

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM
JANUARY 8, 2016**

A. **Call to Order**

Mr. 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 9:10 a.m.

B. **Roll Call**

The roll was called.

PRESENT

Ms. Maggie Brakeville
Mr. Edward Crawford III
Dr. Kelly Faircloth
Mr. E. Gerald Hebert
Mr. John LeTard
Mr. Jimmy D. Long, Sr.

Mr. Jimmie “Beau” Martin, Jr.
Mr. Shawn Murphy
Mr. Mark Romero
Mr. Winfred F. Sibille
Mr. Gary Solomon

ABSENT

Mr. James Carter
Mr. John Condos
Ms. Pamela Egan

Mr. Carl Shetler
Mr. Robert Shreve

Also present at the meeting were Interim System President Dan Reneau, Attorney Winston DeCuir, Sr. as well as campus representatives and System staff.

C. **Invocation**

Mr. Long gave the invocation.

Mr. Hebert welcomed Dr. Daniel Reneau to his first meeting of the Board in his role as Interim System President.

D. **Installation of 2016 Officers**

Mr. Hebert stated that at the December 2015 meeting the following members had been selected to serve as 2016 officers: Mr. Jimmie “Beau” Martin, Jr.; Mr. Edward J. Crawford III; and Dr. Kelly Faircloth.

Mr. Winston DeCuir, Sr. administered the Oath of Office to the following Board Officers:

Mr. Jimmie “Beau” Martin, Jr. – Chair
Mr. Edward Crawford III – Vice Chair
Dr. Kelly Faircloth – Parliamentarian

After the installation, each expressed appreciation for the appointment.

E. **University of Louisiana System Presidential Search**

Chair Martin requested that the Board authorize the System Office to engage a search firm to begin the process of identifying potential candidates for the UL System Presidency.

Upon motion of Dr. Faircloth, seconded by Mr. Crawford, the Board unanimously voted to authorize System Staff to engage a search firm with the charge to identify suitable candidates for the position of President of the University of Louisiana System.

F. **System President’s Report**

Dr. Reneau stated that he was privileged and excited to assume the position as Interim System President for the next few months.

Clean Audit

Dr. Reneau reported that on December 21, 2015, the University of Louisiana System received the audit report from the Office of Louisiana Legislative Auditor. He said that the System received a clean audit report for Fiscal Year 2015, with no reportable findings.

Dr. Reneau thanked the System staff and University staff who were involved in this process that helps to maintain transparency and accountability.

Personnel Actions

Dr. Reneau indicated that included in the Board folders were copies of personnel actions pertaining to some staff in the System Office. He reported that he was recommending a merit increase to those staff with a minimum of two years of service who had not received any increase within the past two years.

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

UNO Presidential Search Update

Dr. Reneau informed the Board that the UNO Presidential Search Committee will hold its next meeting on Thursday, January 28, in Baton Rouge. John Thornburgh, Witt/Kieffer consultant, will be present to submit the firm’s report including a list of recommended candidates. After the Committee reviews the material and deliberates, the Committee plans to select semifinalists who will be invited to interview on University of New Orleans’ campus from February 17-19, 2016.

Dr. Reneau also said that the plan is to schedule a Special Board meeting in conjunction with the February 23 Regular Board meeting. The purpose of the Special Board meeting will be to interview finalists and to select the President of University of New Orleans.

Update on Grambling State University Deferred Action

Dr. Reneau informed the Board that the agenda request that had been deferred at the December 2015 meeting would be addressed at a future meeting.

Legislative Session

Dr. Reneau reminded Board members that Monday, January 11, is Inauguration Day and the System Office is closed as it is a State Holiday. He reported that a Special Session of the Legislature is expected to be called following Mardi Gras. He also said that the Regular Session begins on March 14.

G. **Board Chair's Report**

Chair Martin presented his report.

Ethics and Sexual Harassment Training

Mr. Martin reminded Board members that they are required to annually complete the Ethics and Sexual Harassment training courses. While both may be taken online, plans are to schedule a live Ethics training session in conjunction with the April Board meeting.

2016 Standing Committees

Mr. Martin said that he will be appointing Committee Chairs and finalizing Committee appointments prior to the February Board meeting. He will distribute the assignments as soon as they are completed.

Next Meeting

Mr. Martin reported that the next Regular Meeting of the Board will be in Baton Rouge on Tuesday, February 23, 2016. The reason for the date change is that the Board of Regents Annual Trusteeship Conference will be held on Monday, February 22, and it will be convenient for Board members to participate in both meetings. Mr. Martin also stated that a reception on Monday night is a possibility, and details will be forthcoming when scheduling is finalized.

Mr. Martin also said that the revised Schedule of 2016 Meetings was included in their folders.

H. **Other Business/Adjournment**

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Solomon, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.