

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM
May 4, 2017**

A. **Call to Order**

Mr. Alejandro “Al” Perkins, Chair, 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 10:05 a.m.

Mr. Perkins asked Mr. Romero to provide the invocation.

Dr. Henderson also gave his condolences to the Long family on the recent death of Senator Gerald Long’s wife, Rose Long. He commended Mrs. Long for the contributions she made to Northwestern and the Natchitoches community throughout the years.

Chair Perkins recognized Commissioner of Higher Education Joseph Rallo in the audience and thanked him for his leadership.

B. **Roll Call**

The roll was called.

PRESENT

Mr. James Carter	Ms. Elizabeth Pierre
Ms. Lola Dunahoe	Mr. Virgil Robinson
Ms. Pamela Egan	Mr. Mark Romero
Mr. Thomas Kitchen	Mr. Robert Shreve
Mr. Johnny McFerren	Mr. Winfred Sibille
Mr. Shawn Murphy	Mr. Antonio Torres
Mr. Alejandro “Al” Perkins	

ABSENT

Dr. John Condos
Mr. Edward Crawford III
Mr. Jimmie “Beau” Martin, Jr.

Also present for the meeting were the following: System President Jim Henderson, System staff, Winston DeCuir, Jr., Linda Clark, interested citizens, and representatives of the news media.

C. **Grambling State University’s request for approval to enter into a Ground Lease/Lease Back Agreement with the Grambling University Foundation for the purpose of resurfacing, installation, drainage adjustments and technology improvements for the Eddie Robinson Memorial Stadium football field.**

President Rick Gallot and Bruce Janet, System Director of Internal and External Audit, presented a brief background on the request from Grambling State University.

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Carter, the following resolution was unanimously approved by the Board:

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Grambling State University's request to enter into a Ground Lease/Lease Back Agreement with the Grambling University Foundation for the purpose of resurfacing, installation, drainage adjustments, and technology improvements for the Eddie Robinson Memorial Stadium football field.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Grambling State 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 Grambling State University and his or her designee is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute the Ground Lease/Lease Back Agreement.*

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

Chair Perkins requested that Mr. Antonio Torres, Student Board Member, join him and Dr. Henderson in front of the dais. On behalf of the System and Board members, Mr. Perkins presented him with gifts of appreciation as he commended Mr. Torres for his diligence over the past year, particularly with two presidential searches, a two-day Board Retreat, and exceptional ULS Day at the Capitol. Mr. Torres graciously thanked the Board and the staff and indicated that he had been honored to take part in such important work.

System President Henderson also highlighted a brief video presentation of the ULS Day at the Capitol activities on April 19, largely focusing on student participation.

D. **Report of Northwestern State University Presidential Search Committee**

Dr. Jim Henderson, Non-voting Chair of the Search Committee, reported that the Committee held its initial meeting in February in Baton Rouge. The next meeting was held on campus with the purpose of soliciting input from the campus community regarding qualities that were desirable in the next President.

He further stated that the Committee met on April 3 in Baton Rouge to review applications and at that time selected semifinalists to interview on campus. Dr. Neal Barlow, Dr. Chris Maggio, Dr. Timothy Quinnan, and Dr. William Wainwright were selected as semifinalists. (Dr. Quinnan subsequently withdrew his name from candidacy.)

Dr. Henderson said that on April 27 the Search Committee interviewed the three semifinalists on Northwestern's campus and recommended that the Board interview Dr. Chris Maggio and Dr. William Wainwright as finalists.

Dr. Henderson thanked members of the Search Committee, including Board Members Edward Crawford, Lola Dunahoe, Pamela Egan, Jimmie "Beau" Martin, Shawn Murphy, Al Perkins, Mark Romero, Winfred Sibille, and Antonio Torres, for their service. Also, Dr. Henderson commended additional individuals who participated on the Committee, including Scott Andrews, Monty Chicola, Marcia Hardy, Gail Jones, and John Pearce. Dr. Henderson especially thanked the Northwestern family for hosting the semifinalists, members of the Committee, and System staff.

E. **Overview of Interview Procedures**

Dr. Kahn, System Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, indicated that two individuals had made requests to speak: Mr. Joseph Stamey, NSU Alumnus, and Mr. Monty Chicola, Alumni President, spoke in support of Dr. Maggio for President.

Dr. Henderson shared the outline of the interview process for the day. He said that each finalist would be offered the opportunity to make an opening statement, followed by questions from Board members. After each interview, he stated that the Board would convene in Executive Session for a dialogue with the candidate. Dr. Henderson indicated that, after reconvening in Open Session, the Board would interview the next finalist. He said that, after the third interview and Executive Session, the Board would remain in Executive Session to discuss any final personnel issues.

F. **Candidate Interviews**

Dr. Chris Maggio

Dr. Chris Maggio was escorted to the table for his interview. Dr. Henderson indicated that Dr. Maggio received his undergraduate degree from Northwestern State University as well as his Master's in Education. He also reported that Dr. Maggio earned his Doctorate in Developmental Education from Grambling State University. President Henderson said that he is currently serving as Acting President and Vice President for the Student Experience at Northwestern.

Dr. Maggio introduced his wife Jennifer, along with his children, Melanie, Scott, and Emily. He also acknowledged his mother, mother-in-law, and sister-in-law in attendance.

He gave his opening statement, and Board members posed questions.

Upon motion of Mr. Romero, seconded by Mr. Murphy, at 10:40 a.m. the Board convened to Executive Session with Dr. Maggio. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Yeas: Mr. Carter, Ms. Dunahoe, Ms. Egan, Mr. Kitchen, Mr. McFerren, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Perkins, Ms. Pierre, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Romero, Mr. Shreve, Mr. Sibille, Mr. Torres

Nays: None

Absent: Dr. Condos, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Martin

Upon motion of Ms. Dunahoe, seconded by Mr. Kitchen, at 11:15 a.m., the Board reconvened in Open Session. While in Executive Session, no motions were made nor votes taken.

Dr. William Wainwright

Dr. William Wainwright was escorted into the Auditorium and introduced by Dr. Henderson. He said that Dr. Wainwright was currently the Chancellor of Northshore Technical College. He stated that he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from University of University of Southwestern Louisiana, Master of Education in Adult and Continuing Education from Northwestern State University, and Ph.D. in Higher Education from University of New Orleans.

Dr. Wainwright introduced his wife Misty and made his opening statement to the Board, after which he was interviewed by the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Romero, seconded by Ms. Egan, at 11:25 a.m. the Board convened to Executive Session with Dr. Wainwright. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Yeas: Mr. Carter, Ms. Dunahoe, Ms. Egan, Mr. Kitchen, Mr. McFerren, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Perkins, Ms. Pierre, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Romero, Mr. Shreve, Mr. Sibille, Mr. Torres

Nays: None

Absent: Dr. Condos, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Martin

Upon motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Romero, at 12:15 p.m., the Board reconvened in Open Session. While in Executive Session, no motions were made nor votes taken.

G. **Deliberations**

After Mr. Perkins asked for comments from the Board, upon motion of Ms. Dunahoe, seconded by Mr. McFerren, the following resolution was unanimously approved by the Board:

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Dr. Chris Maggio be appointed as President of Northwestern State University effective May 12, 2017, and that System President Jim Henderson and Board Chair Al Perkins negotiate the terms of appointment and execute an offer of employment on behalf of the Board.*

The following roll call vote was recorded:

Yeas:	Mr. Carter, Ms. Dunahoe, Ms. Egan, Mr. Kitchen, Mr. McFerren, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Perkins, Ms. Pierre, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Romero, Mr. Shreve, Mr. Sibille, Mr. Torres
Nays:	None
Absent:	Dr. Condos, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Martin

H. **Introduction of President of Northwestern State University**

Chair Perkins congratulated Dr. Maggio as the 19th President of Northwestern State University. Mr. Perkins commended Dr. Henderson, Search Committee members, Board members, and System staff for investing their time into the search.

Dr. Maggio voiced his thanks to the Board members for the confidence that they had shown by appointing him as President. He said that he would work tirelessly with faculty, staff, and administrators to advance Northwestern State University.

I. **Other Business**

Mr. Carter noted that he and Mr. Torres had recently visited the campus of University of New Orleans. He wanted to advise the Board that there are issues with the chiller system that need to be addressed as soon as possible. Mr. Torres also added that this needs to be addressed for the benefit of the students.

There was no other business to come before the Board.

J. **Adjournment**

Upon motion of Mr. Romero, seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board adjourned at 12:25 p.m.