

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE  
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM  
December 10, 2015**

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 2:20 p.m.

B. **Roll Call**

The roll was called.

**PRESENT**

Ms. Maggie Brakeville	Mr. Jimmy Long
Mr. James Carter	Mr. Jimmie "Beau" Martin, Jr.
Mr. John Condos	Mr. Shawn Murphy
Mr. Edward J. Crawford III	Mr. Mark Romero
Ms. Pamela Egan	Mr. Carl Shetler
Dr. Kelly Faircloth	Mr. Robert Shreve
Mr. E. Gerald Hebert	Mr. Winfred Sibille
Mr. John LeTard	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. Long provided the invocation.

D. **Approval of Minutes of October 22, 2015 Board Meeting**

Upon motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Martin, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the October 22, 2015 Board Meeting.

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Prior to the Committee reports, Mr. Sibille requested a point of privilege. He took the opportunity to thank Chair E. Gerald Hebert, "T-Boy," for his two years of service as Board Chair since this would be his final meeting in that role. Mr. Sibille recognized him for his leadership and passion for higher education.

Mr. Sibille also noted that Mr. Hebert, along with having served on every Standing Committee, had served as Chair of the Athletic, Executive, and Cost Containment and Efficiencies Ad Hoc Committees and Vice Chair of the Personnel Committee. Mr. Hebert also participated in several Presidential Search Committees, including Grambling State University, McNeese State University,

Nicholls State University, Northwestern State University, University of Louisiana at Monroe, and University of New Orleans. On behalf of the Board, Mr. Hebert was presented with a plaque.

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

Upon motion of Dr. Faircloth, seconded by Mr. Shetler, the Board unanimously approved the resolutions that follow:

- E.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to modify the Title and CIP code for the Associate of General Studies and the Bachelor of General Studies degree programs to Associate of Arts Interdisciplinary Studies and Bachelor of Arts Interdisciplinary Studies.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Louisiana Tech University's request to modify the Title and CIP code for the Associate of General Studies and the Bachelor of General Studies degree programs to Associate of Arts Interdisciplinary Studies and Bachelor of Arts Interdisciplinary Studies.*

- E.2. Nicholls State University's request for approval of a Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Dietetic Internship.

***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 of a Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Dietetic Internship.*

- E.3. Nicholls State University's request for approval of a Letter of Intent for a Bachelor of Science degree program in Computing Technologies.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Nicholls State University's Letter of Intent for a Bachelor of Science degree program in Computing Technologies.*

- E.4. Nicholls State University's request for approval to terminate the Bachelor of Science degree program in Athletic Training.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Nicholls State University's request to terminate the Bachelor of Science degree program in Athletic Training.*

- E.5. Nicholls State University's request for approval to terminate the Bachelor of Science degree program in Communicative Disorders.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Nicholls State University's request to terminate the Bachelor of Science degree program in Communicative Disorders.*

- E.6. Northwestern State University's request for approval of a Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Writing for Business, Industry, and Technology.

***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 a Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Writing for Business, Industry, and Technology.*

- E.7. Northwestern State University's request for approval of a Letter of Intent for the Bachelor of Science degree program in Environmental Chemistry.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Northwestern State University's Letter of Intent for the Bachelor of Science degree program in Environmental Chemistry.*

- E.8. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a Letter of Intent for the Master of Science in Athletic Training (MSAT).

***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 of a Letter of Intent for the Master of Science in Athletic Training (MSAT).*

- E.9. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Hong Kong Shue Yan University.

***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 with Hong Kong Shue Yan University.*

- E.10. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of an Agreement of Academic Cooperation with Kainan University, Republic of China, Taiwan.

***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 Kainan University, Republic of China, Taiwan.*

- E.11. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of an Agreement of Academic Cooperation with Mid-Western University, Nepal.

***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 Mid-Western University, Nepal.*

- E.12. University of New Orleans' request for approval to merge the Departments of Anthropology and Sociology.

***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 merge the Departments of Anthropology and Sociology.*

- E.13. University of New Orleans' request for approval to offer an Existing Academic Program through Distance Learning Technologies: Master of Science in Engineering Management.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of New Orleans' request to offer an Existing Academic Program through Distance Learning Technologies: Master of Science in Engineering Management.*

F. **Report of Athletic Committee**

Upon motion of Mr. Shetler, seconded by Mr. Romero, the Board unanimously voted to approve the resolutions that follow:

- F.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to extend its Management Agreement with the Louisiana Tech University Foundation through June 30, 2027.

***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 extend its Management Agreement with the Louisiana Tech University Foundation through June 30, 2027.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Louisiana Tech University shall obtain final review from UL System staff and legal counsel to the Board, 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 Louisiana Tech University, and his or her designee, are hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute this agreement.*

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

- F.2. Nicholls State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Seth Thibodeaux, Head Baseball Coach, effective July 1, 2015.

***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 of a contract with Mr. Seth Thibodeaux, Head Baseball Coach, effective July 1, 2015.*

- F.3. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of its revised Athletics and Performance Complimentary Home Ticket Policy.

***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 implement a revised Athletics and Performance Complimentary Home Ticket Policy.*

G. **Report of Facilities Planning Committee**

Upon motion of Mr. Shreve, seconded by Mr. Condos, the Board unanimously voted to approve the resolutions that follow:

- G.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to demolish the Early Childhood Education Center building.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Louisiana Tech University's request to demolish the Early Childhood Education Center building.*

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

- G.2. McNeese State University's request for approval to demolish the Cowboy Diamond Restrooms/Concessions Building located on the University's Athletic Campus.

***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 demolish the Cowboy Diamond Restrooms/Concessions Building located on the University's Athletic Campus.*

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

- G.3. Nicholls State University's request for approval of the form and authorization to execute an Amended and Restated Ground and Facilities Lease Agreement and an Amended and Restated Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase, each between the University and NSU Facilities Corporation, to refund the Series 2006 Bonds.

***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 of the form and authorization to execute an Amended and Restated Ground and Facilities Lease Agreement and an Amended and Restated Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase, each between the University and NSU Facilities Corporation, to refund the Series 2006 Bonds described herein.*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Nicholls State University shall obtain final review from UL System staff and legal counsel to the Board, 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 Nicholls State University and his or her designee are hereby authorized and directed to execute the leases described herein and any and all documents necessary in connection with the issuance of the bonds described herein.

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

- G.4. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to enter into a ten-year lease agreement for the University's bookstore operations with Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, effective March 1, 2016.

**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 to enter into a ten-year lease agreement for the University's bookstore operations with Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, effective March 1, 2016.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that University of Louisiana at Monroe 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 University of Louisiana at Monroe and his or her designee are hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute this agreement.

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

- G.5. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of the form and authorization to execute a Ground and Buildings Lease Agreement and an Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase, each between the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, acting on behalf of the University, and University of Louisiana at Monroe Facilities, Inc., in connection with the issuance of the Bonds described herein to finance the construction of sorority housing on the campus of the University.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of the form and authorization to execute a Ground and Buildings Lease Agreement and an Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase, each between the Board, acting on behalf of the University, and University of Louisiana at Monroe Facilities, Inc., in connection with the issuance of the Bonds described herein described herein to finance the construction of sorority housing on the campus of the University.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, that the University of Louisiana at Monroe shall obtain final review from UL System staff and legal counsel to the Board, 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 the University of Louisiana at Monroe and his or her designee are hereby authorized and directed to execute the leases described herein and any and all documents necessary in connection with the issuance of the bonds described herein.

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

- G.6. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of the form and authorization to execute an Amended and Restated Ground and Buildings Lease Agreement and an Amended and Restated Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase, each between the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, acting on behalf of the University, and University of Louisiana at Monroe Facilities, Inc., in connection with the issuance of the Bonds described herein to finance the construction of a student center on the campus of the University.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of the form and authorization to execute an Amended and Restated Ground and Buildings Lease Agreement and an Amended and Restated Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase, each between the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, acting on behalf of the University, and University of Louisiana at Monroe Facilities, Inc., in connection with the issuance of the Bonds described herein to finance the construction of a student center on the campus of the University.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, that the University of Louisiana at Monroe shall obtain final review from UL System staff and legal counsel to the Board, 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 the University of Louisiana at Monroe and his or her designee are hereby authorized and directed to execute the leases described herein and any and all documents necessary in connection with the issuance of the bonds described herein.

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

H. **Report of Finance Committee**

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Romero, the Board unanimously voted to ***defer*** the following item until the January Board meeting:

- H.1. Grambling State University's request for approval of a Consortium Agreement with the University of Phoenix.

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

- H.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to convert the Elva J. Mann Eminent Scholar Chair in Human Ecology to Elva J. Mann Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships 1-11.

***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 convert the Elva J. Mann Eminent Scholar Chair in Human Ecology to Elva J. Mann Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships 1-11.

- H.3. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to convert the Virginia S. Thompson Endowed Chair in Finance to Virginia S. Thompson Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships 1-10.

***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 convert the Virginia S. Thompson Endowed Chair in Finance to Virginia S. Thompson Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships 1-10.

- H.4. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to rename/reclassify the J.J. & Helen Burdin/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Ethics to J.J. Burdin M.D. and Helen B. Burdin/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Louisiana Studies.

***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 rename/reclassify the J.J. & Helen Burdin/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Ethics to J.J. Burdin M.D. and Helen B. Burdin/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Louisiana Studies.

- H.5. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to rename the Olga Richard Schilling/BORSF Professorship in Business Systems, Analysis and Technology to Olga Schilling/BORSF Professorship in Business.

***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 rename the Olga Richard Schilling/BORSF Professorship in Business Systems, Analysis and Technology to Olga Schilling/BORSF Professorship in Business.

- H.6. University of Louisiana System's discussion of Fiscal Year 2015-16 first quarter financial reports and ongoing assurances.

This is a report only and no action by the Board if necessary.



I. **Board Chair's Business**

I.1. Discussion of System President Transition

Board Chair E. Gerald Hebert indicated that a copy of a *Transition Agreement* dated November 19, 2015 was included in Board Member folders for their consideration.

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Shreve, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Transition Agreement.

The following roll call vote was recorded:

YEAS: Ms. Brakeville, Mr. Carter, Mr. Condos, Mr. Crawford, Ms. Egan, Dr. Faircloth, Mr. Hebert, Mr. LeTard, Mr. Long, Mr. Martin, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Romero, Mr. Sibille, Mr. Shetler, Mr. Shreve, Mr. Solomon

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

I.2. Personnel Actions

Chair Hebert reported that System staff reviewed the personnel actions, and staff recommends approval.

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

I.3. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a resolution authorizing the President of the University to take any and all appropriate actions against any standardized testing service and affiliated entities, for and on behalf of the Board.

At 2:35 p.m., upon motion of Mr. Crawford, seconded by Dr. Faircloth, the Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session, pursuant to R.S. 42:17.

The following roll call vote was recorded:

YEAS: Ms. Brakeville, Mr. Carter, Mr. Condos, Mr. Crawford, Ms. Egan, Dr. Faircloth, Mr. Hebert, Mr. LeTard, Mr. Long, Mr. Martin, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Romero, Mr. Sibille, Mr. Shetler, Mr. Shreve, Mr. Solomon

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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At 3:10 p.m., upon motion of Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Romero, the Board voted to reconvene in Open Session. While in Executive Session, no motions were made nor votes taken.

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

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, President of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, be authorized to take any and all appropriate actions including litigation against any standardized testing service and affiliated entities arising from manipulation of standardized test scores, for and on behalf of the Board, and that he work in concert with System Attorneys.***

I.4. Consideration of Nominations for Interim System President

Upon motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Dr. Faircloth, the Board unanimously voted to preclude the soon-to-be-elected Interim System President from being considered as a candidate in the System Presidential Search.

Upon motion of Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Romero, the Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session to discuss the nominations of Dr. Micheal R. "Randy" Moffett and Dr. Daniel Reneau for the Interim System President position.

At 3:15 p.m., upon motion of Mr. Condos, seconded by Mr. Romero, the Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session, pursuant to R.S. 42:17.

The following roll call vote was recorded:

YEAS: Ms. Brakeville, Mr. Carter, Mr. Condos, Mr. Crawford, Ms. Egan, Dr. Faircloth, Mr. Hebert, Mr. LeTard, Mr. Long, Mr. Martin, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Romero, Mr. Sibille, Mr. Shetler, Mr. Shreve, Mr. Solomon

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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At 3:25 p.m., upon motion of Dr. Faircloth, seconded by Mr. Condos, the Board voted to reconvene in Open Session. While in Executive Session, no motions were made nor votes taken.

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Dr. Faircloth, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Dr. Daniel Reneau as Interim System President effective January 1, 2016.

The following roll call vote was recorded:

YEAS: Ms. Brakeville, Mr. Carter, Mr. Condos, Mr. Crawford, Ms. Egan, Dr. Faircloth, Mr. Hebert, Mr. LeTard, Mr. Long, Mr. Martin, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Romero, Mr. Sibille, Mr. Shetler, Mr. Shreve, Mr. Solomon

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

I.5. Report of Nominating Committee for 2016 Board Officers

Mr. Sibille, Chair of the Nominating Committee, gave his report. He stated that the Committee had met and recommends the following members as officers for the coming year:

Mr. Jimmie “Beau” Martin, Jr. – Chair  
Mr. Edward Crawford III – Vice Chair

He also stated that the Committee recommends Dr. Kelly Faircloth for the position of Parliamentarian.

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Romero, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to elect Mr. Jimmie “Beau” Martin, Jr. as Chair and Mr. Edward Crawford III as Vice Chair for 2016. Further, the Board approved the recommendation of Dr. Kelly Faircloth as Parliamentarian.

The following roll call vote was recorded:

YEAS: Ms. Brakeville, Mr. Carter, Mr. Crawford, Ms. Egan, Dr. Faircloth, Mr. Hebert, Mr. LeTard, Mr. Long, Mr. Martin, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Romero, Mr. Sibille, Mr. Shetler, Mr. Shreve, Mr. Solomon

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Condos

Mr. Hebert congratulated the newly elected Board Officers.

J. **Other Business**

***Update on UNO Presidential Search***

Mr. Hebert stated that the tentative timeline that the Presidential Search Committee had approved was being restructured to allow the executive search firm, Witt/Kieffer, additional time to identify quality applicants for the position. He stated that the Board would continue to be updated as the Search progresses.

***Update on Board of Regents***

Mr. Sibille gave a brief report on the Board of Regents meeting that had been held earlier in the day.

***2016 Schedule of Meetings***

Mr. Hebert informed the Board that included in their folders was a Schedule of Meetings for 2016. He reminded them that the next meeting will be held on Friday, January 8, 2016 in the Claiborne Building, with the main purpose of installing 2016 Officers. He urged them to attend this important first meeting of the year.

***Athletic and Audit Reports***

Chair Hebert also directed Board members' attention to the Summary of Significant Athletic Activities as well as the Report of the Audits/Reviews Conducted for System Institutions for the past few months. He encouraged them to review these summaries.

K. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Long, seconded by Ms. Egan, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.