

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM
December 6, 2018**

A. **Call to Order**

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 11:25 a.m. in Room 100, Louisiana Purchase Room, of the Claiborne Conference Center, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

B. **Roll Call**

PRESENT

Mr. James Carter	Mr. Alejandro "Al" Perkins
Mr. Edward Crawford III	Ms. Elizabeth Pierre
Mr. Richard Davis Jr.	Mr. Virgil Robinson
Ms. Lola Dunahoe	Mr. Mark Romero
Mr. Thomas Kitchen	Mr. Joe Salter
Mr. Jimmie "Beau" Martin, Jr.	Mr. Robert Shreve
Mr. Shawn Murphy	Mr. Winfred Sibille

ABSENT

Dr. John Condos	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, Attorney Winton DeCuir, Jr., interested citizens, and representatives of the news media.

C. **Invocation**

Mr. Romero provided the invocation.

D. **Approval of Minutes of October 25, 2018 Board Meeting**

Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Ms. Dunahoe, the minutes of the meeting of October 25, 2018 were approved.

Chair Perkins recognized and welcomed former Student Board member Antonio Torres and Ms. Bobbie Babin, who were present in the audience.

E. **Report of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

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

- E.1. Grambling State University and Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of an Articulation Agreement to establish a 4+1 BS/MS Program.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Grambling State University and Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of an Articulation Agreement to establish a 4+1 BS/MS Program.*

- E.2. McNeese State University's request for approval to terminate the Associate of Arts in Paralegal Studies.

***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 terminate the Associate of Arts in Paralegal Studies.*

- E.3. McNeese State University's request for approval to terminate the Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Early Childhood Education Grades PK-3.

***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 terminate the Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Early Childhood Education Grades PK-3.*

- E.4. McNeese State University's request for approval to terminate the Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Elementary Education Grades 1-5 (Practitioner Teacher Certification).

***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 terminate the Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Elementary Education Grades 1-5 (Practitioner Teacher Certification).*

- E.5. Nicholls State University's request for approval of the University's Revised Strategic Plan.

***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 the University's Revised Strategic Plan.*

- E.6. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a Letter of Intent to develop a New Academic Program leading to a Master of Science in Population Health Management.

***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 Letter of Intent to develop a New Academic Program leading to a Master of Science in Population Health Management.*

- E.7. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for conditional (one-year) approval of a New Academic/Research Unit: Kathleen Babineaux Blanco Public Policy Center.

***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 conditional (one-year) approval of a New Academic/Research Unit: Kathleen Babineaux Blanco Public Policy Center.*

- E.8. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Acharya Institutes, India.

***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 Acharya Institutes, India.*

- E.9. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for review and approval of the University's Mission Statement.

***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 review and approval of the University's Mission Statement.*

F. **Report of the Athletic Committee**

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

- F.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Mark Montgomery, Head Softball Coach, effective July 1, 2018.

***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 contract with Mr. Mark Montgomery, Head Softball Coach, effective July 1, 2018.*

- F.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a contract with Ms. Brooke Stoehr, Head Women's Basketball Coach, effective March 16, 2018.

***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 contract with Ms. Brooke Stoehr, Head Women's Basketball Coach, effective March 16, 2018.*

- F.3. McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Ms. Giorgia Pozzan, Head Women's Tennis Coach, effective August 1, 2018.

***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. Giorgia Pozzan, Head Women's Tennis Coach, effective August 1, 2018.*

G. **Report of the Facilities Planning Committee**

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

- G.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to execute a Lease with Kansas City Southern Railway Company to allow the University to access and install limited improvements on a portion of the railroad's right-of-way that runs through campus.

***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 Lease with Kansas City Southern Railway Company to allow the University to access and install limited improvements on a portion of the railroad's right-of-way that runs through campus.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the President of the University or his or her designee be authorized to execute said Lease on behalf of Louisiana Tech University.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Louisiana Tech University shall obtain final approvals from UL System staff, legal counsel, and all other appropriate agencies/parties, of processes, documents and administrative requirements.*

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

- G.2. McNeese State University's request for approval to name several rooms in the Health and Human Performance Educational Complex.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves McNeese State University's request to name several rooms in the Health and Human Performance Educational Complex.*

- G.3. Nicholls State University's request for approval to permit construction of a building by the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux on property leased from the University.

***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 permit construction of a building by the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux on property leased from the University.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the President of Nicholls State University and his or her designee are hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute this request.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Nicholls State University shall obtain final approvals from UL System staff, legal counsel, and all other appropriate agencies/parties, of processes, documents and administrative requirements.*

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

- G.4. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Regina Coeli Child Development Center.

***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 Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Regina Coeli Child Development Center.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the President of Southeastern Louisiana University or his or her designee be authorized to execute said Cooperative Endeavor Agreement.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Southeastern Louisiana University shall obtain final approvals from UL System staff, legal counsel, and all other appropriate agencies/parties, of processes, documents and administrative requirements.*

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

H. **Report of the Finance Committee**

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

- H.1. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to establish the following Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships:

- a. Ellen Coussan Coffin/BORSF Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarship in Biology I
- b. Ellen Coussan Coffin/BORSF Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarship in Biology II
- c. Ellen Coussan Coffin/BORSF Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarship in Biology III
- d. Ellen Coussan Coffin/BORSF Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarship in Biology IV
- e. Ellen Coussan Coffin/BORSF Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarship in Biology V
- f. Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) Acadiana Chapter/BORSF Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarship in Architecture.

***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 Superior Graduate Student Scholarships noted above.*

- H.2. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a tuition rate for students recruited under the University's marketing agreement with Academic Partnerships into online programs leading to Master of Science in Nursing with concentrations in Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner and Family Nurse Practitioner.

***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 of a tuition rate for students recruited under the University's marketing agreement with Academic Partnerships into online programs leading to Master of Science in Nursing with concentrations in Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner and Family Nurse Practitioner.*

- H.3. **University of Louisiana System's** discussion of Fiscal Year 2018-19 first quarter financial reports and ongoing assurances.

This was a report only, and no Board action is required.

- H.4. University of Louisiana System's report on internal and external audit activity for the period of August 20 to October 21, 2018.

This was a report only, and no Board action is required.

I. **Report of the Personnel Committee**

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

- I.1. University of New Orleans' request for approval to appoint Dr. Taskin Kocack as Dean of Engineering effective January 14, 2019.

***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 appoint Dr. Taskin Kocack as Dean of Engineering effective January 14, 2019.*

- I.2. University of New Orleans' request for approval to appoint Mr. Vince Granito as Interim Director of Athletics effective November 3, 2018.

***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 appoint Mr. Vince Granito as Interim Director of Athletics effective November 3, 2018.*

J. **System President's Business**

- J.1. Personnel Actions

Dr. Henderson indicated that personnel actions from the campuses had been reviewed by staff and recommended their approval.

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

J.2. University of Louisiana System's Proposed Policy and Procedures Memorandum on Crisis Leave Policy.

Dr. Edwin Litolff said that a revision had been made to the Policy and Procedures Memorandum (PPM) regarding Shared Sick Leave that had been first adopted in 1999. The updated PPM and corresponding Board Rule will be titled Crisis Leave Program to reflect the changes. Dr. Litolff reported that the program is continuing to evolve as state Civil Service policies will be incorporated in the future.

J.3. University of Louisiana System's request related to Grambling State University Presidential Housing.

Dr. Henderson said that an allowance was being considered for the President of Grambling State University due to the condition of the President's Home. He requested that a housing allowance of \$3,100 per month be authorized.

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

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby authorizes a \$3,100 per month Housing Allowance to the Grambling State University President, effective January 1, 2019.*

J.4. System President's Report

Transparency Presentation

Dr. Litolff briefly described a presentation on transparency. He showed comparable data among SREB states concerning cost per credit hour; tuition by state and tuition after discounts and allowances; instructional and administrative costs per FTE; average faculty salaries; state cost per FTE, degree, and bachelor's degree; average staff per institution; percentage of students on PELL; and graduation rates.

For Our Future Conference

Dr. Henderson stated that registration had opened for the 2nd Annual February 14-15 *For Our Future Conference* in Lafayette. He indicated that 265 have registered, with an expectation of 450 participants. He encouraged Board members to make plans to attend.

K. Board Chair's Business

K.1. Board Chair's Report

Mr. Perkins thanked the Board members for their attendance at the Bayou Classic over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. He also congratulated the Grambling Marching Band for the honor of being invited to perform at the Saints game and parade.

K.2. Report of Nominating Committee and Election of 2019 Board Officers

Mr. Perkins asked Mr. Sibille to give the report from the Nominating Committee. Mr. Sibille gave his report and stated that the Committee had met and recommends the following members as officers for 2019:

Mr. Mark Romero – Chair
Mr. James Carter – Vice Chair

He also stated that the Committee recommends Ms. Elizabeth Pierre for the position of Parliamentarian.

Mr. Sibille made a motion to recommend Mr. Mark Romero as Chair of the Board for 2019, with a second by Ms. Dunahoe.

Mr. Crawford made a motion to close nominations for Chair, with a second by Mr. Robinson. This motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Sibille made a motion to recommend Mr. James Carter as Vice Chair of the Board for 2019, with a second by Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Salter made a motion to close nominations for Vice Chair, with a second by Mr. Murphy. This motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Upon motion of Ms. Dunahoe, seconded by Mr. Shreve, the Board unanimously voted to approve Mr. Mark Romero as Chair of the Board for 2019.

Upon motion of Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board unanimously voted to approve Mr. James Carter as Vice Chair of the Board for 2019.

Mr. Perkins congratulated Mr. Romero and Mr. Carter and asked Mr. Romero for his recommendation for Parliamentarian. Mr. Romero stated that he agreed with the Nominating Committee and appointed Ms. Elizabeth Pierre as Parliamentarian for 2019.

Mr. Perkins said that he was honored to have been involved in three presidential searches, Board retreats, ULS Day at the Capitol, successful legislative sessions, the first ULS conference, adoption of a diversity statement, establishment of Board scholarships and, most of all, a greater sense of System among the campuses. Mr. Carter complimented him for his leadership, Mr. Romero thanked him for guiding the Board on the path to success, and Mr. Sibille commended him for his ability to unify.

On behalf of the System and Board, Dr. Henderson presented Mr. Perkins with a plaque to commemorate his tenure as Board Chair for 2017 and 2018.

K.3. Other Business

Mr. Perkins commended Board members for committing to attend the commencement ceremonies of the UL System campuses. He also encouraged them to confirm their attendance via the link on the website.

Mr. Perkins indicated that the 2019 schedule of meetings was included in the Board member folders and reminded them that the next meeting is scheduled in Baton Rouge for Friday, January 11, mainly for installation of officers.

L. Other Business

Mr. Perkins recognized the members whose terms expire on 12/31/18, including Dr. John Condos, Mr. Beau Martin, Mr. Virgil Robinson, Mr. Mark Romero, Mr. Joe Salter, Mr. Robert Shreve, and Mr. Winfred Sibille. He thanked them for their dedicated service to the System and the state.

M. Adjournment

Upon motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Ms. Pierre, at 12:15 p.m., the Board voted to adjourn.