

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM
August 27, 2019**

A. **Call to Order**

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 10:45 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. Shawn Murphy
Dr. Jimmy Clarke	Ms. Elizabeth Pierre
Ms. Lola Dunahoe	Mr. Virgil Robinson
Mr. Thomas Kitchen	Mr. Mark Romero
Ms. Rachel Lautigar	Mr. Joe Salter

ABSENT

Dr. John Condos	Ms. Mildred “Mimi” Methvin
Mr. Edward Crawford III	Mr. Alejandro “Al” Perkins
Dr. Pamela Egan	Ms. Kristine Russell

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. Joe Salter provided an invocation to open the meeting.

Dr. Henderson introduced Mr. John Warner Smith, whom Governor John Bel Edwards had recently appointed as the state’s poet laureate. He said that Mr. Smith holds degrees from three System universities -- McNeese, UL-Lafayette, and University of New Orleans. Mr. Smith thanked the Governor for the honor bestowed upon him.

Upon motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Dr. Clarke, the Board unanimously voted a resolution honoring Dr. John Warner Smith as being a distinguished three-time System graduate and the state’s poet laureate.

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

Upon motion of Ms. Pierre, 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 asked Dr. Jeannine Kahn, System Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, to present all the items for the Board's consideration.

After Dr. Kahn described Items E.1.-E.10., upon motion of Ms. Pierre, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the following items were unanimously approved:

E.1. **Grambling State University'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 Grambling State University's request for review and approval of the University's Mission Statement.*

E.2. **Grambling State University's request for approval of the Center of Excellence in Mathematical Achievement in Science & Technology.**

***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 the Center of Excellence in Mathematical Achievement in Science & Technology.*

E.3. **McNeese State University's request for approval of a Proposal for a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP).**

***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 Proposal for a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP).*

E.4. **Nicholls State University's request for approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Grambling State 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 enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Grambling State University.*

E.5. **Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to terminate the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Accounting.**

***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 terminate the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Accounting.*

- E.6. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to dissolve the Ed.D. Consortium with Southeastern Louisiana University.

***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 dissolve the Ed.D. Consortium with Southeastern Louisiana University.*

- E.7. University of New Orleans' request for approval of a Graduate Certificate in Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence.

***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 Graduate Certificate in Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence.*

- E.8. University of New Orleans' request for approval of an Undergraduate Certificate in Unmanned Systems Management.

***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 an Undergraduate Certificate in Unmanned Systems Management.*

- E.9. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of System Universities' 2019-20 Promotions in Faculty Rank and Recommendations for Tenure.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves System Universities' 2019-20 Promotions in Faculty Rank and Recommendations for Tenure.*

- E.10. Consideration of Fall 2019 Action Plans for Improving Student Outcomes: Response to Board of Regents Report on Academic Affairs Policy 2.18 – Fall 2018 Implementation.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the Fall 2019 Action plans for Improving Student Outcomes: Response to the Board of Regents Report on Academic Affairs Policy 2.18 – Fall 2018 Implementation.*

- E.11. Update on the Board of Regents Fall 2018 Admissions Audit

Dr. Edwin Litolff, System Vice President for Business and Finance, provided an update on the Louisiana Board of Regents Fall 2018 Admissions Audit. After verification and revisions, the UL System institutions complied with the Board of Regents admissions standards and allowable exceptions.

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 Dr. Clarke, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following items (F.1.-F.11.):

- F.1. Grambling State University's request for approval of a revised Athletic Home Game Complimentary Ticket Policy.

***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 revised Athletic Home Game Complimentary Ticket Policy.*

- F.2. Grambling State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Donte Jackson, Head Men's Basketball Coach, effective July 1, 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 of a contract with Mr. Donte Jackson, Head Men's Basketball Coach, effective July 1, 2019.*

- F.3. Grambling State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Fred Murray, Head Women's Basketball Coach, effective July 1, 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 of a contract with Mr. Fred Murray, Head Women's Basketball Coach, effective July 1, 2019.*

Grambling State University President Rick Gallot introduced the two basketball coaches, Mr. Donte Jackson and Mr. Fred Murray.

- F.4. McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. James E. Landreneau, Head Women's Softball 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. James E. Landreneau, Head Women's Softball Coach, effective July 1, 2019.*

- F.5. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. David Kiefer, Head Men's Basketball Coach, effective July 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 of a contract with Mr. David Kiefer, Head Men's Basketball Coach, effective July 1, 2019.

- F.6. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Kenneth Lee, Associate Women's Basketball Coach, effective July 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 of a contract with Mr. Kenneth Lee, Associate Women's Basketball Coach, effective July 1, 2019.

- F.7. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Timothy Donnelly, Associate Men's Baseball Coach,

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. David Kiefer, Head Men's Basketball Coach, effective July 1, 2019.

- F.8. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Kaleb Manuel, Assistant Men's Baseball Coach, effective July 15, 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 of a contract with Mr. Kaleb Manuel, Assistant Men's Baseball Coach, effective July 15, 2019.

- F.9. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of an amended and restated contract with Mr. William Napier, Head Football Coach, effective January 1, 2018.

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 an amended and restated contract with Mr. William Napier, Head Football Coach, effective January 1, 2018.

- F.10. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of contractual amendments with Mr. Mark Hocke, Head Strength and Conditioning Coach and Associate Head Football Coach, effective July 25, 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 contractual amendments with Mr. Mark Hocke, Head Strength and Conditioning Coach and Associate Head Football Coach, effective July 25, 2019.

- F.11. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a contract with Ms. Brooks Donald Williams, Head Women's Basketball Coach, effective June 1, 2019.

***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 contract with Ms. Brooks Donald Williams, Head Women's Basketball Coach, effective June 1, 2019.*

G. Facilities Planning Committee

Mr. James Carter, Vice 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. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to proceed with Energy Efficiency Projects at Woodard Hall, A.E. Phillips Lab School, and the Band Building.

***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 complete necessary applications and documents to seek additional approvals, including entering into a ten (10) year debt service agreement with the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Louisiana Tech University shall obtain final review from UL System staff, legal counsel of all documents and shall secure all other appropriate approvals from agencies/parties of processes, documents, and administrative requirements necessary to participate in the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources energy efficiency revolving fund program.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the President of Louisiana Tech University, and his or her designee, are hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents necessary in connection with this project.*

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

- G.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to proceed with an Energy Efficiency Project at the Thomas Assembly Center.

***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 complete necessary applications and documents to seek additional approvals, including entering into a ten (10) year debt service agreement with the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Louisiana Tech University shall obtain final review from UL System staff, legal counsel of all documents and shall secure all other appropriate approvals from agencies/parties of processes, documents, and administrative requirements necessary to participate in the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources energy efficiency revolving fund program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of Louisiana Tech University, and his or her designee, are hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents necessary in connection with this project.

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

- G.3. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to enter into a Facilities Lease with the Louisiana Tech University Foundation, Inc., of the property described as the Idea Place in Woodard Hall, 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 to enter a Facilities Lease with the Louisiana Tech University Foundation, Inc., of the property described as the Idea Place in Woodard Hall, pursuant to the authority vested in La. R.S. 17:3361.

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 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 Louisiana Tech University, and his or her designee, are hereby authorized and directed to execute the lease described herein and all documents necessary in connection with this project.

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

- G.4. McNeese State University's request for approval to name Frasch Hall - Room 101 - the Dr. Juliana Hinton Auditorium.

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 Frasch Hall - Room 101 - the Dr. Juliana Hinton Auditorium.

- G.5. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to name the new golf facility the "Wally Jones Golf Complex."

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 golf facility the "Wally Jones Golf Complex."

- G.6. 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 construct a new student amphitheater pursuant to the authority vested in La. R.S. 17:3361 and to accept the improvements as a donation from the ULM Facilities, Inc. in accordance with the law.

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 construct a new student amphitheater 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, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Monroe's request to accept the improvements back from the ULM Facilities, Inc.

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 and purchase 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.

- G.7. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Capital Outlay Budget Request and Institutions' Five-Year Capital Outlay Plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Capital Outlay Budget Request and Institutions' Five-Year Capital Outlay Plans.

Mr. Bruce Janet gave the dates of the Board of Regents capital outlay site visits for the remainder of the year. He also outlined the capital outlay recommendations for fiscal year 2020-21, including 93 projects totaling \$178.7 million. Mr. Janet further showed examples of capital outlay projects that have recently been completed.

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 Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Salter, the Board unanimously voted to **defer Agenda Item H.1.**

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

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

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

H.3. Northwestern State University's request for approval of a proposed new flat rate pricing plan for enrollment in the RN to BSN program.

***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 plan for enrollment in the RN to BSN program.*

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

H.4. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to implement a per credit hour tuition rate for online programs.

***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 implement a per credit hour tuition rate for online programs.*

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

H.5. University of Louisiana at Monroe'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 Northwestern State University's request for approval of a revised Internal Audit Charter.*

Upon motion of Ms. Dunahoe, seconded by Dr. Clarke, the following item was unanimously approved by the Board:

- H.6. University of Louisiana System's request for acceptance of Fiscal Year 2018-19 Financial and Compliance and Federal Award Programs Representation Letters for (a) Grambling State University, (b) Louisiana Tech University, (c) Nicholls State University, (d) Northwestern State University, (e) Southeastern Louisiana University, (f) University of Louisiana at Lafayette, (g) University of New Orleans, and (h) University of Louisiana System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby accepts Fiscal Year 2018-19 Financial and Compliance and Federal Award Programs Representation Letters for (a) Grambling State University, (b) Louisiana Tech University, (c) Nicholls State University, (d) Northwestern State University, (e) Southeastern Louisiana University, (f) University of Louisiana at Lafayette, (g) University of New Orleans, and (h) University of Louisiana System.

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

- H.7. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of Fiscal Year 2019-20 Operating Budgets, including organizational charts, undergraduate/graduate mandatory attendance fees, scholarships, and System Shared Costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Fiscal Year 2019-20 Operating Budgets, including organizational charts, undergraduate/graduate mandatory attendance fees, scholarships, and System Shared Costs.

- H.8. University of Louisiana System's report on internal and external audit activity for the period of June 24 to August 18, 2019.

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.-I.5.

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

- I.1. Grambling State University's request for approval to appoint Mr. Martin Lemelle as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer effective August 1, 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 Mr. Martin Lemelle as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer effective August 1, 2019.

President Rick Gallot introduced Mr. Lemelle. Mr. Lemelle thanked the Board for his appointment and said that he considered it an honor to serve his alma mater of Grambling State University.

- I.2. McNeese State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Timothy Hall as Dean of the College of Science, Engineering & Math effective July 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 to appoint Dr. Timothy Hall as Dean of the College of Science, Engineering & Math effective July 15, 2019.

Dr. Mitch Adrian, McNeese's Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, introduced Dr. Hall to the Board members. Dr. Hall thanked the Board and said he looked forward to working at McNeese State University in this capacity.

- I.3. Nicholls State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Scot Rademaker as Dean of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences 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 Dr. Scot Rademaker as Dean of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences effective July 1, 2019.

President Jay Clune introduced Dr. Rademaker to the Board. Dr. Rademaker thanked the Board and indicated that he is excited to work with the staff, faculty, and the students at Nicholls State University.

- I.4. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to appoint Dr. Geralyn McClure Franklin as Interim Dean of the B.I. Moody III College of Business Administration effective July 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 to appoint Dr. Geralyn McClure Franklin as Interim Dean of the B.I. Moody III College of Business Administration effective July 1, 2019.

- I.5. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to appoint Dr. Jana Sutton as Interim Dean of the College of Health Sciences effective July 8, 2019.

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 appoint Dr. Jana Sutton as Interim Dean of the College of Health Sciences effective July 8, 2019.

J. **System President's Business**

J.1. **Personnel Actions**

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

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

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

Presidents' Retreat Recap

President Henderson reported that the annual Presidents' Retreat had been held on July 30-31. He said that discussions included finance, diversity and inclusion, crisis communication, and Compete LA.

Risk Factor Workshop

Ms. Erica Calais, Vice President for Student Affairs and Governance, reported on the Risk Factor Workshop that the System office had hosted in July. She indicated that the event was well-attended by campus representatives who routinely interact with students, i.e., student advisors, coaches, campus police, etc. She said that Mr. Josh Welch of NovakTalks and Mr. Winston DeCuir, Jr. also gave presentations to the group.

In addition, Ms. Calais described necessary revisions to the Policy and Procedures Memorandum (PPM) on Hazing and said that a copy of the revised policy was included in their folders.

Introduction

Dr. Henderson asked Dr. John Nicklow, President of University of New Orleans, to the table. Dr. Nicklow presented Dr. Newtona (Tina) Johnson, recently appointed Associate Provost for Faculty and Diversity Affairs for the University. Dr. Johnson said that she had been particularly interested in the campus because of its focus on offering educational excellence to a diverse population of students.

Task Force on Inclusion in the Workplace

Dr. Henderson asked that the members of the Task Force on Inclusion in the Workplace come to the table.

Task Force Co-Chairs Dr. Jeannine Kahn and Mr. Winston DeCuir, Jr., Dr. Michele Caruso, and Ms. Veronica Biscoe were present. Mr. Gene Pregeant was unable to attend the meeting. The members gave an update to the Board on the progress of the Task Force. Force as well as implementation plans for fall 2019.

At the conclusion of the presentation, upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Dr. Clarke, the Board unanimously voted to (1) applaud the Task Force on Inclusion in the Workplace for its considerable work to date, (2) endorse the proposed policy enhancement related to search committees, and (3) implore continued work to ensure that the University of Louisiana System realizes tangible progress throughout the System and on each of its campuses.

Compete LA

Dr. Henderson indicated that an August update on the progress of the Compete LA program was included in Board folders. This handout listed the implementation timeline and the featured programs, as well as statistics about contacts, those students being coached, and total referrals for application and enrollment.

K. Board Chair's Business

K.1. Board Chair's Report

Ethics and Sexual Harassment Requirements

Mr. Romero reminded Board members to complete ethics and sexual harassment training requirements by the end of December. He said that both of these trainings can be completed online and Mr. Bruce Janet can be contacted for any questions or concerns.

Civil Law Training Opportunities

Mr. Romero also said that the Civil Division of the Louisiana Department of Justice is offering Civil Law Trainings for state government boards and commissions. A handout was provided containing the dates and locations of the sessions.

L. Evaluation of Campus Presidents (Grambling State University and Southeastern Louisiana University)

Chair Romero stated that three university presidents had received in-depth annual evaluations this year per Board policy. He said that Grambling State University President Rick Gallot and Southeastern Louisiana University President John Crain would each individually meet with the Board in Executive Session, and the remaining presidential evaluation would take place at the October meeting.

At 1:30 p.m., upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Kitchen, the Board unanimously voted to convene in Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Yeas: James Carter, Jimmy Clarke, Lola Dunahoe, Thomas Kitchen, Rachel Lautigar, Shawn Murphy, Elizabeth Pierre, Virgil Robinson, Mark Romero, Joe Salter

Nays: None

Absent: John Condos, Edward Crawford III, Pamela Egan, Mildred “Mimi”
Methvin, Alejandro “Al” Perkins, Kristine Russell

At 3:10 p.m., upon motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Salter, the Board unanimously voted to reconvene in Open Session. Mr. Romero stated that the Board had first met individually with President Gallot and subsequently with Dr. Crain to discuss personnel issues. While in Executive Session, the Board did not make any motions or take any votes.

M. **Other Business**

Mr. Romero stated that the football schedule for the year was included in their folders. He also reminded the Board that the next scheduled meeting is October 24 on the campus of University of New Orleans.

N. **Adjournment**

Mr. Romero said that prior to adjournment, he wanted to acknowledge the tireless efforts that Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco had made to support education. Mr. Romero quoted a quote from her: “Education is truly poverty’s mortal enemy.”

Upon motion of Mr. Salter, seconded by Mr. Robinson, at 3:12 p.m., the Board voted to adjourn.