



# UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

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# UL SYSTEM NEWS

## Recap of Official Business of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System

**Dr. Sally Clausen**  
President

### Board of Supervisors

- Mrs. Elsie P. Burkhalter, Chair
- Mr. Winfred F. Sibille, Vice Chair
- Mr. D. Wayne Parker, Parliamentarian
- Mr. Paul G. Aucoin
- Mr. Victor Bussie
- Mr. Andre G. Coudrain
- Dr. Mildred G. Gallot
- Mr. Robert T. Hale
- Mr. Jeffrey Jenkins
- Mrs. Renee A. Lapeyrolerie
- Mr. Jimmy D. Long, Sr.
- Mr. Russell L. Mosely
- Mrs. Olinda Ricard, Student
- Mrs. Consuelo Rougeou
- Dr. Eunice W. Smith
- Mr. Michael H. Woods

### Universities

- Grambling State University
- Louisiana Tech University
- McNeese State University
- Nicholls State University
- Northwestern State University
- Southeastern Louisiana University
- University of Louisiana at Lafayette
- University of Louisiana at Monroe

## New Board Officers Assume Leadership Roles

Today the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System welcomed the New Year along with three new officers. Elsie Burkhalter was sworn in as Chair for 2008, Winfred Sibille assumed the role of Vice Chair,

and Wayne Parker became Parliamentarian for the Board.

Burkhalter, who was elected to the Board's highest role last December, previously served as Vice Chair under Jimmy D. Long, Sr.

"It is an honor and a privilege to serve the UL System as your Chair. We all believe in education and that education is the key to growing the economy," said Burkhalter.

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## Jerry Luke LeBlanc to Lead UL Lafayette Transition



**Jerry Luke LeBlanc** LeBlanc to serve as the Presidential Transition Coordinator for the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Today's appointment was the result of a dual request from UL Lafayette President Ray Authement and incoming President E. Joseph Savoie.

"Jerry is a UL Lafayette alumnus. His experience as the state's chief administrative and management officer as well as his years as Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee have given him experience and insight that few others can claim. He will be a significant asset to the university in helping

to move this transition forward in a positive manner," said Savoie as he presented LeBlanc to the UL System Board.

*Governing Magazine* selected LeBlanc as a National Public Official of the Year in 2005.

According to Savoie, LeBlanc will have the day-to-day responsibility to carry out his transition plan. That plan includes the establishment of key action teams charged with analyzing the major findings from the UL Lafayette Institutional Review as well as prioritizing broader community and campus goals.

"This is a golden opportunity for me to continue my role of service by working for my university. Dr. Authement's outstanding tenure as president has poised UL Lafayette to accelerate economic and workforce development for the Aca-

diana region and the State of Louisiana. I see much potential and great work ahead," said LeBlanc.

LeBlanc's appointment is effective Monday, Jan. 14. He will operate the transition office on the UL Lafayette campus for six to seven months.

"I am eager to get started and especially look forward to interfacing with faculty, staff, students and alums in addition to the many community members who love the university," said LeBlanc.

Savoie will assume the presidency when President Ray Authement, the longest-standing public university president in the country at 34 years, retires from UL Lafayette this summer.

## ULS Chair Forms Special Committee on Access to Success

In one of her first duties as Chair of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, Elsie Burkhalter created a special committee on Access to Success and Accountability that will monitor and report on the efforts of enrolling and graduating more stu-

dents by the eight ULS universities.

"We must raise the level of importance of this initiative through monitoring and highlighting progress. This is our direction; our mandate," said Burkhalter.

Appointed to serve on the Committee are Wayne Parker, Chair, Dr. Mildred Gallot, Vice Chair, Jeff Jenkins, Renee Lapeyrolerie, Russell Mosely, and Winfred Sibille.

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E. Joseph Savoie (right) recommends Jerry Luke LeBlanc to the Board for the position of UL Lafayette Presidential Transition Coordinator

## Board Action

Chair Burkhalter appointed the following Board members to serve on the various committees:

### Academic and Student Affairs

Dr. Mildred Gallot, Chair  
 Ms. Renee Lapeyrolerie, Vice Chair  
 Mr. Jimmy Long  
 Mr. Russell Mosely  
 Ms. Olinda Ricard  
 Ms. Connie Rougeou  
 Dr. Eunice Smith

### Athletics

Mr. Paul Aucoin, Chair  
 Mr. Winifred Sibille, Vice Chair  
 Mr. Victor Bussie  
 Mr. Robert Hale  
 Mr. Jeff Jenkins  
 Mr. D. Wayne Parker  
 Ms. Olinda Ricard

### Audit

Mr. Jeff Jenkins, Chair  
 Mr. Robert Hale, Vice Chair  
 Mr. Andre Coudrain

Dr. Mildred Gallot  
 Ms. Renne Lapeyrolerie  
 Ms. Connie Rougeou

### Executive

Mrs. Elsie Burkhalter, Chair  
 Mr. Winfred Sibille, Vice Chair  
 Mr. D. Wayne Parker, Parliamentarian  
 Mr. Victor Bussie  
 Mr. Andre Coudrain  
 Dr. Mildred Gallot

### Facilities Planning

Mr. Russell Mosely, Chair  
 Mr. Jeff Jenkins, Vice Chair  
 Mr. Paul Aucoin,  
 Mr. Robert Hale  
 Mr. Jimmy Long  
 Mr. Winfred Sibille  
 Dr. Eunice Smith

### Finance

Mr. D. Wayne Parker, Chair  
 Mr. Andre Coudrain, Vice Chair  
 Mr. Paul Aucoin  
 Ms. Renee Layeyrolerie

Mr. Russell Mosely  
 Mr. Winfred Sibille

### Grievance

Mr. Victor Bussie, Chair  
 Mr. Jimmy Long, Vice Chair  
 Dr. Mildred Gallot  
 Mr. Robert Hale  
 Ms. Olinda Ricard  
 Ms. Connie Rougeou  
 Dr. Eunice Smith

### Legislation

Mr. Andre Coudrain, Chair  
 Mr. Jimmy Long, Vice Chair  
 Mr. Paul Aucoin  
 Ms. Renee Lapeyrolerie  
 Ms. Olinda Ricard  
 Mr. Winfred Sibille

### Personnel

Mr. Robert Hale, Chair  
 Ms. Connie Rougeou, Vice Chair  
 Mr. Paul Aucoin  
 Mr. Victor Bussie  
 Dr. Mildred Gallot  
 Mr. Jimmy Long  
 Dr. Eunice Smith



Wayne Parker is sworn in as Board Parliamentarian



Elsie Burkhalter (left) is sworn in as Chair, along with her husband, Jessie Phillips center) and Penny Ferguson (right)



Winfred Sibille (left), standing with his wife, Velma Sibille, is sworn in as the Vice Chair

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"We want to produce more graduates in less time with less debt and be more publicly accountable. This is a very important state and national issue, and I commend our Board and Board Chair for taking such an active role," said UL System President Sally Clausen.

Outgoing Chair, Jimmy Long, Sr. (left), presents new Board Chair, Elsie Burkhalter (right), with the gavel.



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Sibille assumes his role as Vice Chair after serving on the Board since 1995. In 1989 the Louisiana Association of School Executives named him the State Educator of the Year.

Parker, who was sworn in as Parliamentarian, will also serve as Chair for the 2008 Finance Standing Committee and the newly formed Special Committee on Access to Success and Accountability. He has served on the Board of Supervisors since 2003.