

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE  
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM  
October 24, 2019**

**A. Call to Order/Roll Call**

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met on Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 11:52 a.m. in Room 210, Geoghegan Grand Ballroom, Homer L. Hitt Alumni Center, University of New Orleans, 2000 Lakeshore Drive, New Orleans, Louisiana.

**PRESENT**

Dr. Jimmy Clarke	Mr. Shawn Murphy
Dr. John Condos	Mr. Alejandro “Al” Perkins
Ms. Lola Dunahoe	Ms. Elizabeth Pierre
Dr. Pamela Egan	Mr. Virgil Robinson
Mr. Thomas Kitchen	Mr. Mark Romero
Ms. Rachel Lautigar	Ms. Kristine Russell
Ms. Mildred “Mimi” Methvin	Mr. Joe Salter

**ABSENT**

Mr. James Carter	Mr. Edward Crawford III
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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. Welcome by Dr. John Nicklow**

Dr. John Nicklow, President of the University of New Orleans, welcomed the Board to the campus for the meeting as well as the previous day’s activities. He also presented a brief video highlighting the campus.

**C. Invocation**

Mr. Joe Salter provided an invocation.

**D. Approval of Minutes of August 27, 2019 Board Meeting**

Upon motion of Ms. Dunahoe, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System unanimously approved the minutes of the August 27, 2019 Board Meeting.

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

E. **Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

Committee Chair Lola Dunahoe invited Dr. Jeannine Kahn, System Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, to present the items on the Consent Agenda.

After Dr. Kahn described Items E.1.-E.13., upon motion of Ms. Methvin, seconded by Ms. Pierre, the following items were unanimously approved:

- E.1. Grambling State University's request for approval of a Letter of Intent to Develop a New Academic Program leading to a Bachelor of Science in Cloud Computing.

***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 Letter of Intent to Develop a New Academic Program leading to a Bachelor of Science in Cloud Computing.*

- E.2. McNeese State University's request for review and approval of the University's Revised Vision and Mission Statement.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves McNeese State University's request for review and approval of the University's revised Vision and Mission Statement.*

- E.3. McNeese State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to Senator Dan "Blade" Morrish at 2019 Fall Commencement Exercises.

***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 request to award an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to Senator Dan "Blade" Morrish at the 2019 Fall Commencement Exercises.*

- E.4. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to offer a Master of Science in Athletic Training.

***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 offer a Master of Science in Athletic Training.*

- E.5. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to offer an Undergraduate Certificate in teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL).

***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 offer an Undergraduate Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL).*

- E.6. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to offer a Master of Science in Athletic Training.

***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 to offer a Master of Science in Athletic Training.*

- E.7. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to posthumously award the title of Honorary Dean of Creole Music to Mr. Amédé Ardoin.

***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 to posthumously award the title of Honorary Dean of Creole Music to Mr. Amédé Ardoin.*

- E.8. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to offer a Bachelor of Arts in Music.

***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 offer a Bachelor of Arts in Music.*

- E.9. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for reauthorization of the ULM Small Business Risk Management Institute.

***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 reauthorization of the ULM Small Business Risk Management Institute.*

- E.10. University of New Orleans' request for approval to offer a Bachelor of Science in Urban Construction Management.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of New Orleans' request for approval to offer a Bachelor of Science in Urban Construction Management.*

- E.11. University of New Orleans' request for approval to offer a Master of Science in Cyber Security and Operations.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of New Orleans' request for approval to offer a Master of Science in Cyber Security and Operations.*

- E.12. University of New Orleans' request for approval to award a Doctorate Honoris Causa to Mr. Marques Colston at the Fall Commencement Exercises.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of New Orleans' request to award a Doctorate Honoris Causa to Mr. Marques Colston.*

- E.13. University of Louisiana System's proposed revision to Board Rule, Chapter II. Students, Section IX. Admission to Graduate Study, E. Graduating Seniors – Concurrent Baccalaureate and Master's Program Enrollment.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the proposed revision to Board Rule, Chapter II, Students, Section IX. Admission to Graduate Study, E. Graduating Seniors – Concurrent Baccalaureate and Master's Program Enrollment.*

- E.14. Presentation by Northwestern State University on the Partnership with the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts (NOCCA).

Dr. Greg Handel, Provost at Northwestern State University, and Mr. Scott Burrell, Coordinator of Theatre and Dance, reported to the Board about the partnership between the University and NOCCA. Mr. Richard Collins, NOCCA's director of colleges and advancement, and student Ian Kansas thanked the System for providing students the opportunity to benefit from the resources and expertise resulting through the partnership.

Other System campuses are also considering collaborative partnerships with the arts center.

This item is for information only and does not require Board approval.

F. **Athletic Committee**

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

Upon motion of Mr. Salter, seconded by Ms. Dunahoe, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following items (F.1.-F.4.):

- F.1. McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Justin Hill, Head Baseball Coach, effective July 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 of a contract with Mr. Justin Hill, Head Baseball Coach, effective July 1, 2019.*

- F.2. Northwestern State University's request for approval of a revised athletic supplemental compensation policy.

***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 revised athletic supplemental compensation policy.*

- F.3. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Jeremy White, Head Women's Volleyball Coach, effective January 1, 2020.

***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. Jeremy White, Head Women's Volleyball Coach, effective January 1, 2020.*

- F.4. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Matt Deggs, Head Baseball Coach, effective August 1, 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. Matt Deggs, Head Baseball Coach, effective August 1, 2019.*

G. **Facilities Planning Committee**

Mr. Al Perkins, Chair, asked Mr. Janet to describe the items listed on the agenda of the Facilities Planning Committee.

Upon motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Salter, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following items (G.1.-G.9.):

- G.1. McNeese State University's request for approval to demolish the Observatory Building at the Burton Coliseum.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves McNeese State University's request to demolish the Observatory Building at the Burton Coliseum.*

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

- G.2. McNeese State University's request for approval to enter into a Lease/Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the McNeese State University Foundation involving the lease of the Fuller Farm Property.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves McNeese State University's request to enter into a Lease/Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the McNeese State University to lease the Fuller Farm Property.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that McNeese State University shall obtain final review from University of Louisiana System staff and legal counsel to the Board 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 McNeese State University, and his or her designee, are hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute said lease/cooperative endeavor agreement.

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

- G.3. McNeese State University's request for approval to name the football equipment room located in the Jack V. Doland Field House the "Fred Thomas Equipment Room."

***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 name the football equipment room located in the Jack V. Doland Field House the "Fred Thomas Equipment Room."

- G.4. McNeese State University's request for approval to rename the End Zone Room located in the Jack V. Doland Field House the "Buttross-Doyle End Zone Room."

***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 End Zone Room located in the Jack V. Doland Field House the "Buttross-Doyle end Zone Room."

- G.5. Nicholls State University's request for approval to demolish the Soccer Field Press Box Building.

***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 demolish the Soccer Field Press Box Building.

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

- G.6. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to enter into a Ground Lease with the Southeastern Louisiana University Foundation to construct a Welcome Center on the campus.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University's request to enter into a Ground Lease with the Southeastern Louisiana University Foundation to construct a Welcome Center on the campus.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, that Southeastern Louisiana 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 Southeastern Louisiana University and his or her designee are hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said ground lease and donations.

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

- G.7. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to purchase property and a building from the ULM Foundation.

**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 to negotiate and purchase the property and building from the ULM Foundation.

**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, are hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said purchase.

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

- G.8. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to name the new atrium for the School of Construction Management the "Don Beach Atrium."

**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 name the new atrium for the School of Construction Management, the Don Beach Atrium."

- G.9. University of New Orleans' request for approval to consent to assignment of the Ground Lease with Orleans Parish School Board to Friends of Ben Franklin and to amend the lien provision.

**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 consent to assignment of the Ground Lease with Orleans Parish School Board to Friends of Ben Franklin and to amend the lien provision.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the University of New Orleans 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 the University of New Orleans and his or her designee is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute the Lease Amendment.

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

- G.10. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to execute a Ground Lease to Tech Pointe II, LLC, for the purpose of constructing and managing a 60,000-square-foot facility to be known as Tech Pointe II.

As this was listed under the discussion section of the agenda, Dr. Les Guice, President of Louisiana Tech University, came to the table to describe this phase of the project.

Upon motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Salter, 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 Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to execute a Ground Lease with Tech Pointe II, LLC for the purpose of constructing and managing the Tech Pointe II facility.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, that Louisiana Tech University shall obtain final review from University of Louisiana System staff and legal counsel to the Board and any other appropriate approvals as needed prior to execution of documents.

#### H. Finance Committee

Committee Chair Kitchen asked staff to present the campus requests. Dr. Edwin Litolff, Mr. Charles Wendt, and Mr. Bruce Janet introduced the items.

Upon motion of Ms. Lautigar, seconded by Ms. Russell, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following items (H.1.-H.8.):

- H.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to seek matching funds from the Louisiana Board of Regents for Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships:
- a) George Leroy Erskine, Jr. Endowed Graduate Scholarship
  - b) Justin and Jeanette Hinkley Endowed Superior Graduate Scholarship in the College of Education
  - c) Justin and Jeanette Hinkley Endowed Superior Graduate Scholarship in Biological Sciences
  - d) Dana Miller Packman Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarship
  - e) Rick and Lisa Shirley Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarship #1
  - f) Rick and Lisa Shirley Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarship #2
  - g) Rick and Lisa Shirley Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarship #3



***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 seek matching funds from the Louisiana Board of Regents for Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships.

- H.2. Nicholls State University's request for approval of a revised Internal Audit Charter.

***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 of a revised Internal Audit Charter.

- H.3. Northwestern State University's request for approval to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City of Natchitoches.

***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 execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City of Natchitoches.

- H.4. Northwestern State University's request for approval of a proposed new flat rate pricing for PREP.

***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 proposed new flat rate pricing for PREP.

- H.5. University of New Orleans' request for approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Obatala Sciences, Inc.

***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 Obatala Sciences, Inc.

- H.6. University of New Orleans' request for approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Entergy New Orleans, LLC to lease rooftop space for a solar power array.

***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 Entergy New Orleans, LLC to lease rooftop space for a solar power array.

- H.7. University of New Orleans' request for approval to amend the Lease with Follett Higher Education Group, Inc.

***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 amend the Lease with Follett Higher Education Group, Inc.

- H.8. University of Louisiana System's report on internal and external audit activity for the period of August 19 to October 20, 2019.

This is a report only, and no action by the Board is necessary.

**The following item was withdrawn from the agenda:**

- H.9. University of Louisiana System's request to approve fees pursuant to Act 293 of the 2017 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

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- H.10. University of Louisiana System's discussion of Fiscal Year 2018-19 fourth quarter financial reports and ongoing assurances.

This is a report only, and no action by the Board is necessary.

**I. Personnel Committee**

Mr. Robinson asked Dr. Edwin Litolff, Vice President for Business and Finance, to present Items I.1. and I.2.

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

- I.1. McNeese State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Wade Rouse as Dean of the College of Business effective September 17, 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. Wade Rouse as Dean of the College of Business effective September 17, 2019.*

Dr. Mitch Adrian, McNeese's Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, introduced Dr. Rouse to the Board members. Dr. Rouse said that he was thankful to return to higher education.

- I.2. Nicholls State University's request for approval to appoint Ms. Jean Donegan as Interim Dean of the College of Liberal Arts effective July 1, 2019.

***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 appoint Ms. Jean Donegan as Interim Dean of the College of Liberal Arts effective July 1, 2019.*

Dr. Jay Clune, President of Nicholls State University, took the opportunity to introduce Ms. Donegan to the Board. Ms. Donegan said that she was honored to accept the interim position.

J. **System President's Business**

J.1. **Personnel Actions**

President Henderson indicated that Board members had received personnel actions for their review and that the System staff had reviewed all personnel actions and recommends approval.

*Upon motion of Mr. Salter, seconded by Ms. Pierre, the Board unanimously voted to approve the System personnel actions.*

J.2. **System President's Report**

***Compete LA***

President Henderson reported that the initiative is progressing rapidly and indicated that an update was included in their handouts. He said that currently the System office is utilizing five part-time coaches to aid students who are choosing to complete their degrees.

***Campus Visits***

Dr. Henderson indicated that he and System staff had traveled more than 1,800 miles around the state to meet with University faculty and staff. The purpose of the meetings was to promote faculty as higher education's most important asset.

***Pursuing Inclusive Excellence Workshop***

Dr. Henderson reported on the October 23 workshop titled *Pursuing Inclusive Excellence* hosted by the System office. He said that university staff and faculty, along with Presidents and Board members, participated in a half-day session to discuss equity, diversity, and inclusion. He thanked Dr. Jeannine Kahn for her leadership role on the Task Force on Inclusion in the Workplace as well as Ms. Deb Elam, who facilitated the discussions. Additionally, Dr. Henderson commended Dr. Maurice Stinnett, nationally recognized leader in diversity matters, for his inspiring and thought-provoking speech during the workshop.

***For Our Future Conference***

President Henderson announced that the 2020 For Our Future Conference will be held on the campus of University of Louisiana at Monroe on January 30 and 31. He stated that the focus will continue to be on diversity and inclusion.

J.3. **Nicholls State University's request to bestow the title of President Emeritus of the University upon Dr. Stephen Hulbert.**

Dr. Henderson asked Dr. Jay Clune, President of Nicholls State University, to introduce this request. Dr. Clune stated that Dr. Hulbert had exhibited exceptional leadership through a decade when Nicholls faced decreased funding, devastating hurricanes, and the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. He requested that the title of President Emeritus be bestowed upon Dr. Hulbert.

*Upon motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Dr. Clarke, the Board unanimously voted to bestow the title of President Emeritus of Nicholls State University upon Dr. Stephen Hulbert.*

Additionally, Dr. Clune introduced Mr. Steven Kenney, who had recently been promoted to Assistant Vice President of Human Resources and Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer. Mr. Kenney said that, as a product of Louisiana education, he was thankful to have the opportunity to give back to the state by serving in this new role.

**K. Board Chair's Business**

**K.1. Board Chair's Report**

***Training Requirements***

Mr. Romero reminded Board members that training on ethics and preventing sexual harassment must be completed by December 31.

***Nominating Committee***

Mr. Romero indicated that he was appointing Mr. Perkins, Ms. Lautigar, Mr. Salter, Mr. Murphy, and Ms. Pierre to the Nominating Committee, with Mr. Perkins serving as Chair. The purpose of the Committee is to nominate officers for the coming year.

**K.2. Northwestern State University's request for approval to authorize the University President to take necessary actions to remedy a dispute with Caddo Signs, LLC.**

*(See below)*

**L. Evaluation of Campus President (Louisiana Tech University)**

At 1:08 p.m., upon motion of Dr. Egan, seconded by Ms. Lautigar, the Board unanimously voted to convene in Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and personnel matters (Items K.2. and L). The following roll call vote was recorded:

Yeas: Jimmy Clarke, John Condos, Lola Dunahoe, Pamela Egan, Thomas Kitchen, Rachel Lautigar, Mimi Methvin, Shawn Murphy, Al Perkins, Elizabeth Pierre, Virgil Robinson, Mark Romero, Kristine Russell, Joe Salter

Nays: None

Absent: James Carter, Edward Crawford III

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At 2:20 p.m., upon motion of Mr. Perkins, seconded by Ms. Dunahoe, the Board unanimously voted to reconvene in Open Session.

Mr. Romero said that, while in Executive Session, the Board did not make any motions or take any votes. He asked for a resolution regarding Item K.2.

*Upon motion of Dr. Clarke, seconded by Mr. Perkins, the Board unanimously voted to authorize the President of Northwestern State University on behalf of the Board to proceed with all necessary actions to legally resolve the dispute with Caddo signs, including but not limited to filing suit.*

M. **Other Business**

***Commencements***

Mr. Romero encouraged Board members to attend commencement exercises as their schedules allow.

***Next Meeting***

Chair Romero noted that the next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 5, in Baton Rouge.

N. **Adjournment**

Mr. Romero again thanked Dr. Nicklow for his hospitality and for hosting the Board on his campus for the past two days. He said that the unique reception and tour of the Nims Center were highlights of the visit.

Upon motion of Ms. Pierre, seconded by Mr. Salter, at 2:26 p.m., the Board voted to adjourn.