

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM
April 28, 2016**

A. **Call to Order**

Mr. Edward Crawford, Vice Chair, 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 11:35 a.m.

B. **Roll Call**

The roll was called.

PRESENT

Ms. Maggie Brakeville	Mr. E. Gerald Hebert
Mr. James Carter	Mr. Jimmy Long
Mr. John Condos	Mr. Shawn Murphy
Mr. Edward J. Crawford III	Mr. Mark Romero
Ms. Pamela Egan	Mr. Carl Shetler
Dr. Kelly Faircloth	

ABSENT

Mr. John LeTard	Mr. Winfred Sibille
Mr. Jimmie "Beau" Martin, Jr.	Mr. Gary Solomon
Mr. Robert Shreve	

Also present for the meeting were the following: Interim System President Dan Reneau, 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 March 16, 2016 Special Board and Board Meetings**

Upon motion of Mr. Shetler, seconded by Dr. Faircloth, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the March 16, 2016 Special Board Meeting and March 16, 2016 Board Meeting.

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

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

- E.1. McNeese State University's request for approval to terminate the Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Music Education-Kodaly Studies effective June 2016.

***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 terminate the Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Music Education-Kodaly Studies effective June 2016.*

- E.2. McNeese State University's request for approval to rename the College of Science to the College of Science and Agriculture and rename the Department of Agricultural Science to the School of Agricultural Science effective June 1, 2016.

***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 rename the College of Science to the College of Science and Agriculture and rename the Department of Agricultural Science to the School of Agricultural Science effective June 1, 2016.*

- E.3. Northwestern State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to Dr. James Daryl Knecht at the Spring 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 for approval to award an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to Dr. James Daryl Knecht at the Spring Commencement Exercises.*

- E.4. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Sustainability.

***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 in Sustainability.*

- E.5. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctorate of Nursing Practice to Dr. Craig Walker at the Spring Commencement Exercises.

***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 award an Honorary Doctorate of Nursing Practice to Dr. Craig Walker at the Spring Commencement Exercises.*

- E.6. University of New Orleans' request for approval to merge the Departments of History and Philosophy.

***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 History and Philosophy.*

- E.7. University of New Orleans' request for approval to merge the Departments of Curriculum and Instruction and Special Education and Habilitative Services.

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 Curriculum and Instruction and Special Education and Habilitative Services.

- E.8. University of New Orleans' request for approval of a joint study collaboration agreement with Shanghai Maritime University.

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 joint study collaboration agreement with Shanghai Maritime University.

- E.9. University of New Orleans' request for approval to move UNO-CHART from the Department of Sociology to the Department of Planning and Urban Studies.

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 move UNO-CHART from the Department of Sociology to the Department of Planning and Urban Studies.

F. Report of Athletic Committee

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

- F.1. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Jason Hayes, Head Women's Tennis Coach, effective June 1, 2016.

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, 2016.

- F.2. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a revised Athletic Home Game Complimentary Ticket Policy.

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 revised Athletic Home Game Complimentary Ticket Policy.

G. Report of Facilities Planning Committee

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

- G.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to demolish the former Natatorium located on the University Campus.

***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 demolish the former Natatorium located on the University Campus.*

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

- G.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to demolish four structures located at 408 West California on the University Campus.

***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 demolish four structures located at 408 West California on the University Campus.*

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

- G.3. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to enter into a Facilities Lease with the Louisiana Tech University Foundation, Inc. concerning the property described as the Press Box and Sky Box at Joe Aillet Stadium.

***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 enter into a Facilities Lease with the Louisiana Tech University Foundation, Inc. concerning the property described as the Press Box and Sky Box at Joe Aillet Stadium.*

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

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the President of Louisiana Tech University and his or her designee is authorized to execute the lease and all documents necessary to accept the improvements completed by the Louisiana Tech University Foundation, Inc. on behalf of the System.*

***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 of a resolution approving the form and authorizing the execution of the Agreement to Exchange Realty and the Act of Exchange and the execution of any and all documents and certificates described herein. The University is further requesting to demolish improvements located at 810 West California Avenue.

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 a resolution approving the form and authorizing the execution of the Agreement to Exchange Realty and the Act of Exchange and the execution of any and all documents and certificates described herein. The University is further requesting to demolish improvements located at 810 West California Avenue.

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 of processes, documents, and administrative requirements prior to execution of documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the University and his or her designee are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents and certificates described herein.

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

- G.5. Nicholls State University's request for approval to demolish the Restroom Facility located at the Ray E. Didier Field Baseball Complex.

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 demolish the Restroom Facility located at the Ray E. Didier Field Baseball Complex.

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

- G.6. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to name its baseball complex Russo Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to name its baseball complex Russo Park subject to the donor completing the terms of the donation and approval of System counsel.

- G.7. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of the form and authorization to execute a First Supplemental Ground and Buildings Lease Agreement and a Second Amended and Restated Collection and Disbursement Contract, to refund the Series 2006 Bonds described herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of the form and authorization to execute a First Supplemental Ground and Buildings Lease Agreement and a Second Amended and Restated Collection and Disbursement Contract, to refund the Series 2006 Bonds described herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University of Louisiana at Lafayette shall obtain final review from UL System staff and legal counsel to the Board, and shall secure all other appropriate approvals of processes, documents, and administrative requirements prior to execution of documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the University and his or her designee, and the Vice President for Finance and Administration of the 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 refunding bonds described herein.

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

- G.8. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to accept donation of the Malone Stadium field turf from University of Louisiana Monroe Facilities, Inc.

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 accept donation of the Malone Stadium field turf from University of Louisiana Monroe Facilities, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of University of Louisiana at Monroe and his or her designee is hereby designated and authorized to sign any and all documents related to the donation.

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

- G.9. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to demolish Garrett Hall and the Garrett Hall Greenhouse located at 800 University Avenue 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 to demolish Garrett Hall and the Garrett Hall Greenhouse located at 800 University Avenue on the campus of the University.

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

- G.10. University of New Orleans' request for approval to rename its Digital History Lab to the Michael Mizell-Nelson Digital History Lab.

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 its Digital History Lab to the Michael Mizell-Nelson Digital History Lab.

H. **Report of Finance Committee**

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

- H.1. Grambling State University's request for authorization for program discontinuance for Grambling Lab School to allow for Type 2 Charter School to be operated by Grambling High Foundation.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Grambling State University's request for authorization for program discontinuance for Grambling Lab School to allow for Type 2 Charter School to be operated by Grambling High Foundation.*

- H.2. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to establish the James D. and Diana White Karl Superior Graduate Scholarship.

***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 establish the James D. and Diana White Karl Superior Graduate Scholarship.*

- H.3. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to rename the Louisiana Health System/BORSF Professorship in Health Care Administration to the Lafayette General Medical Center/BORSF Professorship in Health Care Administration.

***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 Louisiana Health System/BORSF Professorship in Health Care Administration to the Lafayette General Medical Center/BORSF Professorship in Health Care Administration.*

- H.4. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for Provision of Training.

***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 enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for Provision of Training.*

- H.5. University of New Orleans' request for approval of a Summer 2016 Tuition Charge.

***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 Summer 2016 Tuition Charge.*

- H.6. University of Louisiana System's recommendation to approve Campus Housing and Meal Plan Rates, Auxiliary Rates, Energy Surcharge, HB 152, and Non-Governmental Charges for Academic Year 2016-17.

***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, HB 152, and Non-Governmental Charges for Academic Year 2016-17 for the nine UL System institutions.*

I. **Report of Grievance Committee**

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

- I.1. Dr. B. Dean Lanham, Faculty Member, University of Louisiana at Monroe

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby upholds the decision of University of Louisiana at Monroe that no further consideration be given to Dr. B. Dean Lanham's appeal.*

J. **Report of Personnel Committee**

Upon motion of Mr. Shetler, seconded by Dr. Faircloth, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolutions:

- J.1. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Tena Golding as Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs effective June 1, 2016.

***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 appoint Dr. Tena Golding as Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs effective June 1, 2016.*

- J.2. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to continue the appointment of Dr. Gwen Fontenot as Interim Dean of the B.I. Moody III College of Business Administration effective July 1, 2016.

***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 continue the appointment of Dr. Gwen Fontenot as Interim Dean of the B.I. Moody III College of Business Administration effective July 1, 2016.*

- J.3. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to appoint Dr. Nathan Roberts as Dean of Education effective February 1, 2016.

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 Roberts as Dean of Education effective February 1, 2016.

- J.4. University of New Orleans' request for approval to appoint Dr. Kim M. Long as Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Education effective July 1, 2016.

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 appoint Dr. Kim M. Long as Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Education effective July 1, 2016.

K. Report of Legislation Committee

- K.1. Update of the 2016 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature

The Board received a report of the Legislation Committee, with no action being necessary by the Board.

L. System President's Business

- L.1. Personnel Actions

Dr. Dan Reneau, Interim System President, reported that System staff reviewed the personnel actions, and staff recommends approval.

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

- L.2. System President's Report

UL System Day at the Capitol

Dr. Reneau reported that the April 11 UL System Day at the Capitol was a success. He indicated that 30 legislators had participated in the lunch with the System Institution Presidents as well as a total of 75 attendees at the event. Also, in the Memorial Hall of the Capitol each university showcased its campus from noon to 4:00 p.m.

Academic Summit

Dr. Reneau informed Board Members that Nicholls State University had hosted the 5th Annual Academic Summit on April 14-15. The summit showcased the nine campuses' service-learning and undergraduate research presentations and performance art exhibits. Dr. Reneau indicated that more than 140 undergraduate students participated.

Academic Progress Rates

Dr. Reneau informed the Board that the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) had released its annual academic progress rates (APR) report. Dr. Reneau was happy to announce that all nine UL System universities were penalty-free.

M. **Board Chair's Business**

M.1. Board Chair's Report

Vice Chair Crawford congratulated Ms. Maggie Brakeville, Student Board member, for her year of service. He reported that she has served two terms as student body president at Louisiana Tech University and has accepted a position with the U.S. Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee in Washington, D.C. as an intern.

The Board presented Ms. Brakeville with a token of appreciation.

Ms. Brakeville thanked Dr. Reneau, Board members, and System staff and said that it was an honor to have served as Student Board member. She said that it had been a challenging yet rewarding year.

M.2. University of Louisiana System's request to certify campus LA GRAD Act reports for 2015-16.

Mr. Crawford asked Dr. Edwin Litolff, System Vice President for Business and Finance, to present the item under consideration. Dr. Litolff said that it was the last year for campuses to receive up to a 10% increase in tuition per the GRAD Act legislation. He said that all nine UL System institutions have passed GRAD Act for the past six years.

Upon motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Ms. Egan, 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 certifies campus LA GRAD Act reports for 2015-16 and further authorizes the System President to certify adjustments to the reports prior to final submission to the Board of Regents.*

M.3. Other Business

Mr. Crawford reported that Board members' folders included the Summary of Significant Athletic Activities as well as the listing of Audits/Reviews Conducted.

He also reminded Board members that the annual personal financial disclosures forms are due to Board of Ethics by May 15.

Application Review Committee

Mr. Crawford reported that the Application Review Committee had met earlier in the day. He said that representatives from the search firm, R.H. Perry & Associates, had been available to present a list of recommended candidates for consideration. Mr. Crawford said that there was extensive discussion during the meeting and four names were advanced. He said that the next meeting of the Committee was tentatively being scheduled for May 23 or May 24.

N. Other Business

Mr. Crawford reported that the next regular meeting of the Board is being set for June 23 in Ruston at Louisiana Tech University.

O. Adjournment

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Condos, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.