

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE  
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM  
December 1, 2017**

A. **Call to Order**

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met in the Magale Recital Hall on Friday, December 1, 2017 at 1:49 p.m. on the campus of Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

B. **Roll Call**

**PRESENT**

Mr. James Carter	Ms. Elizabeth Pierre
Mr. Edward Crawford III	Mr. Benjamin Rice
Ms. Lola Dunahoe	Mr. Virgil Robinson
Dr. Pamela Egan	Mr. Mark Romero
Mr. Thomas Kitchen	Mr. Robert Shreve
Mr. Shawn Murphy	Mr. Winfred Sibille
Mr. Alejandro Perkins	

**ABSENT**

Dr. John Condos	Mr. Johnny McFerren
Mr. Jimmie "Beau" Martin, Jr.	

Also present for the meeting were the following: System President Jim Henderson, 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**

Mr. Romero provided the invocation.

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Chair Perkins thanked the campus administration for hosting the December Board meeting and Ms. Dunahoe for inviting the Board to Natchitoches. President Henderson introduced Governor John Bel Edwards, who was greeted with a standing ovation.

Governor Edwards presented a few remarks, stating his support for higher education and the University of Louisiana System. He indicated his commitment to reinvestment in education with the purpose of moving the state forward.

State Senator Gerald Long welcomed the Board to Natchitoches and encouraged them to participate in the weekend events included among the "Top 100 Events in North America." Senator Long wished them a joyful Christmas season.

D. **Welcome by Northwestern State University President Chris Maggio**

President Maggio took a few minutes to highlight students and first introduced Mr. Otha Nelson and Ms. Abby Hinds as Mr. and Miss NSU. Next he introduced four recipients of the AT&T Scholarship: Ms. Taylor Powell, Ms. Miranda Coffey, Ms. RaLonda Armster, and Ms. Cherish Netter. A fifth recipient, Mr. Char'Tarian Wilson, was not present at the meeting.

E. **Approval of Minutes of October 26, 2017 Regular and November 14, 2017 Special Board Meetings**

Upon motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Ms. Pierre, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System unanimously approved the minutes of the October 26 Regular and November 14, 2017 Special Board meetings.

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*Upon motion of Mr. Romero, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board unanimously voted to suspend the rules and dispense with Committee deliberations and allow the Board to consider all items on the agenda.*

F. **Academic and Student Affairs**

Dr. Jeannine Kahn, System Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, presented the items to the Board for consideration.

Upon motion of Dr. Egan, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following items:

- F.1. **Northwestern State University's request for approval of a Letter of Intent to develop a New Academic Program leading to a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance.**

***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 Letter of Intent to develop a New Academic Program leading to a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance.***

Four dancers from the Northwestern State University Dance Company gave a brief performance. The students who participated were: Mr. Charles Anderson, Jr., Ms. Skilynn Fontenot, Mr. DeAngelo Renard-Bouttee, and Ms. Elaina Guerrero.

- F.2. **University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a Letter of Intent to develop a New Academic Program leading to a Doctor of Occupational Therapy.**

***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 Letter of Intent to develop a New Academic Program leading to a Doctor of Occupational Therapy.***

- F.3. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Southern News Group to facilitate development of an expanded group of qualified registered nurses to work in American hospitals.

*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 Memorandum of Understanding with Southern News Group to facilitate development of an expanded group of qualified registered nurses to work in American hospitals.*

- F.4. University of New Orleans' request for approval of a Letter of Intent to develop a New Academic Program leading to a Master of Engineering in Systems Engineering.

*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 Letter of Intent to develop a New Academic Program leading to a Master of Engineering in Systems Engineering.*

G. Athletic

Mr. Bruce Janet, System Director of Internal and External Audits, presented the items listed on the agenda.

Upon motion of Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Rice, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following items:

- G.1. McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. James E. Landreneau, Head Softball Coach, effective September 1, 2017.

*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. James E. Landreneau, Head Softball Coach, effective September 1, 2017.*

- G.2. McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Justin W. Hill, Head Baseball Coach, effective December 1, 2017.

*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 W. Hill, Head Baseball Coach, effective December 1, 2017.*

- G.3. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. William Jake Narro, Head Golf Coach, effective September 1, 2017.

***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. William Jake Narro, Head Golf Coach, effective September 1, 2017.*

H. **Facilities Planning**

Mr. Bruce Janet, Director of Internal and External Audits, presented the Committee items.

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

- H.1. McNeese State University's request for approval to rename the Department of Performing Arts to the W.A. and Dorothy Hanna Department of Performing Arts in honor of the Hanna family.

***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 Department of Performing Arts to the W.A. and Dorothy Hanna Department of Performing Arts in honor of the Hanna family.*

- H.2. Nicholls State University's request for approval to name rooms in the computer lab located in Betsy Cheramie Ayo Hall in honor of the Callais family.

***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 name rooms in the computer lab located in Betsy Cheramie Ayo Hall in honor of the Callais family.*

- H.3. Northwestern State University's request for approval to enter into a Grounds and Facilities Lease Agreement with the Northwestern State University Foundation, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation, to lease existing space in the Friedman Student Union building and NSU Nursing Campus building for operation of a campus bookstore through a sublease with an outside vendor pursuant to the authority vested in La. R.S. 17:3361.

***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 enter into a Grounds and Facilities Lease Agreement with the Northwestern State University Foundation, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation, to lease existing space in the Friedman Student Union building and NSU Nursing Campus building for operation of a campus bookstore through a sublease with an outside vendor pursuant to the authority vested in La. R.S. 17:3361.*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Northwestern 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 prior to execution of documents.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President of Northwestern State University and his or her designee is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said lease by the University of Louisiana System on behalf of and for the use of Northwestern State University.

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

- H.4. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to sell the KEDM Public Radio Tower located approximately 15 miles off the main campus.

**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 for approval to sell the KEDM Public Radio Tower located approximately 15 miles off the main campus.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President of University of Louisiana at Monroe and his or her designee is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said sale.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the University of Louisiana at Monroe 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.

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

- H.5. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to enter into a Grounds and Facilities Lease Agreement with ULM Facilities, Inc., a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation, to renovate an area of Malone Stadium into a new athletic treatment facility pursuant to the authority vested in La. R.S. 17:3361.

**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 to enter into a Grounds Lease Agreement with ULM Facilities, Inc., a 501(c)3 not for-profit corporation, to renovate an area of Malone Stadium into a new athletic treatment facility pursuant to the authority vested in La. R.S. 17:3361.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that University of Louisiana at Monroe 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 prior to execution of documents.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President of University of Louisiana at Monroe and his or her designee is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said lease by the University of Louisiana System on behalf of and for the use of University of Louisiana at Monroe.*

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

**I. Finance**

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

- I.1. Nicholls State University's request for approval to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Friends of Bayou Lafourche to fund improvements for the University's bayou side property along Bayou Lafourche.

***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 enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Friends of Bayou Lafourche to fund improvements for the University's bayou side property along Bayou Lafourche.*

- I.2. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of the Board of Regents Support Fund Eminent Chairs and Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships:

**University of Louisiana at Lafayette**

- a. James D. Moncus Board of Regents Support Fund Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships in Biology I
- b. James D. Moncus Board of Regents Support Fund Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships in Biology II
- c. F. Stan Hardee, Jr. Board of Regents Support Fund Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships in Business Administration
- d. Claire M. Moss Board of Regents Support Fund Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships in Music
- e. Fern N. Moss Board of Regents Support Fund Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships in Health Sciences
- f. J.C. Moss Board of Regents Support Fund Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships in Business Administration
- g. John W. and Bonnie Sarver and Julie S. Boucher Board of Regents Support Fund Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships in Business Administration
- h. R.C. & Sybil Sealy Family Board of Regents Support Fund Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships in Engineering

**University of Louisiana at Monroe**

- a. B.W. Biedenharn Chair in Business
- b. ULM Endowed Chair in Agriculture
- c. Susan D. and William S. Banowsky Chair in Accounting
- d. Kitty DeGree SGS Endowed Scholarship (MPA)

- e. R.D. Castles SGS Endowed Super Fellowship (MFT)
- f. Elsie Webb SGS Endowed Super Scholarship in Education (MEd/EdD)
- g. Ken & Mary Renwick SGS Endowment (MFT)
- h. TLC – Scaccia SGS Endowment in Pharmacy

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the requests from System institutions to establish the LEQSF (8g) Endowed Chairs and Superior Graduate Scholarships noted above.*

- I.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.*

- I.4. University of Louisiana System’s discussion of Fiscal Year 2017-2018 first quarter financial reports and ongoing assurances.

No Board action is necessary as this is a report only.

- I.5. University of Louisiana System’s financial status of alternatively financed projects for the year ended June 30, 2017.

No Board action is necessary as this is a report only.

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Mr. Bruce Janet described the summary of audit reports. He also gave an update on the search for an internal auditor at Nicholls State University and reported that Nicholls agreed to fast track the process.

**J. Personnel**

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

- J.1. Northwestern State University’s request for approval to appoint Dr. Greg Handel as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences effective January 1, 2018.

***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 appoint Dr. Greg Handel as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences effective January 1, 2018.*

- J.2. Northwestern State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Kimberly McAlister as Dean of the Gallaspy College of Education and Human Development effective January 1, 2018.

***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 appoint Dr. Kimberly McAlister as Dean of the Gallaspy College of Education and Human Development effective January 1, 2018.*

Dr. Chris Maggio, President of Northwestern State University, introduced Dr. Greg Handel, who said he is honored to lead the College of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Maggio also recognized Dr. Kimberly McAlister, who said she is excited to serve the University as Dean.

Dr. Eric Pani, Provost-University of Louisiana at Monroe, took the opportunity to introduce Dr. Sushma Krishnamurthy, who had been approved as Dean of the Graduate School at the October meeting. Dr. Krishnamurthy said that she looked forward to the challenge of growing the program.

#### K. **SYSTEM PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS**

- K.1. Personnel Actions

President Henderson indicated that Board members had recently received personnel actions via email. He reported that included were pay plans from Grambling State University, Louisiana Tech University, and Nicholls State University. Dr. Henderson said that System staff had reviewed all personnel actions and staff recommends approval.

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

- K.2. System President's Report

##### ***Nicholls State University President***

President Henderson introduced Dr. Jay Clune, who had been appointed President of Nicholls State University at a Special meeting on November 13. Dr. Clune said that it was a great honor for him to be named President. He especially commended Alex Arceneaux and the Presidents of the ULS institutions for offering him assistance even before he has officially begun his tenure on campus.

##### ***Policy and Procedures Memoranda***

Dr. Henderson informed the Board members about two Policy and Procedures Memoranda included in their folders, *FB-IV.(1-a)*, *Internal Audit Charter*, and *M-21, For Our Future Award Board Scholarships*. The first one was a revision to reflect compliance with revised International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing. The second was a new PPM, which outlines the purpose of the scholarship, describes the requirements, and serves as a guide to award the scholarships.



***AT&T Scholarship***

Dr. Henderson updated the Board on AT&T's \$15,000 contribution to the System Foundation for scholarships. He said that a total of 30 first-generation students had each been awarded \$500, to be applied to their accounts at the respective institutions. Dr. Henderson again thanked AT&T Director of External Affairs David Aubrey for facilitating the contribution.

***Website***

Dr. Henderson announced that the updated ULS website was being launched, and Ms. Cami Geisman briefly described its features.

***For Our Future Conference***

President Henderson reminded Board members that the inaugural System-wide conference is scheduled for February 1 and 2 on Southeastern's campus in Hammond. He indicated that the focus of the conference will be the goals listed in the Strategic Framework: Academic Success, Student Success and Educational Attainment; Economic Development, Research, and Innovation; and Financial Stewardship and Accountability. He said that registration was just opening, and the cap of participants is 350.

K.3. Other Business

Dr. Henderson reported that the System Office will be closed on December 25 and 26 and January 1 and 2 as state holidays, with limited staff available from December 27 through January 2. He said that the office will resume normal operations on January 3, 2018.

L. Board Chair's Business

L.1. Board Chair's Report

Mr. Perkins encouraged Board members to attend commencement exercises on the campuses whenever possible.

L.2. Report of Nominating Committee and Election of 2018 Board Officers

Mr. Perkins asked Mr. Sibille to give the report from the Nominating Committee. Mr. Sibille, Chair, gave his report and stated that the Committee had met and recommends the following members as officers for the coming year:

Mr. Alejandro "Al" Perkins – Chair  
Mr. Mark Romero – Vice Chair

He also stated that the Committee recommends Mr. James Carter for the position of Parliamentarian.

*Mr. Sibille made the motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy, to elect Mr. Perkins as Chair and Mr. Romero as Vice Chair for 2018.*

*Mr. Sibille made the motion, seconded by Mr. Carter, to close the nominations.*

Upon motion of Mr. Sibille, seconded by Mr. Robinson, the Board unanimously voted to accept the slate of officers recommended by the Nominating Committee. The Board unanimously voted to approve the recommendation.

Mr. Perkins thanked the Board for approving his election to a second term. He congratulated the Board for its commitment over the past year by participating in a Board Retreat, commencement exercises, presidential searches, etc.

Mr. Romero also thanked the Board for the privilege of serving as Vice Chair for a second year. He said that he valued the vision and leadership exhibited by Dr. Henderson, his fellow Board members, and university administrators.

M. **Other Business**

Mr. Perkins recognized his wife and two daughters in the audience.

Mr. Perkins reminded Board members that the first Board meeting of 2018 is scheduled for Tuesday, January 9, in Baton Rouge. The purpose of the meeting is to install officers for the year.

He also indicated that the folders included the yearly calendar as well as the athletic and audit summary reports.

N. **Adjournment**

Upon motion of Ms. Pierre, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Board voted to adjourn at 3:17 p.m.