

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM
February 23, 2016

A. **Call to Order**

Mr. Jimmie “Beau” Martin, Jr. called to order the Special 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 9:05 a.m.

B. **Roll Call**

The roll was called, with a quorum being present.

PRESENT

Ms. Maggie Brakeville	Mr. Jimmie “Beau” Martin, Jr.
Mr. James Carter	Mr. Shawn Murphy
Mr. Edward J. Crawford III	Mr. Mark Romero
Ms. Pamela Egan	Mr. Carl Shetler
Mr. E. Gerald Hebert	Mr. Winfred Sibille
Mr. Jimmy Long	Mr. Gary Solomon

ABSENT

Mr. John Condos	Mr. John LeTard
Dr. Kelly Faircloth	Mr. Robert Shreve

Also present for the meeting were the following: Interim System President Daniel Reneau, System staff, Attorney Winston DeCuir, Jr., interested citizens, and representatives of the news media.

C. **Report of University of New Orleans Presidential Search Committee**

Dr. Dan Reneau, Interim System President and Chair of the University of New Orleans Presidential Search Committee, gave a brief report to the Board.

He stated that the search process had begun a couple months earlier with a business meeting and forum on the University’s campus to solicit comments and insight from the campus and community. Dr. Reneau also reported that a search firm had been engaged and advertisements placed in higher education publications. Sixty-eight applications and 32 nominations for the position were received by the search firm, out of whom 10 candidates were recommended for consideration.

Dr. Reneau reported that at the January meeting of the University of New Orleans Presidential Search Committee five candidates had been selected as semifinalists to be interviewed by the Committee: Dr. Glen Cope, Dr. Jaimie Hebert, Mr. Andrew Kopplin, Dr. John Nicklow, and Mr. John Valery White.

Dr. Reneau said that the five semifinalists were subsequently interviewed on UNO’s campus during the dates of February 17-19, after which the finalists had been selected by the Search Committee at its final meeting: Mr. Andrew Kopplin and Dr. John Nicklow.

Dr. Reneau thanked the following Board members for their service on the Search Committee: Maggie Brakeville, James Carter, Edward Crawford, Pamela Egan, E. Gerald Hebert, Jimmie “Beau” Martin, Jr., Mark Romero, Robert Shreve, Winfred Sibille, and Gary Solomon.

He also commended advisory members on the Committee: Joy Ballard, Joan Davis, Al Herrera, Barry LeBlanc, Russell Trahan, Cherie Trumbach, and Jim Tucker.

D. **Overview of Interview Procedures**

After Chair Martin asked for public comments, the following two individuals made requests to speak:

- Dr. Mostofa Sarwar, Professor at UNO
- Dr. Cherie Trumbach, President of Faculty Senate at UNO

Mr. Martin explained the process to be followed during the interviews of the two finalists. As first finalist on the agenda, Mr. Kopplin would make an opening statement, followed by the Board posing questions. After the public interview, the finalist and the Board would enter into Executive Session for additional discussion. After reconvening in Open Session, the Board would next interview Dr. John Nicklow utilizing the same framework. Subsequent to the Executive Session with Dr. Nicklow, the Board would remain in Executive Session to continue its discussions.

Mr. Martin said that the Board would reconvene in Open Session after it had completed its discussions.

E. **Candidate Interviews**

Mr. Andrew Kopplin

Mr. Andrew Kopplin was introduced by Chair Martin as the first finalist to be interviewed by the Board. He welcomed Mr. Kopplin and thanked him for his interest in University of New Orleans.

Mr. Kopplin introduced his wife, Andrea, and made an opening statement. Board members had the opportunity to question him.

Mr. Martin stated that the Board would meet in Executive Session pursuant to R.S. 42:17 with Mr. Kopplin to discuss personnel matters associated with the search.

Upon motion of Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board voted to convene in Executive Session. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Yeas: Ms. Brakeville, Mr. Carter, Mr. Crawford, Ms. Egan, Mr. Hebert, Mr. Long, Mr. Martin, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Romero, Mr. Shetler, Mr. Sibille, Mr. Solomon

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Condos, Dr. Faircloth, Mr. LeTard, Mr. Shreve

At 10:15 a.m., the Board met in Executive Session with Mr. Kopplin.

Upon the motion of Mr. Shetler, seconded by Ms. Egan, at 11:05 a.m. the Board reconvened in Open Session. While in Executive Session, no motions were made nor votes taken.

Dr. John Nicklow

Chair Martin welcomed Dr. John Nicklow and expressed his congratulations for being selected as a finalist.

Dr. Nicklow introduced his wife, Stacy, and provided his opening statement. Board members were given the opportunity to question him.

Mr. Martin stated that the Board would meet in Executive Session pursuant to R.S. 42:17 with Dr. Nicklow to discuss personnel matters associated with the search.

Upon motion of Mr. Shetler, seconded by Ms. Egan, the Board voted to convene in Executive Session. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Yeas: Ms. Brakeville, Mr. Carter, Mr. Crawford, Ms. Egan, Mr. Hebert, Mr. Long, Mr. Martin, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Romero, Mr. Shetler, Mr. Sibille, Mr. Solomon

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Condos, Dr. Faircloth, Mr. LeTard, Mr. Shreve

At 11:40 a.m., the Board met in Executive Session with Dr. Nicklow.

Upon the motion of Mr. Shetler, seconded by Mr. Crawford, at 2:00 p.m., the Board reconvened in Open Session. While in Executive Session, no motions were made nor votes taken.

F. **Deliberations**

Chair Martin asked for a motion to table further discussions regarding the selection of the UNO President until a later date due to the dangerous weather that was occurring in the Baton Rouge and surrounding areas.

Upon motion of Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Solomon, the Board unanimously voted to table the decision until a later date.

Upon motion of Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Solomon, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 2:05 p.m.