

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM
October 27, 2016**

A. **Call to Order**

Mr. Jimmie “Beau” Martin, Jr., 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 10:19 a.m.

B. **Roll Call**

The roll was called.

PRESENT

Mr. Edward J. Crawford III	Mr. Alejandro “Al” Perkins
Ms. Pamela Egan	Mr. Virgil Robinson, Jr.
Mr. E. Gerald Hebert	Mr. Robert Shreve
Mr. Jimmie “Beau” Martin, Jr.	Mr. Winfred Sibille
Mr. Shawn Murphy	

ABSENT

Mr. James Carter	Mr. Mark Romero
Dr. John Condos	Mr. Carl Shetler
Dr. Kelly Faircloth	Mr. Antonio Torres

Also present for the meeting were the following: Interim System President Dan Reneau, System staff, administrators and faculty representatives from System campuses, Attorneys Linda Clark and Winston DeCuir, Jr., interested citizens, and representatives of the news media.

C. **Invocation**

Dr. Daniel Reneau, Interim System President, provided the invocation.

D. **Approval of Minutes of September 9, 2016 Board and Committee Meetings and October 6, 2016 Special Meeting**

Upon motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the September 9, 2016 Board and Committee Meetings and the October 6, 2016 Special Meeting.

Mr. Martin asked for a motion to suspend the rules to dispense with the Committee deliberations, and allow the Board to consider all items as a Committee of the Whole.

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Crawford, the Board unanimously voted to dispense with Committee deliberations and allow the Board to meet as a Committee of the Whole to consider all items of business.

E. **Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

Upon motion of Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following items (E.1. to E.6.):

- E.1. Grambling State University's request for approval of a Letter of Intent to establish a Bachelor of Arts in General Studies.

***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 Letter of Intent to establish a Bachelor of Arts in General Studies (CIP Code 24.0102).*

- E.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a Graduate Certificate in Six Sigma Black Belt.

***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 Graduate Certificate in Six Sigma Black Belt (CIP Code 14.3501).*

- E.3. McNeese State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to Mr. George Swift at the Fall 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 for approval to award an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to Mr. George Swift at the Fall Commencement Exercises.*

- E.4. Northwestern State University's request for approval of a Proposal for a Doctor of Education in Adult Learning and Leadership.

***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 Doctor of Education in Adult Learning and Leadership (CIP Code 13.0403).*

- E.5. Northwestern State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Bachelor's Degree in Education to Mrs. Noella Black Lyons 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 for approval to award an Honorary Bachelor's Degree in Education to Mrs. Noella Black Lyons at the Fall Commencement Exercises.*

- E.6. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a Proposal for a Master of Science in Environmental Resource Science.

***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 of a Proposal for a Master of Science in Environmental Resource Science (CIP Code 03.0199).*

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

- E.7. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctorate in Systems Engineering to Mr. Don Mosing 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 Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctorate in Systems Engineering to Mr. Don Mosing at the Fall Commencement Exercises.*

Upon motion of Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following items (E.8. to E.11.):

- E.8. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for one-year conditional approval of the ULM Environmental Education and Research Center.

***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 one-year conditional approval of the ULM Environmental Education and Research Center.*

- E.9. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of an Agreement of Academic Cooperation with Catholic Kwandong University, 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 Catholic Kwandong University, Republic of Korea.*

- E.10. University of New Orleans' request for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Hebei University of Technology, Tianjin, China.

***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 Memorandum of Understanding with Hebei University of Technology, Tianjin, China.*

- E.11. University of New Orleans' request for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Mississippi.

***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 Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Mississippi.*

F. **Athletic Committee**

Upon motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Ms. Egan, the Board unanimously voted to approve the resolutions that follow (F.1. to F.7.):

- F.1. Grambling State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Broderick Lee Fobbs, Head Men's Football Coach, effective August 1, 2016.

***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. Broderick Lee Fobbs, Head Men's Football Coach, effective August 1, 2016.*

- F.2. McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Justin Hill, Head Baseball Coach, effective July 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 of a contract with Mr. Justin Hill, Head Baseball Coach, effective July 1, 2016.*

- F.3. McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Ms. Helena Besovic, Head Women's Tennis Coach, effective November 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 of a contract with Ms. Helena Besovic, Head Women's Tennis Coach, effective November 1, 2016.*

- F.4. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Benjamin Gipson, Assistant Men's Baseball Coach, effective July 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. Benjamin Gipson, Assistant Men's Baseball Coach, effective July 1, 2016.*

- F.5. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Daniel Latham, Assistant Men's Baseball Coach, effective July 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. Daniel Latham, Assistant Men's Baseball Coach, effective July 1, 2016.*

- F.6. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request to approve its letter of agreement with Learfield Communications, Inc., through its wholly-owned subsidiary Warhawk Sports Properties, LLC., the effect of which engages Learfield and Warhawk to administer the University's athletic marketing, sponsorship, and promotional rights.

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 approve its letter of agreement with Learfield Communications, Inc., through its wholly-owned subsidiary Warhawk Sports Properties, LLC., the effect of which engages Learfield and Warhawk to administer the University's athletic marketing, sponsorship, and promotional rights.

- F.7. University of New Orleans' request for approval of contractual amendments with Mr. Michael Blake Dean, Head Men's Baseball Coach, effective November 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 of contractual amendments with Mr. Michael Blake Dean, Head Men's Baseball Coach, effective November 1, 2016.

G. **Facilities Planning Committee**

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Hebert, the Board unanimously voted to approve the resolutions that follow (G.1. to G.6.):

- G.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to enter into a Facilities Lease Agreement with the Louisiana Tech University Foundation, Inc. to replace the field lighting system 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 to enter into a Facilities Lease Agreement with the Louisiana Tech University Foundation, Inc. to replace the field lighting system at Joe Aillet Stadium.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Louisiana Tech University's request to accept the donation of the lighting system when completed.

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.

- G.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to accept a donation of certain property in connection with the development, construction, renovation and equipping of student housing facilities, and the development of new parking improvements on the campus of the University.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Louisiana Tech University's request to accept a donation of certain property in connection with the development, construction, renovation and equipping of student housing facilities, and the development of new parking improvements on the campus of the University.*

***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 authorized and directed to execute the act of donation described herein and any and all documents necessary in connection with the acceptance of the property donation described herein.*

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

- G.3. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to demolish Pearce Hall 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 to demolish Pearce Hall located on the University Campus.*

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

- G.4. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to allow certain properties located at the South Campus Tract to be nominated to the State Mineral Board for mineral lease.

***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 allow certain properties located at the South Campus Tract to be nominated to the State Mineral Board for mineral lease.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the President of the University or his or her designee be authorized to execute a lease on the properties located at its South Campus Tract 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 System office with copies of all final executed documents for Board files.*

- G.5. Northwestern State University's request to approve the Letter of Intent agreement with Housing Partnership II LTD, a Texas Limited partnership, by Housing Corp. II, its general partner (Campus Living Villages), along with an amendment.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Northwestern State University's request to approve the Letter of Intent agreement with Housing Partnership II LTD, a Texas Limited partnership, by Housing Corp. II, its general partner (Campus Living Villages), along with an amendment.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Northwestern 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 Northwestern State University and his or her designee are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Letter of Intent documents, described herein and any and all documents necessary in connection with the due diligence of Varnado Hall described herein.*

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

- G.6. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Crown Bioscience North Carolina, Inc. related to nonhuman primate research.

***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 with Crown Bioscience North Carolina, Inc. related to nonhuman primate research.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that University of Louisiana at Lafayette 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 the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and his or her designee are authorized to execute any and all documents associated with this Cooperative Endeavor Agreement.*

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

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

- G.7. Louisiana Tech University's request to update and amend approval of the Facilities Lease with the Louisiana Tech University Foundation, Inc. for 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 to update and amend approval of the Facilities Lease with the Louisiana Tech University Foundation, Inc. for 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 and 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 are authorized to execute the lease and all documents necessary to accept the improvements completed by the Louisiana Tech University Foundation.*

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

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

- G.8. Nicholls State University's request for approval to petition the State Interim Emergency Board to provide the necessary funds for repairs needed on the exterior façade at Ellender Library.

***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 petition the State Interim Emergency Board to provide the necessary funds for repairs needed on the exterior façade at Ellender Library.*

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

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

- G.9. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to update the financing method and construction cost of additions and renovations to M.L. Tigue Moore Baseball Stadium utilizing Ragin' Cajun Facilities, Inc.

***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 to update the financing method and construction cost of additions and renovations to M.L. Tigue Moore Baseball Stadium utilizing Ragin' Cajun Facilities, Inc.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that University of Louisiana at Lafayette 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 the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and his or her designee are authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to accept the improvements completed by Ragin' Cajun Facilities, Inc.

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

H. **Finance Committee**

Upon motion of Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Crawford, the Board unanimously voted to add one item of Other Business.

Upon motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following resolutions (H.1. to H.3.):

H.1. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of the College of Engineering Eminent Scholar/Board of Regents Support Fund Endowed Chair in Bioprocessing.

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 of the College of Engineering Eminent Scholar/BORSF Endowed Chair in Bioprocessing.

H.2. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of an Amendment to the current Affiliation Agreement with Ragin' Cajun Facilities, Inc.

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 an Amendment to the Affiliation Agreement with Ragin' Cajun Facilities, Inc. (RCFI).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, President of the University, be authorized and directed to execute all documents necessary to effect the Amendment of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's Affiliation Agreement with Ragin' Cajun Facilities, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that University staff, UL System staff, and legal counsel ensure that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.

- H.3. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of revised Internal Audit Charters for the System and related campuses.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the request for approval of revised Internal Audit Charters for the System and related campuses.*

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

- H.4. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to reduce non-resident tuition and fees effective Summer Quarter 2017 as allowed by Act 455 of the 2016 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

***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 reduce non-resident tuition and fees effective Summer Quarter 2017 as allowed by Act 455 of the 2016 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.*

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

- H.5. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval for the execution of supplemental leases between the Board, on behalf of the University, and Ragin' Cajun Facilities, Inc., in connection with the refunding of all or a portion of the University's outstanding student housing Series 2010 Bonds and to refinance an athletic facilities construction loan.

***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 one or more First Supplemental Ground Lease Agreements and one or more First Supplemental Facilities Leases, each between the Board, acting on behalf of the University, and Ragin' Cajun Facilities, Inc., to refund the Series 2010 Bonds and to retire the construction loan 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 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 System and his or her designee and the President of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette 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 Lafayette will provide the System office with copies of all final executed documents for the Board's files.*

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

- H.6. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval for the execution of supplemental leases between the Board, on behalf of the University, and Ragin' Cajun Facilities, Inc., in connection with the refunding of all or a portion of the University's outstanding Series 2010 Bonds.

***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 Lease Agreement and a First Supplemental Facilities Lease, each between the Board, acting on behalf of the University, and Ragin' Cajun Facilities, Inc., to refund the Series 2010 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 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 System and his or her designee and the President of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette 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 Lafayette will provide the System office with copies of all final executed documents for the Board's files.*

- H.7. University of Louisiana System's discussion of Fiscal Year 2015-16 fourth quarter financial reports and ongoing assurances.

Ms. Bobbie Babin, Director of Accounting and Financial Analysis, gave the report. No action by the Board is necessary.

- H.8. University of Louisiana System's report on the year-end financial status of alternatively financed projects for FYE June 30, 2016.

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

Upon motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following item of Other Business.

Other Business

Grambling State University's request for approval of the issuance of not exceeding \$100,000,000 of Revenue Bonds for the benefit of Grambling State University, authorizing the execution of a Supplemental Trust Indenture and a Capital Project Loan Agreement and other documents in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection with the foregoing.

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 the issuance of not exceeding \$100,000,000 of Revenue Bonds for the benefit of Grambling State University, authorizing the execution of a Supplemental Trust Indenture and a Capital Project Loan Agreement and other documents in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection with the foregoing.

I. Personnel Committee

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

- I.1. Nicholls State University's request for approval to appoint Mr. K. Matthew Roan as Athletic Director, effective November 15, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Nicholls State University's request to appoint Mr. K. Matthew Roan as Athletic Director, effective November 15, 2016.

J. Legislation Committee

- J.1. Discussion of Amendment #2 on November 8 Ballot

Ms. Rachel Kincaid, System Vice President for External Affairs, explained a proposed Constitutional Amendment included on the November 8 statewide ballot pertaining to the higher education community. If the proposed Amendment passes, it will permit postsecondary management boards to establish tuition and mandatory fee amounts charged by public institutions. At present, institutions must obtain legislative approval to increase tuition and fees.

- J.2. Discussion of TOPS Funding and Shortfall

Ms. Kincaid distributed a copy of the breakdown of TOPS Pro Rata Distribution for System campuses for the Spring 2016 semester. She also described the effect of insufficient funding of TOPS due to less revenue in the state budget.

K. **System President's Business**

K.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. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the System personnel actions.

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

Folders

Dr. Reneau reported that included in the Board member folders for their information were copies of the summary of athletic activities as well as the summary of audit reports. Also distributed were copies of the revised version of the *Policy and Procedures Memorandum (PPM) FB-IV.(1-a) Internal Audit Charter* that would take effect immediately. This does not require Board approval as it is a PPM.

Also Dr. Reneau mentioned that he had included a *Monroe News Star* editorial about Grambling President Rick Gallot that highlighted the President's recent accomplishments.

System President-Elect

Interim President Reneau reported that he and Dr. Jim Henderson, who was recently appointed at a Special Meeting as System President, have been working on a transitional plan. Dr. Reneau said that Dr. Henderson will begin his tenure in the System Office on January 1, 2017.

L. **Board Chair's Business**

L.1. **Board Chair's Report**

Ethics Training

Mr. Martin reported that Board members were being provided two time slots that day to participate in the required Ethics training. One session had been held in the morning and the other was scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Attending the session would fulfill the yearly requirement for all Board members and staff.

Roundtable with Mayors

Chair Martin invited all Board members and Campus Presidents to attend the Mayors' Roundtable scheduled for noon in Room 153. Mayors from the campus regions had been invited to join the Board and Presidents for a time of discussion. Mr. Martin said that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss possible partnerships between UL System institutions and respective communities.

Mr. Martin also recognized the following who were present in the audience: Mayor Ronny Walker from Ruston, Mr. Archie Chaisson from Thibodaux (representing Mayor Tommy Eschete), and Mr. David Stamey from Natchitoches (representing Mayor Lee Posey). Several other mayors were expected to take part in the roundtable.

Standing Committees

Mr. Martin indicated that he had appointed Mr. Virgil Robinson, Jr. to the following Committees: Finance, Legislation, Personnel, and Strategy and Performance. Mr. Martin also said that an updated list of Standing Committees was included in the Board folders.

Nominating Committee

Chair Martin announced the following members to serve on the Nominating Committee for this year: Dr. Kelly Faircloth, Mr. Al Perkins, and Mr. Carl Shetler, who will serve as Chair. The purpose of the Committee is to recommend a slate of officers for 2017, and the Committee will meet in conjunction with the December Board meeting and give its recommendation at the Board meeting. Installation of officers will occur on January 6, 2017.

M. **Other Business**

Next Board Meeting

Mr. Martin reminded the Board that the next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for December 8 in Baton Rouge.

N **Adjournment**

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Hebert, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.