

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM
April 9, 2019**

A. Call to Order/Roll Call

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 3:03 p.m. in Room 100, Louisiana Purchase Room, of the Claiborne Conference Center, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

PRESENT

Mr. James Carter	Mr. Shawn Murphy
Dr. Jimmy Clarke	Mr. Alejandro "Al" Perkins
Dr. John Condos	Ms. Elizabeth Pierre
Mr. Richard Davis Jr.	Mr. Virgil Robinson
Ms. Lola Dunahoe	Mr. Mark Romero
Mr. Thomas Kitchen	Ms. Kristine Russell
Ms. Mildred "Mimi" Methvin	Mr. Joe Salter

ABSENT

Mr. Edward Crawford III	Dr. Pamela Egan
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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.

B. Invocation

Mr. Joe Salter provided the invocation.

C. Approval of Minutes of February 22, 2019 Board Meeting

Upon motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Kitchen, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System unanimously approved the minutes of the February 22, 2019 Board Meeting.

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

Upon motion of Dr. Condos, seconded by Ms. Russell, the Board unanimously voted to consider one item out of order, Item L.2. Evaluation of System President.

D. **Consideration – Claim against Opioid Manufacturers**

Chair Romero asked for a motion to convene in Executive Session pursuant to LA R.S. 41:17. There were two topics to be discussed in Executive Session: (1) discussion of potential litigation regarding opioid manufacturers and (2) Evaluation of System President.

Upon motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Salter, the Board voted to convene in Executive Session at 3:05 p.m. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Yeas: Mr. James Carter, Dr. Jimmy Clarke, Dr. John Condos, Mr. Richard Davis Jr., Ms. Lola Dunahoe, Mr. Thomas Kitchen, Ms. Mildred “Mimi” Methvin, Mr. Shawn Murphy, Mr. Alejandro “Al” Perkins, Ms. Elizabeth Pierre, Mr. Virgil Robinson, Jr., Mr. Mark Romero, Ms. Kristine Russell, Mr. Joe Salter

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Edward Crawford III, Dr. Pamela Egan

At 5:35 p.m., upon motion of Ms. Dunahoe, seconded by Ms. Pierre, the Board voted to reconvene in Open Session. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Yeas: Mr. James Carter, Dr. Jimmy Clarke, Mr. Richard Davis Jr., Ms. Lola Dunahoe, Mr. Thomas Kitchen, Ms. Mildred “Mimi” Methvin, Mr. Shawn Murphy, Ms. Elizabeth Pierre, Mr. Virgil Robinson, Jr., Mr. Mark Romero, Mr. Joe Salter

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Dr. John Condos, Mr. Edward Crawford III, Dr. Pamela Egan, Mr. Alejandro “Al” Perkins, Ms. Kristine Russell

Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Ms. Dunahoe, the Board unanimously voted to authorize Chair Romero to execute a five-year contract extension for System President James Henderson, with a \$7,500 increase in his vehicle allowance. It was further moved and approved that Dr. Henderson be granted an appointment with tenure as Professor in the College of Education at Northwestern State University.

Additionally, upon motion of Ms. Dunahoe, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board unanimously voted to authorize Chair Romero to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee on Opioid Litigation Review that would be given the authority to take appropriate action necessary to pursue opioid claims.

E. **Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

Committee Chair Lola Dunahoe asked Dr. Jeannine Kahn, System Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, to present Items E.1.-E.7. for the Board's consideration.

After the summary by Dr. Kahn, upon motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Kitchen, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following items:

- E.1. Grambling State University's request for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

***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 Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Alabama at Birmingham.*

- E.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for conditional approval of the Center for Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine (CTERM), a cross-institutional endeavor with LSU Health Sciences Center – Shreveport.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Louisiana Tech University's request for conditional approval of the Center for Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine (CTERM), a cross-institutional endeavor with LSU Health Sciences Center – Shreveport.*

- E.3. Nicholls State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctorate of Science to Craig Michael Walker, M.D. at the 2019 Spring Commencement Exercises.

***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 award an Honorary Doctorate of Science to Craig Michael Walker, M.D. at the 2019 Spring Commencement Exercises.*

- E.4. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctorate of Humanities to former Senator Ben Nevers at the 2019 Spring Commencement Exercises.

***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 to award an Honorary Doctorate of Humanities to former Senator Ben Nevers at the 2019 Spring Commencement Exercises.*

- E.5. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding and a student exchange program with Jordan University of Science and Technology, Irbid, Jordan.

***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 to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding and a student exchange program with Jordan University of Science and Technology, Irbid, Jordan.*

- E.6. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of Vision 2025.

***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 Vision 2025.*

- E.7. University of New Orleans' request for approval to offer six new Undergraduate Certificates.

***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 to offer six new Undergraduate Certificates.*

F. **Athletic Committee**

Committee Chair Murphy asked Mr. Bruce Janet, System Director of Internal and External Audits, to present the items included on the agenda.

Upon motion of Ms. Dunahoe, seconded by Ms. Pierre, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following two items:

- F.1. McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Ms. Kacie Cryer, Head Women's Basketball Coach, effective April 15, 2019.

***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. Kacie Cryer, Head Women's Basketball Coach, effective April 15, 2019.*

- F.2. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a contract with Mr. LaMar Morgan, Assistant Football Coach, effective February 22, 2019.

***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 contract with Mr. LaMar Morgan, Assistant Football Coach, effective February 22, 2019.*

Mr. Janet also noted that included in the Board member folders was an updated *Policy and Procedures Memorandum IA-V.(2a), Athletic Travel Policy*. He stated that the revision was consistent with NCAA Guidelines regarding travel for recruits and would be effective immediately.

G. **Facilities Planning Committee**

Mr. Robinson chaired the Committee and asked Mr. Bruce Janet to present the items.

Upon motion of Ms. Methvin, seconded by Dr. Clarke, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following items:

G.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to demolish Harper Hall.

***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 demolish Harper Hall located on the Louisiana Tech University Campus.*

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

G.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to demolish Harris Hall.

***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 demolish Harris Hall located on the Louisiana Tech University Campus.*

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

G.3. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Caddo Parish School Board to expand educational and research offerings of the University and School District, and allow the Caddo Parish School District to lease the Louisiana Tech University Shreveport Center 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 Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Caddo Parish School Board to expand educational and research offerings of the University and School District, and allow the Caddo Parish School District to lease the Louisiana Tech University Shreveport Center pursuant to the authority vested in La. R.S. 17:3361.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the President of the University and his or her designee be authorized to execute the CEA and forward to all external entities necessary for approval, and that contingent of approvals from UL System staff and legal counsel, CEA may be modified to obtain these approvals.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Louisiana Tech University shall develop a lease between the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System and the Caddo Parish School Board for use of the Louisiana Tech University Shreveport Center. The President of the University and his or her designee shall be authorized to execute the lease contingent of approvals from UL System staff and legal counsel.*

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

- G.4. McNeese State University's request for approval to demolish the Football Service Building at the Athletic Campus.

***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 demolish the Football Service Building at the Athletic Campus.*

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

- G.5. University of Louisiana System's request for approval to name the large conference room in Suite 7-300 of the Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge, the "Winfred F. Sibille Conference Room."

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the naming of the large conference room in Suite 7-300 of the Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge, the "Winfred F. Sibille Conference Room."*

H. **Finance Committee**

Mr. Kitchen, Chair, asked staff to present the items on the agenda. Dr. Edwin Litolff and Mr. Bruce Janet introduced the items.

Upon motion of Ms. Dunahoe, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following item:

- H.1. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to split the Tom & Mayme Scott Endowed Chair in Clinical Pharmacy Practice into two Endowed Chairs: (1) Tom & Mayme Scott Endowed Chair in Clinical Pharmacy Practice and (2) Tom & Mayme Scott Endowed Chair for Excellence in Pharmacy.

***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 split the Tom & Mayme Scott Endowed Chair in Clinical Pharmacy Practice into two Endowed Chairs: (1) Tom & Mayme Scott Endowed Chair in Clinical Pharmacy Practice and (2) Tom & Mayme Scott Endowed Chair for Excellence in Pharmacy.*

- H.2. University of New Orleans' request for approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with InnoGenomics Technologies.

***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 Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with InnoGenomics Technologies.*

- H.3. University of Louisiana System's recommendation to approve Campus Housing and Meal Plan Rates, Auxiliary Rates, Energy Surcharge, and Non-Governmental Charges for Academic Year 2019-20.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of Louisiana System's recommendation for Campus Housing and Meal Plan Rates, Auxiliary Rates, Energy Surcharge, and Non-Governmental Charges for Academic Year 2019-20.*

- H.4. University of Louisiana System's report on internal and external audit activity for the period of February 17 to April 4, 2019.

Mr. Bruce Janet described the summary of audit reports. No action was required by the Board.

I. **Personnel Committee**

Committee Chair Virgil Robinson asked Dr. Edwin Litolff, Vice President for Business and Finance, to present Items I.1.-I.3.

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

- I.1. Grambling State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Connie Walton as Interim Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs effective May 11, 2019.

***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 to appoint Dr. Connie Walton as Interim Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs effective May 11, 2019.*

- I.2. McNeese State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Angelique Ogea as Dean for the Burton College of Education effective April 1, 2019.

***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 appoint Dr. Angelique Ogea as Dean for the Burton College of Education effective April 1, 2019.*

- I.3. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Gabriel Willis as Dean of Students effective April 1, 2019.

***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 to appoint Dr. Gabriel Willis as Dean of Students effective April 1, 2019.*

Dr. Eric Summers, Vice President for Student Affairs at Southeastern Louisiana University, introduced Dr. Gabriel Willis, Dean of Students. Dr. Willis said that, since he began his tenure at Southeastern, his goal has been “to be valuable and to be available” and he has worked to accomplish that goal. He again thanked the Board for the appointment.

Dr. Mitch Adrian, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs for McNeese State University, introduced Dr. Angelique Ogea as the Dean of the Burton College of Education. She said that she looks forward to the challenge of her new position.

Dr. Litolff, in the absence of President Rick Gallot, introduced Dr. Connie Walton as Grambling’s Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and stated that she had been at the University for 24 years in a variety of leadership positions. Dr. Walton said she was excited to serve her alma mater in this transitional capacity.

J. Legislation Committee

Mr. Salter asked Ms. Ashley Mitchell Carter, Director of Governmental Affairs, to report to the Committee.

Ms. Carter distributed a detailed summary of pre-filed legislative instruments of interest to higher education. She also thanked the Board members for participating in the Legislative Roundtables that had been held across the state. She said that the events had been productive and well-attended.

She reminded the Board that ULS Day at the Capitol activities begin at 11:00 a.m. on April 10.

K. SYSTEM PRESIDENT’S BUSINESS

K.1. Personnel Actions

President Henderson indicated that Board members had received personnel actions for consideration. He also said that System staff had reviewed all personnel actions and recommends approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board unanimously voted to approve the System personnel actions.

K.2. Compete LA Presentation and Recommendations

Dr. Henderson recognized Ms. Katie Barras as the new Assistant Vice President for Academic Innovation. Ms. Barras indicated her excitement to join the team at the System office who had laid the groundwork for the Compete LA initiative. She summarized the need for the program as well as the potential outcome of its success.

Dr. Henderson asked for a motion to waive admission fees for Compete LA students. *Upon motion of Ms. Pierre, seconded by Ms. Dunahoe, the Board unanimously voted to waive admission fees for Compete LA students.*

K.3. System President's Report

Task Force on Inclusion in the Workplace

Dr. Henderson invited Dr. Jeannine Kahn to report on the work of the Task Force on Inclusion in the Workplace.

Dr. Kahn, Dr. Michele Caruso, and Mr. Winston DeCuir, Jr. gave the update. (Additional members of the Task Force on Inclusion in the Workplace, Ms. Veronica Biscoe and Mr. Gene Pregeant, were unable to be present.) The Board members were also given a copy of a Report and Recommendations.

The Task Force identified four focus areas to include: Cultural Competence; Recruiting, Hiring, and Retaining; Professional Development and Leadership Training; and Athletics. Recommendations for implementing change at the University and System levels were identified for each focus area with an eye toward inclusive excellence. In closing, Task Force members identified important factors in this ongoing work as well as discussed next steps.

Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Ms. Methvin, the Board unanimously voted to officially endorse the work of the Task Force on Inclusion in the Workplace.

After some questions about continuing to emphasize the goals, Dr. Kahn reassured the Board that the Task Force will work to ensure there is progress on all recommendations.

Dr. Lise Anne Slatten, Interim Associate Dean for Academic Programs at University of Louisiana at Lafayette, made a public comment in support of the work of the Task Force.

Management and Leadership Institute

Dr. Henderson reminded the Board that they were invited to participate in the Management and Leadership Institute (M&LI) presentation on Wednesday, April 10, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

L Board Chair's Business

L.1. Board Chair's Report

Student Board Member Recognition

Mr. Romero congratulated Mr. Richard Davis for his year of service as Student Board member and commended him for being a strong advocate for students of the System. Chair Romero and President Henderson presented Mr. Davis a token of appreciation.

Mr. Davis said he recognized that the Board had embraced him and that the student voice is heard and genuinely valued.

UL System Day at the Capitol

Mr. Romero said that he was excited about the UL System Day at the Capitol that would begin at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 10. The annual event will be held on the front lawn of the Capitol and will showcase the students and campuses.

Annual Financial Disclosure Statements/Sexual Harassment Prevention Training

Mr. Romero stated that Ms. Sandra Green had recently emailed them the link to information to complete their Annual Financial Disclosure Statements. He reiterated that the deadline for submission is May 15.

He also stated that sexual harassment prevention training is an annual requirement and encouraged them to complete this as soon as possible. Mr. Romero stated that Mr. Bruce Janet can answer questions about fulfilling this obligation.

Commencement Exercises

Mr. Romero encouraged Board members to attend commencement exercises as their schedules permit. He reminded them that UL System regalia is available for loan and can be reserved.

M. **Other Business**

Mr. Romero reminded the Board that the next scheduled meeting is June 27 in Baton Rouge.

N. **Adjournment**

Upon motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Davis, at 6:50 p.m., the Board voted to adjourn.