University has been requested to allow the south campus containing approximately 474.47 acres to be nominated for lease.

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 allow properties in Lincoln Parish to be nominated to the State Mineral Board for mineral lease. Specifically, the University has been requested to allow the south campus containing approximately 474.47 acres to be nominated for lease.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the University be authorized to execute a lease on the above-said property in Lincoln Parish on behalf of Louisiana Tech University.

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

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

- G.5. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to allow properties in Lincoln Parish to be nominated to the State Mineral Board for mineral lease. Specifically, the University has been requested to allow the Continuing Education tract containing approximately 1.10 acres to be nominated for lease.

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 allow properties in Lincoln Parish to be nominated to the State Mineral Board for mineral lease. Specifically, the University has been requested to allow the Continuing Education tract containing approximately 1.10 acres to be nominated for lease.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the University be authorized to execute a lease on the above-said property in Lincoln Parish on behalf of Louisiana Tech University.

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

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

- G.6. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to allow properties in Lincoln Parish to be nominated to the State Mineral Board for mineral lease. Specifically, the University has been requested to allow the main campus containing approximately 298.63 acres to be nominated for lease.

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 allow properties in Lincoln Parish to be nominated to the State Mineral Board for mineral lease. Specifically, the University has been requested to allow the main campus containing approximately 298.63 acres to be nominated for lease.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the University be authorized to execute a lease on the above-said property in Lincoln Parish on behalf of Louisiana Tech University.

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

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

- G.8. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of the First Amendment to the Affiliation Agreement between the University and the University of Louisiana at Monroe Foundation.

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 the First Amendment to the Affiliation Agreement between the University and the University of Louisiana at Monroe Foundation.

- G.9. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of the Funds Management Agreement between the University and the University of Louisiana at Monroe Foundation.

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 the Funds Management Agreement between the University and the University of Louisiana at Monroe Foundation.

- G.10. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to appoint Mr. Camile Currier as Interim Vice President for Student Affairs effective November 17, 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 to appoint Mr. Camile Currier as Interim Vice President for Student Affairs effective November 17, 2014.

- G.11. University of New Orleans' request for approval to sell the University of New Orleans' Jefferson Center Building located at 3330 North Causeway Boulevard in Metairie, Louisiana.

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 of the to sell the University of New Orleans' Jefferson Center Building located at 3330 North Causeway Boulevard in Metairie, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the University of Louisiana System and/or President of the University of New Orleans are hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute said land sale.

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

- G.12. University of New Orleans' request for approval to defease or redeem the pro rata portion (34.79%) of the bonds that are currently associated with the University of New Orleans Jefferson Campus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of New Orleans' request for approval to defease or redeem the pro rata (34.79%) portion of the bonds that are currently associated with the University of New Orleans Jefferson Campus.

- G.13. University of New Orleans' request for approval of a resolution granting authority for the issuance of an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed three million one hundred thousand dollars (\$3,100,000) of Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System Revenue Refunding Bonds (University of New Orleans Wellness Center project), in one or more series; adopting a form of notice of intent to issue bonds; making application to the State Bond Commission; and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of New Orleans' request for approval of a resolution granting authority for the issuance of an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed three million one hundred thousand dollars (\$3,100,000) of Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System Revenue Refunding Bonds (University of New Orleans Wellness Center project), in one or more series; adopting a form of notice of intent to issue bonds; making application to the State Bond Commission; and otherwise providing with respect thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the University of New Orleans is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to issue said refunding bonds.

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

- G.14. University of New Orleans' request for approval to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with INTO, U.S.A., LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of New Orleans' request to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with INTO, U.S.A., LLC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the University New Orleans is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement.

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

- G.15. University of Louisiana System's discussion of Fiscal Year 2014-15 first quarter financial reports and ongoing assurances.

No Board action is necessary since this is only a report.

Other Business

- G.16. Nicholls State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Todd Keller as Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs effective October 11, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Nicholls State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Todd Keller as Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs effective October 11, 2014.

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Shetler, the following item was voted on as an individual item.

- G.7. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of the Daniel D. and Linda D. Reneau Eminent Scholar Chair in Biomedical Engineering.

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Shetler, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following resolution:

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 of the Daniel D. and Linda D. Reneau Eminent Scholar Chair in Biomedical Engineering.

H. Report of Strategy and Performance Committee

No action was necessary as this was a report only.

I. System President's Business

I.1. Personnel Actions

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

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

I.2. System President's Report

New and Revised Policy and Procedures Memoranda

Dr. Woodley reported that included in the Board member folders were copies of three Policy and Procedures Memoranda: *B.I.F-1 Litigation*; *M-19 Guidelines for Compliance with Executive Order BJ 14-13*; and *M-20 Continuing Disclosure Undertakings Relative to Public Bond Offerings*. As these are PPMs, no Board approval is required.

B.I.F-1 Litigation is a revision to an existing policy incorporating guidelines issued in 2012 and 2014. *M-19 Guidelines for Compliance with Executive Order BJ 14-13* is a new memorandum that contains new guidelines and procedures developed in response to the Governor's Executive Order regarding Ebola. *M-20 Continuing Disclosure Undertakings Relative to Public Bond Offerings* is also a new policy that gives guidelines on issuing public bonds.

Robbie Robinson

Dr. Woodley informed the Board that Mr. Albert J. "Robbie" Robinson plans to retire effective January 31, 2015. After almost 30 years of service in the Office of the Legislative Auditor, he joined the System Office as Director of Internal and External Audit. In 2010, Robbie became the Vice President for Business and Finance for the System and has served in that role since then. Upon Mr. Robinson's retirement, Dr. Edwin Litolff will assume the responsibilities as Vice President for Business and Finance.

Renee Lorio

Dr. Woodley also acknowledged and thanked Mrs. Renee Lorio for her many years of service to the System Office. Renee had agreed to continue to work on a part-time basis for the past year after officially retiring in 2013. Dr. Woodley said that she would certainly be missed.

Dr. Randall Webb

Although President of Northwestern State University, Dr. Randall Webb, was unable to attend the Board meeting, Dr. Woodley officially recognized him upon his retirement for his many years of service to the University and the state. She thanked him for his dedication to the University and wished him well in his retirement.

Northwestern Institutional Review

Dr. Woodley reported that the institutional review of Northwestern State University was underway, with a final report expected in December. She reminded them that Meredith Ellen Gibbs and Aaron Thompson were consultants who had been contracted to complete the review.

Grambling Presidential Search Update

Dr. Woodley updated the Board on the search that is being conducted for the Grambling State University presidency. She stated that The Hollins Group, the consulting firm, has begun the preliminary work of sending a team to the campus. A tentative timeline includes a preferred date

for nominations/applications of February 13, 2015; a Search Committee meeting to select semifinalists of February 26 or 27, 2015; interviews with semifinalists on the Grambling campus; and a Special Meeting of the Board on April 9 or 10, 2015 to interview finalists to select the President.

J. **Board Chair's Business**

J.2. **Report of Nominating Committee for 2015 Board Officers**

Chair Hebert asked Mr. Winfred Sibille, Chair of the Nominating Committee, to present his report and recommendations.

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Shetler, the Board unanimously voted to elect Mr. Hebert as Chair of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System for 2015 for a second term.

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Shetler, the Board unanimously voted to elect Mr. Martin as Vice Chair of the Board for 2015 for a second term.

Mr. Hebert again appointed Mr. Crawford as Parliamentarian for 2015 upon recommendation from the Committee.

K. **Other Business**

Mr. Hebert informed the Board that the meeting schedule for 2015 was included in member folders. He also reminded them that the January 9, 2015 meeting would mainly consist of the installation officers for the year and, upon completion of the meeting, a formal ethics training session to be provided by a professional from the Board of Ethics.

L. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Romero, the meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.