

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM
October 23, 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 3:25 p.m.

B. **Roll Call**

The roll was called.

PRESENT

Mr. Edward J. Crawford III	Mr. D. Wayne Parker
Mr. E. Gerald Hebert	Mr. Mark Romero
Mr. Adam Lefort	Mr. Winfred Sibille
Mr. Jimmy Long, Sr.	Mr. Gary Solomon
Mr. Jimmie "Beau" Martin, Jr.	

ABSENT

Mr. John Condos	Mr. John LeTard
Mr. Andre Coudrain	Mr. Carl Shetler
Dr. Kelly Faircloth	Mr. Robert Shreve
Mr. David Guidry	

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 Minutes of August 22 and September 23, 2014 Special Board meetings**

Upon motion of Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Romero, the minutes of the August 22 and September 23, 2014 Board meetings were unanimously approved.

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

Upon motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Long, the Board unanimously voted to approve Agenda Items E.1. through E.11. and adopted the following resolutions:

- E.1. Grambling State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctor of Laws to The Honorable Khaalis Rolle at the Fall 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 Doctor of Laws to The Honorable Khaalis Rolle at the Fall Commencement Exercises.*

- E.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to reorganize and consolidate the Department of History and the Department of Social Sciences into the single School of History and Social Sciences.

***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 reorganize and consolidate the Department of History and the Department of Social Sciences into the single School of History and Social Sciences.*

- E.3. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of 2014-15 Recommendation for Tenure.

***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 2014-15 Recommendation for Tenure.*

- E.4. Nicholls State University's request for approval to terminate the following degree programs: Middle School Education and Early Childhood Education.

***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 terminate the following degree programs: Middle School Education and Early Childhood Education.*

- E.5. Nicholls State University's request for approval to deliver online an existing degree program, Associate of Science in Petroleum Services.

***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 deliver online an existing degree program, Associate of Science in Petroleum Services.*

- E.6. Nicholls State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters to Mr. Stephen Watson at the Fall Commencement Exercises.

***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 award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters to Mr. Stephen Watson at the Fall Commencement Exercises.*

- E.7. Northwestern State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctor of Applied Science to Dr. Stan Chadick at the Fall Commencement Exercises.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Northwestern State University's request to award an Honorary Doctor of Applied Science to Dr. Stan Chadick at the Fall Commencement Exercises.*

- E.8. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a Proposal for an online Master of Public Administration degree program.

***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 Proposal for an online Master of Public Administration degree program.*

- E.9. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a Proposal for an online Master of Science in Nursing degree program.

***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 Proposal for an online Master of Science in Nursing degree program.*

- E.10. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval for an Agreement of Academic Cooperation with Kangwon 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 an Agreement of Academic Cooperation with Kangwon National University in the Republic of Korea.*

- E.11. University of New Orleans' request for approval to award an Honorary Doctor of Philosophy, *Honoris Causa* to Mr. Robert Merrick at the Fall 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 Doctor of Philosophy, *Honoris Causa* to Mr. Robert Merrick at the Fall Commencement Exercises.*

F. **Report of Athletic Committee**

Upon motion of Mr. Romero, seconded by Mr. Martin, the Board unanimously voted to approve Agenda Items F.1. through F.10. and adopted the following resolutions:

- F.1. McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Ms. Helena Besovic, Head Women's Tennis Coach, effective August 20, 2014.

***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 of a contract with Ms. Helena Besovic, Head Women's Tennis Coach, effective August 20, 2014.*

- F.2. McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Ms. Ashleigh M. Fitzgerald, Head Women's Volleyball Coach, effective July 1, 2014.

***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 of a contract with Ms. Ashleigh M. Fitzgerald, Head Women's Volleyball Coach, effective July 1, 2014.*

- F.3. McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Ms. Joanna F. Hardin, Head Women's Softball Coach, effective July 1, 2014.

***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 of a contract with Ms. Joanna F. Hardin, Head Women's Softball Coach, effective July 1, 2014.*

- F.4. McNeese State University's request for approval of an amendment to a contract with Mr. Andrew A. Burk, Jr., Head Men's Golf Coach, effective October 24, 2014.

***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 of an amendment to a contract with Mr. Andrew A. Burk, Jr., Head Men's Golf Coach, effective October 24, 2014.*

- F.5. Northwestern State University's request for approval of an amendment to a contract with Mr. Hugh Hernesman, Co-Head Women's Volleyball Coach, effective October 24, 2014.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Northwestern State University's request for approval of an amendment to a contract with Mr. Hugh Hernesman, Co-Head Women's Volleyball Coach, effective October 24, 2014.*

- F.6. Northwestern State University's request for approval of an amendment to a contract with Mr. Jay Thomas, Head Football Coach, effective October 24, 2014.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Northwestern State University's request for approval of an amendment to a contract with Mr. Jay Thomas, Head Football Coach, effective October 24, 2014.*

- F.7. Northwestern State University's request for approval of an amendment to a contract with Mr. George Van Linder, Head Women's Soccer Coach, effective October 24, 2014.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Northwestern State University's request for approval of an amendment to a contract with Mr. George Van Linder, Head Women's Soccer Coach, effective October 24, 2014.*

- F.8. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. James Brady, Head Track and Field Coach, effective October 1, 2014.

***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. James Brady, Head Track and Field Coach, effective October 1, 2014.*

- F.9. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Karl Scott, Football Defensive Coordinator, effective October 1, 2014.

***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. Karl Scott, Football Defensive Coordinator, effective October 1, 2014.*

- F.10. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Chet Pobolish, Football Offensive Coordinator, effective October 1, 2014.

***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. Chet Pobolish, Football Offensive Coordinator, effective October 1, 2014.*

G. **Report of Joint Facilities Planning and Finance Committee**

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

- G.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to name Room 223 in George T. Madison Hall the H.J. "Tony" Sachs English Seminar Room.

***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 name Room 223 in George T. Madison Hall the H.J. "Tony" Sachs English Seminar Room.*

- G.2. Nicholls State University's request for approval to name facilities in (a) the Lanny D. Ledet Culinary Building: the meat kitchen – The Richard B. Peltier Kitchen; the soups and sauces kitchen – The Louisiana Seafood Kitchen; the teaching and demo kitchen – The Burguieres Family Teaching and Demonstration Kitchen and Classroom(s); and (b) the Stopher Gymnasium: the training room – The Larry Ferachi Training Room; and the men's basketball locker room – The James "Jimmy" Broussard Locker Room.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Nicholls State University's request to name facilities in (a) the Lanny D. Ledet Culinary Building: the meat kitchen – The Richard B. Peltier Kitchen; the soups and sauces kitchen – The Louisiana Seafood Kitchen; the teaching and demo kitchen – The Burguieres Family Teaching and Demonstration Kitchen and Classroom(s); and (b) the Stopher Gymnasium: the training room – The Larry Ferachi Training Room; and the men's basketball locker room – The James "Jimmy" Broussard Locker Room.*

- G.3. Northwestern State University's request for approval to authorize the State Mineral Board to offer for lease a tract of land in Bossier Parish which totals 80 Gross Acres and includes Northwestern's interest, which is effectively 31.11 Net Acres.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Northwestern State University's request for approval to authorize the State Mineral Board to offer for lease a tract of land in Bossier Parish which totals 80 Gross Acres and includes Northwestern's interest, which is effectively 31.11 Net Acres.*

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

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Northwestern 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 Northwestern State University will provide System office with copies of all final executed documents for Board files.*

- G.4. Northwestern State University's request for approval to offer scholarships to new Straighterline students.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Northwestern State University's request for approval to offer scholarships to new Straighterline students.*

- G.5. Northwestern State University's request for approval to sell property located at 1240 Wilshire Drive, Alexandria, Louisiana, the "Alice Estelle Dear House."

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Northwestern State University's request for approval to sell property located at 1240 Wilshire Drive, Alexandria, Louisiana, the "Alice Estelle Dear House."*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the President of the University of Louisiana System and/or President of Northwestern State University 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.6. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to enter into a Lease Agreement with Follett Higher Education Group for the University's textbook rental operations.

***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 to enter into a Lease Agreement with Follett Higher Education Group for the University's textbook rental operations.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Southeastern Louisiana University shall obtain final review and approval from UL System staff, legal counsel, and shall secure all other appropriate approvals from agencies/parties of processes, documents, and administrative requirements prior to execution of documents.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the President of Southeastern Louisiana is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute this agreement.*

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

- G.7. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to split The Contractors Educational Trust Fund/LEQSF Professorship in Art & architecture into The Contractors Educational Trust Fund/LEQSF Professorship in Art & Architecture I and The Contractors Educational Trust Fund/LEQSF Professorship in Art & Architecture II.

***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 split The Contractors Educational Trust Fund/LEQSF Professorship in Art & architecture into The Contractors Educational Trust Fund/LEQSF Professorship in Art & Architecture I and The Contractors Educational Trust Fund/LEQSF Professorship in Art & Architecture II.*

- G.8. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of Amendment No. 11 to the food service lease with Aramark Educational Services, LLC.

***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 Amendment No. 11 to the food service lease with Aramark Educational Services, LLC.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Dr. Nick J. Bruno, President of the University of Louisiana at Monroe, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute said lease amendment.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that UL System staff and legal counsel shall review and ensure that all administrative and legal issues have been addressed prior to execution of the final document.*

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

- G.9. University of New Orleans' request for approval to rename the University Center Ballroom the Senator Theodore M. "Ted" Hickey Ballroom.

***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 rename the University Center Ballroom the Senator Theodore M. "Ted" Hickey Ballroom.*

- G.10. University of Louisiana System's request for acceptance of Fiscal Year 2013-14 Federal Award Representation Programs Letter for Louisiana Tech University.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby accepts Fiscal Year 2013-14 Federal Award Programs Representation Letter for Louisiana Tech University.*

- G.11. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of a resolution authorizing and providing for the participation of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System in the Securities and Exchange Commission's Municipalities Continuing Disclosure Cooperation initiative; authorizing the filing of necessary documents relating thereto; providing for development of practices and procedures to ensure future compliance with continuing disclosure obligations; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of Louisiana System's request for approval of a resolution authorizing and providing for the participation of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System in the Securities and Exchange Commission's Municipalities Continuing Disclosure Cooperation initiative; authorizing the filing of necessary documents relating thereto; providing for development of practices and procedures to ensure future compliance with continuing disclosure obligations; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.*

- G.12. University of Louisiana System's discussion of Fiscal Year 2013-14 fourth quarter financial reports and ongoing assurances.

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

- G.13. University of Louisiana System's financial status of alternatively financed projects for the year ended June 30, 2014.

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

H. **Report of Personnel Committee**

Upon motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Solomon, the Board unanimously voted to approve Agenda Items H.1. through H.3. and adopted the following resolutions:

- H.1. Grambling State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. King David Godwin as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences effective October 1, 2014.

***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 appoint Dr. King David Godwin as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences effective October 1, 2014.*

- H.2. Nicholls State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Neal Weaver as Vice President for University Advancement effective November 3, 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. Neal Weaver as Vice President for University Advancement effective November 3, 2014.*

- H.3. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to appoint Dr. Nathan M. Roberts as Interim Dean of the College of Education effective August 4, 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. Nathan M. Roberts as Interim Dean of the College of Education effective August 4, 2014.*

I. **Report of Grievance Committee**

- I.1. Mr. SirPatrick O. Patterson, Student, McNeese State University

Upon motion of Mr. Solomon, seconded by Mr. Long, the Board unanimously approved the following resolution:

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby upholds the decision of McNeese State University and denies the grievance filed by Mr. SirPatrick Patterson.*

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

Upon motion of Mr. Romero, seconded by Mr. Crawford, the Board unanimously approved the following resolution:

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the Campus WISE Plans.*

K. **System President's Business**

K.1. **Personnel Actions**

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

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

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

Grambling State University Presidential Search Committee

Dr. Woodley indicated that the Grambling Search Committee was scheduled to meet at the conclusion of the Board meeting and the Committee would review an updated timeline and discuss a search firm. She said she will continue to update Board members on the progress of the search.

Meetings

Dr. Woodley indicated that she had participated in a number of WISE Council meetings since the August Board meeting. Also, she said she had the privilege of speaking at the Louisiana Tech Freshman Convocation.

Dr. Woodley informed the Board of some future events including a November 5 *Chronicle of Higher Education* webinar with SAS and Blackboard to highlight ULS strategic data initiatives. In December she plans to meet with institutional leaders for a strategic planning retreat.

Ebola

Dr. Woodley reported that the System office has added an informational page on Ebola on the website. She also said that staff is drafting a policy in compliance with the Governor's Executive Order regarding travel to impacted countries and will inform the Board when it is finalized.

Wesley Johnson

Dr. Woodley took a few minutes to introduce Wesley Johnson, who has been contracted to act as supplemental counsel for certain compliance matters.

L. **Board Chair's Business**

L.2. **Appointment of Nominating Committee or 2015 Board Officers**

Mr. Hebert reminded the Board members that each December the Chair appoints a Nominating Committee to recommend officers for the coming year. He reported that he would like to appoint Mr. Coudrain, Mr. Long, Mr. Shetler, Mr. Parker, and Mr. Sibille to serve in this capacity, with Mr. Sibille serving as Chair.

L.3. **University of Louisiana System's request for approval of a resolution authorizing the reaffirmation and reauthorization of the contract with the law firms of DeCuir, Clark & Adams, LLP; Babovich and Spedale, PLC; and the Law Office of Kurt A. Offner to pursue claims resulting from the Deep Water Horizon Oil Spill.**

Dr. Woodley said that it was necessary to reaffirm and reauthorize a contract with three law firms regarding the Deep Water Horizon Oil Spill. In December of 2012, the Board had previously authorized the System President to pursue claims on behalf of the UL System and the constituent universities against British Petroleum, its affiliates, or any other entities responsible for damages and to enter into agreements to accompany that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Martin, the Board unanimously approved the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby reaffirms and reauthorizes the contract with the law firm of DeCuir, Clark & Adams, LLP; Babovich and Spedale, PLC; and the Law Office of Kurt A. Offner to pursue its claims resulting from the oil spill.

M. **Other Business**

Mr. Hebert indicated that the next meeting would be held in Baton Rouge on Thursday-Friday, December 11 and 12.

N. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Lefort, seconded by Mr. Parker, the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.