

MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM
April 23, 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 12:30 p.m.

B. **Roll Call**

The roll was called.

PRESENT

Mr. Edward J. Crawford III	Mr. Shawn Murphy
Ms. Pamela Egan	Mr. Mark Romero
Mr. E. Gerald Hebert	Mr. Robert Shreve
Mr. Adam Lefort	Mr. Winfred Sibille
Mr. Jimmie "Beau" Martin, Jr.	Mr. Gary Solomon

ABSENT

Mr. John Condos	Mr. John LeTard
Dr. Kelly Faircloth	Mr. Jimmy Long
Mr. David Guidry	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. Crawford gave the invocation.

D. **Approval of Minutes of February 24, 2015 Board Meeting**

Upon motion of Ms. Egan, seconded by Mr. Romero, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the February 24, 2015 Board Meeting.

E. **Report of Joint Legislation, Strategy and Performance, and Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

The Board received reports from Mr. Sibille on behalf of the Legislation Committee and Mr. Romero on behalf of the Strategy and Performance Committee.

Upon motion of Mr. Shreve, seconded by Mr. Romero, the Board voted unanimously to add one item of Other Business to the Academic and Student Affairs items. The following roll call vote was recorded:

YEAS: Edward Crawford, Pamela Egan, E. Gerald Hebert, Adam Lefort, Jimmie “Beau” Martin, Shawn Murphy, Mark Romero, Robert Shreve, Winfred Sibille, Gary Solomon

NAYS: None

ABSENT: John Condos, Kelly Faircloth, David Guidry, John LeTard, Jimmy Long, Carl Shetler

Upon motion of Mr. Shreve, seconded by Mr. Solomon, the Board unanimously approved the resolutions that follow:

- E.1. McNeese State University’s request for approval to rename the College of Nursing to the College of Nursing and Health Professions.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves McNeese State University’s request to rename the College of Nursing to the College of Nursing and Health Professions.*

- E.2. McNeese State University’s request for approval to award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters to Mr. Oliver G. “Rick” Richard 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 to award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters to Mr. Oliver G. “Rick” Richard at the Spring Commencement Exercises.*

- E.3. Southeastern Louisiana University’s request for approval of a Post Baccalaureate Certificate (PBC) in Accounting.

***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 Post Baccalaureate Certificate (PBC) in Accounting.*

- E.4. Southeastern Louisiana University’s request for approval of a Post Baccalaureate Certificate (PBC) in Business Administration.

***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 Post Baccalaureate Certificate (PBC) in Business Administration.*

- E.5. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a Proposal for a Bachelor of Arts degree program in Organizational Leadership.

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 offer a Bachelor of Arts degree program in Organizational Leadership.

AND FURTHER, that the University of Louisiana System, on behalf of its nine institutions, discontinues the collaborative Bachelor of Arts degree program in Organizational Leadership.

- E.6. University of New Orleans' request for approval to merge the Department of Management and the Department of Marketing in the College of Business Administration.

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 Department of Management and the Department of Marketing in the College of Business Administration.

- E.7. University of New Orleans' request for approval of a Proposal for a Master of Education degree program in Higher Education Administration.

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 a Proposal for a Master of Education degree program in Higher Education Administration.

In conjunction with discussion on Grambling State University's Nursing program, the following resolution was recommended in the Joint Committee meeting, and the Board unanimously voted to approve it:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, based upon the requirements imposed by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) for the maintenance of the GSU Bachelor of Nursing Program, the Board Chair and UL System President be authorized to negotiate and sign a Consent Agreement with the LSBN outlining the terms and conditions on which the program will be allowed to continue.

F. **Report of Athletic Committee**

Upon motion of Mr. Romero, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Board unanimously voted to approve Agenda Items F.1. through F.4. and adopted the resolutions that follow:

- F.1. Grambling State University's request for approval of a contract with Ms. Nadine Domond, Head Women's Basketball Coach, effective July 29, 2015.

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 contract with Ms. Nadine Domond, Head Women's Basketball Coach, effective July 29, 2015.

- F.2. Grambling State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Shawn Walker, Head Men's Basketball Coach, effective July 29, 2015.

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 contract with Mr. Shawn Walker, Head Men's Basketball Coach, effective July 29, 2015.

- F.3. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Jason Hayes, Head Women's Tennis Coach, effective June 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. Jason Hayes, Head Women's Tennis Coach, effective June 1, 2015.

- F.4. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Chet Pobolish, Football Offensive Coordinator, effective July 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. Chet Pobolish, Football Offensive Coordinator, effective July 1, 2015.

G. Report of Facilities Planning Committee

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Lefort, the Board unanimously voted to approve Agenda Items G.1. through G.4. and adopted the resolutions that follow:

- G.1. 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 Tract containing approximately 4.46 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 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 Tract containing approximately 4.46 acres to be nominated for lease.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of Louisiana Tech 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 the System office with copies of all final executed documents for Board files.*

- G.2. Nicholls State University's request for approval to lease approximately 151 acres of land located at the University Farm at Lafourche Crossing, on Hwy. 1 east of Thibodaux, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana.

***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 lease approximately 151 acres of land located at the University Farm at Lafourche Crossing, on Hwy. 1 east of Thibodaux, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Dr. Bruce Murphy, President, be authorized to execute a lease on the above-said property in Lafourche Parish on behalf of Nicholls State University.*

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

- G.3. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to develop and implement Tier II of the University's Athletic Master Plan including additions and renovations to M.L. Tigue Moore Baseball Stadium utilizing Ragin' Cajun Facilities, Inc. (RCFI), a 591(c)3, not-for-profit corporation.

***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 develop and implement Tier II of the University's Athletic Master Plan including additions and renovations to M.L. Tigue Moore Baseball Stadium utilizing Ragin' Cajun Facilities, Inc. (RCFI), a 591(c)3, not-for-profit corporation.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the appropriate documentation related to the firms selected for design and financing services shall be submitted to and reviewed by the Board staff and legal counsel prior to officially executing any contract documents.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the University will return to the Board when the project's design and the financial pro-forma are completed. At that time, all other information and documentation required for implementing the project shall be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System for final approval.*

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

- G.4. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to name certain areas within the Liew Family International Student Center the John W. Wong and J.W. Wong Knowledge Enrichment Foundation Social Center in honor of Mr. John W. Wong as well as the authority to name other areas in the future.

***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 name certain areas within the Liew Family International Student Center the John W. Wong and J.W. Wong Knowledge Enrichment Foundation Social Center in honor of Mr. John W. Wong as well as the authority to name other areas in the future.*

H. **Report of Finance Committee**

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Board unanimously voted to approve Items H.1.-H.7. and adopted the resolutions that follow:

- H.1. Grambling State University's request for approval to place a monetary referendum on a Student Election Ballot re Choir and Visual Arts.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Grambling State University's request to place a monetary referendum on a Student Election Ballot re Choir and Visual Arts.*

- H.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of the Affiliation Agreement between the University and Louisiana Tech Research Corporation.

***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 Affiliation Agreement between the University and Louisiana Tech Research Corporation.*

- H.3. McNeese State University's request for approval of the reorganization of the Division of Business Affairs and the Office of University Services.

***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 the reorganization of the Division of Business Affairs and the Office of University Services.*

- H.4. Nicholls State University's request for approval to implement a per credit tuition amount (\$250) all inclusive for the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) General Education Mobile (GEM) Program.

***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 implement a per credit tuition amount (\$250) all inclusive for the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) General Education Mobile (GEM) Program.*

- H.5. University of New Orleans' request for approval of a resolution authorizing and providing for the incurring of debt and issuance of \$3,580,000 in aggregate principal amount of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System Revenue Refunding Bonds Series 2015 for the benefit of the University of New Orleans, payable solely from Dedicated Revenues; approving and confirming the sale of the Series 2015 Bonds and the application of the proceeds thereof; 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 University of New Orleans' request for approval of a resolution authorizing and providing for the incurring of debt and issuance of \$3,580,000 in aggregate principal amount of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System Revenue Refunding Bonds Series 2015 for the benefit of the University of New Orleans, payable solely from Dedicated Revenues; approving and confirming the sale of the Series 2015 Bonds and the application of the proceeds thereof; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.*

- H.6. University of New Orleans' request for approval to use the proceeds of the sale of the UNO Jefferson Campus to (1) retire the portion of the bond debt associated with the Campus and (2) use the remaining proceeds for the University's operating expenses.

***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 use the proceeds of the sale of the UNO Jefferson Campus to (1) retire the portion of the bond debt associated with the Campus and (2) use the remaining proceeds for the University's operating expenses.*

- H.7. 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 2015-16 for the nine UL System institutions.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the 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 2015-16 for the nine UL System institutions.*

I. Report of Personnel Committee

On motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Ms. Egan, the Board voted to approve Items I.1.-I.2. and adopted the resolutions that follow (*Mr. Crawford had recused himself from voting on I.1. in Committee*):

- I.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Christopher Martin as Dean of the College of Business effective July 1, 2015.

***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 appoint Dr. Christopher Martin as Dean of the College of Business effective July 1, 2015.*

- I.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Gary A. Kennedy as Dean of the College of Applied & Natural Sciences effective June 1, 2015.

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 appoint Dr. Gary A. Kennedy as Dean of the College of Applied & Natural Sciences effective June 1, 2015.

J. **System President's Business**

J.1. Personnel Actions

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

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

J.2. System President's Report

Revised Policy and Procedures Memoranda

Dr. Woodley reported that included in the Board member folders were copies of three revised Policy and Procedures Memoranda: *FB-IV.(4)a - Policy on University Foundation and Other Affiliate Organizations; IA-V.(2a) - Athletic Travel Policy; and FS-III.XV.B-1a - Academic Program Discontinuance.*

The first revises the timeline for submission of audit reports and financial information; the second ensures that student-athletes are in full compliance with Federal Aviation Administration regulations; and the third removes a sunset date of June 30, 2014. These were distributed for information only, as Board approval is not required.

COSBP Washington, D.C. Trip and Student Rally

Dr. Woodley said that on March 9 the System Council of Student Body Presidents traveled to Washington, D.C. for their annual trip. The purpose of the trip was to meet with the Louisiana Delegation and to tour the Capitol. Ms. Erica Calais, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and Governance, joined them as their sponsor.

Dr. Woodley also indicated that statewide student leaders hosted a rally on April 15 in Baton Rouge in support of higher education.

Jacqueline Tisdell

President Woodley told the Board members that Mrs. Jacqueline (Jackie) Tisdell, System Assistant Vice President for Communications, had submitted her letter of resignation effective May 8. Dr. Woodley stated that Jackie would be leaving the System Office, where she has

worked since 2001, to take a job with the Ascension Parish School Board. Dr. Woodley and the Board wished her well in her future endeavors.

ULS Day at the Capitol/Academic Summit

Dr. Woodley encouraged Board members to attend the ULS Day at the Capitol in coordination with the Academic Summit. Both will be held on May 28 in the Rotunda of the State Capitol in Baton Rouge.

Grambling Presidential Search Update

Dr. Woodley informed the Board that the Grambling Presidential Search Committee will meet on May 29 in Baton Rouge to select semifinalists. She indicated that the Hollins Group plans to release its list of recommended candidates by May 27. Interviews are being planned for June 2-3 at Grambling, with a Special Board meeting scheduled for June 4.

Blackboard Partnership

Dr. Woodley thanked Presidents Bruno and Savoie for allowing their universities to serve as participants in a Pilot Project for Marketplace, which is Blackboard's recently launched program that merges the needs of higher education and the workforce. The Blackboard Research team was working to determine whether this pilot program would be effective for our System.

Adam Lefort

Dr. Woodley complimented Student Board member, Adam Lefort, for his year of service on the Board. She stated that Adam served on the Northwestern Presidential Search Committee and will continue to serve as a member of the Grambling Presidential Search Committee until his term expires on May 31. Mr. Hebert and Dr. Woodley presented him with a token of appreciation for his tenure on the Board.

Adam thanked the Board for the opportunity and said that he was particularly thankful for the mentoring he had received.

Northwestern State University President Emeritus

In Mr. Jimmy Long's absence and on his behalf, Mr. Winfred Sibille, seconded by Mr. Murphy, proposed the following motion:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the title of President Emeritus of Northwestern State University for Dr. Randall J. Webb and further moves that the title become effective on May 8, 2015 and bestowed upon Dr. Webb at the Spring Commencement Exercises.

The following roll call vote was recorded:

YEAS: Edward Crawford, Pamela Egan, E. Gerald Hebert, Adam Lefort, Jimmie “Beau” Martin, Jr., Shawn Murphy, Mark Romero, Robert Shreve, Winfred Sibille, Gary Solomon

NAYS: None

ABSENT: John Condos, Kelly Faircloth, David Guidry, John LeTard, Jimmy Long, Carl Shetler

The motion was passed unanimously.

K. **Board Chair’s Business**

K.1. **Board Chair’s Report**

Alternate Representative to Board of Regents

Chair Hebert noted that Mr. Romero had agreed to serve as the Board’s alternate representative to attend Board of Regents meetings in the event that Mr. Sibille is unable to participate.

Special Recognition

Mr. Hebert also congratulated Mr. Solomon for receiving *The Times-Picayune* Loving Cup award for 2014. Mr. Solomon was selected because of outstanding service to the community.

Financial Disclosure Statements

Mr. Hebert reminded Board members about the May 15 deadline to complete and submit their 2014 Personal Financial Disclosure forms to Board of Ethics.

K.2. **University of Louisiana System’s request to certify campus LA GRAD Act reports for 2014-15.**

Dr. Edwin Litolff, System Vice President for Business and Finance, briefly summarized the LA GRAD Act results for the year.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby certifies the campus LA GRAD Act reports for 2014-15 and further authorizes the System President to certify adjustments to the reports prior to final submission to the Board of Regents.

- K.3. Executive Session, pursuant to R.S. 42:17, to discuss the following: *The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System with and for the University of New Orleans and McDonald's USA, LLC versus The City of New Orleans and the New Orleans City Council, Civil District Court for the Parish of New Orleans, State of Louisiana—Authority to Pursue Legal Claim through Petition for Mandamus.*

Mr. Hebert asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session. On motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Martin, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 12:55 p.m., with the following roll call vote recorded:

YEAS: Edward Crawford, Pamela Egan, E. Gerald Hebert, Adam Lefort, Jimmie “Beau” Martin, Jr., Shawn Murphy, Mark Romero, Robert Shreve, Winfred Sibille, Gary Solomon

NAYS: None

ABSENT: John Condos, Kelly Faircloth, David Guidry, John LeTard, Jimmy Long, Carl Shetler

On motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Lefort, the Board voted unanimously to reconvene in Open Session at 1:25 p.m.

Mr. Hebert stated that the Board had met in Executive Session, pursuant to R.S. 42:17, to discuss the following and, while in Executive Session, no motions were made nor votes taken: *The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System with and for the University of New Orleans and McDonald's USA, LLC versus The City of New Orleans and the New Orleans City Council, Civil District Court for the Parish of New Orleans, State of Louisiana—Authority to Pursue Legal Claim through Petition for Mandamus.*

On motion of Mr. Solomon, seconded by Mr. Crawford, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Dr. Peter Fos, President of University of New Orleans, be authorized to execute and sign all documents and make all decisions necessary to pursue the proposed Mandamus Action against the City of New Orleans.

L. **Other Business**

Mr. Hebert stated that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for June 24-25 in Baton Rouge.

M. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Lefort, the meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m.