

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM
February 28, 2020**

A. **Call to Order**

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met on Friday, February 28, 2020 at 10:06 a.m. in Magale Recital Hall, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, Louisiana.

B. **Roll Call**

PRESENT

Mr. James Carter	Mr. Shawn Murphy
Dr. Jimmy Clarke	Mr. Alejandro "Al" Perkins
Mr. Edward Crawford III	Ms. Elizabeth Pierre
Ms. Lola Dunahoe	Mr. Virgil Robinson
Dr. Pamela Egan	Mr. Mark Romero
Mr. Thomas Kitchen	Ms. Kristine Russell
Ms. Rachel Lautigar	Mr. Joe Salter
Ms. Mildred "Mimi" Methvin	

ABSENT

Dr. John Condos

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 Brandon DeCuir, interested citizens, and representatives of the news media.

C. **Invocation**

Mr. Joe Salter opened the meeting with an invocation.

Welcome by Dr. Chris Maggio, President-Northwestern State University

Dr. Chris Maggio welcomed the Board to the campus and presented a brief history of the University as well as an overview of the accomplishments of Northwestern. He proudly introduced Dr. Nicholas Cummins, who directed the University Chamber Choir that performed an *a cappella* version of "This Little Light of Mine."

E. **Approval of Minutes of December 5, 2019 and January 10, 2020 Board Meetings**

Upon motion of Dr. Egan, seconded by Ms. Methvin, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System unanimously approved the minutes of the December 5, 2019 and January 10, 2020 Board Meetings.

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

F. **Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

Ms. Dunahoe asked Dr. Jeannine Kahn, System Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, to present all the items under consideration.

After Dr. Kahn described Items F.1.-F.14. listed on the consent agenda and Discussion Item F.15., upon motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Ms. Pierre, the items were unanimously approved. Also, Dr. Greg Handel and Dr. Chris Maggio gave additional information regarding F.5. (Northwestern) and Dr. Nick Bruno, Dr. Alberto Ruiz, and Dr. Michael Cockerham reported on F.15. (University of Louisiana at Monroe).

F.1. Grambling State University's request for approval to offer 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 to offer a Bachelor of Science in Cloud Computing.

F.2. McNeese State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to Mr. Richard Ieyoub at the Spring 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 to award an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to Mr. Richard Ieyoub at the Spring 2020 Commencement Exercises.

F.3. McNeese State University's request for approval of a Letter of Intent to offer a Master of Science in Nutritional Sciences.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves McNeese State University's Letter of Intent to offer a Master of Science in Nutritional Sciences.

F.4. McNeese State University's request for approval of a Memorandum of understanding between McNeese State University's College of Business and Sowela Technical Community College's School of Business and Applied Technology.

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 Memorandum of Understanding between McNeese State University's College of Business and Sowela Technical Community College's School of Business and Applied Technology.

F.5. Northwestern State University's request for approval of the University's revised Mission, Vision, and Values statements.

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 the University's revised Mission, Vision, and Values statements.

- F.6. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to offer Undergraduate Certificates in Digital Health Management and 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 to offer Undergraduate Certificates in Digital Health Management and Population Health Management.*

- F.7. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to terminate the Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request to terminate the Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training.*

- F.8. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a Master of Science in Industrial Chemistry.

***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 Industrial Chemistry.*

- F.9. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to offer the following certificate programs: Graduate Certificate in Interprofessional Leadership, Graduate Certificate in Senior Healthcare Management, and Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Healthcare Advocacy.

***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 to offer the following certificate programs: Graduate Certificate in Interprofessional Leadership, Graduate Certificate in Senior Healthcare Management, and a Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Healthcare Advocacy.*

- F.10. University of New Orleans' request for approval of the University's new strategic plan, Impact UNO.

***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 the University's new strategic plan, Impact UNO.*

- F.11. University of New Orleans' request for approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with New Orleans Center for Creative Arts (NOCCA).

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of New Orleans' request to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with New Orleans Center for Creative Arts (NOCCA).*

- F.12. University of New Orleans' request for approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Orange County School of the Arts (OCSA).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of New Orleans' request to enter a Memorandum of Understanding with Orange County School of the Arts (OCSA).

- F.13. University of New Orleans' request for approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Southern New Hampshire University – College for America.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of New Orleans' request to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Southern New Hampshire University – College for America.

- F.14. University of New Orleans' request for approval to entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with Nunez Community College.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of New Orleans' request to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Nunez Community College.

- F.15. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with University of Louisiana System institutions.

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 enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with University of Louisiana System institutions.

G. **Athletic Committee**

Committee Chair Murphy asked Mr. Bruce Janet, System Director of Internal and External Audits, to describe the items for consideration.

Upon motion of Ms. Dunahoe, seconded by Mr. Salter, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following items (G.1.-G.18.):

- G.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a contract with Ms. Maria Winn-Ratlif, Head Women's Softball Coach, between Louisiana Tech University and Louisiana Tech University Foundation, effective September 30, 2019.

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. Maria Winn-Ratlif, Head Women's Softball Coach, between Louisiana Tech University and Louisiana Tech University Foundation, effective September 30, 2019.

- G.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Thomas Lane Burroughs, Head Men's Baseball Coach, effective May 26, 2019.

***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. Thomas Lane Burroughs, Head Men's Baseball Coach, effective May 26, 2019.*

- G.3. McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Ms. Kristee Porter, 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 McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Ms. Kristee Porter, Head Women's Volleyball Coach, effective January 1, 2020.*

- G.4. McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Frank Wilson, Head Football Coach, effective January 15, 2020.

***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. Frank Wilson, Head Football Coach, effective January 15, 2020.*

- G.5. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Frank Scelfo, Head Football 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. Frank Scelfo, Head Football Coach, effective January 1, 2020.*

- G.6. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a second amended and restated contract with Mr. William Napier, Head Football Coach, effective January 1, 2020.

***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. William Napier, Head Football Coach, effective January 1, 2020.*

- G.7. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of the first amended and restated contract with Mr. Gerald Glasco, Jr., Head Softball Coach, effective January 1, 2020.

***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. Gerald Glasco, Jr., Head Softball Coach, effective January 1, 2020.*

- G.8. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Patrick Toney, Assistant Football Coach, effective December 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. Patrick Toney, Assistant Football Coach, effective December 1, 2019.*

- G.9. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Jabbar Juluke, Assistant Football Coach, effective March 1, 2020.

***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. Jabbar Juluke, Assistant Football Coach, effective March 1, 2020.*

- G.10. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a contract with Mr. David Looney, Jr., Assistant Football Coach, effective March 1, 2020.

***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. David Looney, Jr., Assistant Football Coach, effective March 1, 2020.*

- G.11. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Michael Desormeaux, Assistant Football Coach, effective March 1, 2020.

***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. Michael Desormeaux, Assistant Football Coach, effective March 1, 2020.*

- G.12. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Timothy Leger, Assistant Football Coach, effective March 1, 2020.

***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. Timothy Leger, Assistant Football Coach, effective March 1, 2020.*

- G.13. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a contract with Mr. LaMar Morgan, Assistant Football Coach, effective March 1, 2020.

***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 March 1, 2020.*

- G.14. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Mark Hocke, Head Strength and Conditioning Coach/Assistant Head Football Coach, effective March 1, 2020.

***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. Mark Hocke, Head Strength and Conditioning Coach/Assistant Head Football Coach, effective March 1, 2020.*

- G.15. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Robert Sale, Assistant Football Coach, effective December 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. Robert Sale, Assistant Football Coach, effective December 1, 2019.*

Dr. Daryl Burckel introduced Mr. Frank Wilson, who had been appointed as McNeese State University's new Head Football Coach. Mr. Wilson said he was excited to return to the state and especially Lake Charles and looked forward to leading the football program.

H. Facilities Planning Committee

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

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

- H.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to advertise and auction for the sale of the building and land located at 800 West Alabama in Ruston, Louisiana.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, on behalf of Louisiana Tech University, approves the sale of immovable property located at 800 West Alabama in Ruston, Louisiana.*

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

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

- H.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to enter into a Facilities Lease with the Louisiana Tech University Foundation, Inc. for the construction of a 6,250-square-foot open structure for research, instruction, and field training in trenchless technologies on the South Campus.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, on behalf of Louisiana Tech University, agrees to enter into a Facilities Lease with the Louisiana Tech University Foundation, Inc. for the construction of a 6,250-square-foot open structure for research, instruction, and field training in trenchless technologies on the South Campus.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Louisiana Tech University shall obtain final review from UL System staff, legal counsel, and shall secure all other appropriate approval 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 designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said Facilities Lease by the University of Louisiana System on behalf of and for the use of Louisiana Tech University.*

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

- H.3. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval for the execution of leases between the Board, on behalf of the University, and Innovative Student Facilities Inc., a private 501(c)3 non-profit corporation, in connection with the lease and lease-back of a portion of the University's campus to finance cost of the development, design, construction, renovation, installation, and equipping of energy efficiency facilities.

***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 for the execution of leases between the Board, on behalf of the University, and Innovative Student Facilities, Inc., a private 501(c)3 non-profit corporation, in connection with the lease and lease-back of a portion of the University's campus to finance cost of the development, design, construction, renovation, installation, and equipping of energy efficiency facilities.*

***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 leases described herein and any and all documents necessary in connection with the issuance of the notes described herein.*

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

- H.4. McNeese State University's request for approval to enter into a Ground Lease Agreement with the McNeese State University Foundation to replace the scoreboard at Cowboy Stadium.

***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 enter into a Ground Lease Agreement with the McNeese State University Foundation to replace the scoreboard at Cowboy Stadium.*

- H.5. Northwestern State University's request for approval to enter into a general agriculture lease for three tracts of land in DeSoto Parish totaling 366.98 acres.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Northwestern State University's request for approval to enter into a general agriculture lease for three tracts of land in DeSoto Parish totaling 366.98 acres.*

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

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the President of Northwestern State University and his or her designee are hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said Land Lease.*

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

Keator Poleman, Associate Editor of *The Current Sauce*, made a public comment about Item H.5. concerning the purpose of the lease.

- H.6. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to name Room 109 in Thelma Ryan Hall the "William J. Stagner Entomology Lab."

***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 name Room 109 in Thelma Ryan Hall the "William J. Stagner Entomology Lab."*

- H.7. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to name the University house located at 128 Buena Vista Boulevard the "Ernest J. Gaines Writer in Residence House."

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to name the University house located at 128 Buena Vista Boulevard the "Ernest J. Gaines Writer in Residence House."*

- H.8. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to rename Bayou Suites (Honors Residence) Hall "Dwight D. Vines Hall."

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to rename Bayou Suites (Honors Residence) Hall "Dwight D. Vines Hall."*

- H.9. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to lease the property and facility located at 870 Highway 80 East, Monroe, Louisiana.

***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 lease the property and facility located at 870 East Highway 80 East, Monroe, Louisiana.*

***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 is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said lease by the University of Louisiana System on behalf of and for the use of University of Louisiana at Monroe.*

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

- H.10. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System for the execution of a Ground and Buildings Lease Agreement and an Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase between the Board, on behalf of the University, and the University of Louisiana at Monroe Facilities, Inc., a private 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation, in connection with the lease and lease-back of a portion of the University's campus to finance construction of a student hub and related facilities.

***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 the form or and authorization to execute and to enter into a Ground and Buildings Lease Agreement and an Agreement Lease with Option to Purchase, each between the Board, acting on behalf of the University, and University of Louisiana at Monroe Facilities, Inc., in connection with the issuance of the Bonds described herein to finance the Project.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the University of Louisiana at Monroe 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 the University of Louisiana at Monroe, and his or her designee, are hereby authorized and directed to execute the leases described herein and any and all documents necessary in connection with the issuance of the bonds described herein.

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

- H.11. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request to enter into a 17-year lease agreement for the University's foodservice operations and facilities with ARAMARK Educational Services, Inc. pursuant to La. R.S. 17:3361.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Monroe's request to enter into a 17-year lease agreement for the University's foodservice operations and facilities with ARAMARK Educational Services, Inc.

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 lease by the University of Louisiana System on behalf of and for the use of University of Louisiana at Monroe.

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

Board members had several questions and comments concerning H.11.

- H.12. University of New Orleans' request for approval that a lecture hall located in the College of Business' Kirschman Hall be named the "Joseph and Deborah Exnicios Lecture Hall."

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 that a lecture hall located in the College of Business' Kirschman Hall be named the "Joseph and Deborah Exnicios Lecture Hall."

Mr. Perkins asked that the staff prepare a report of the condition of the President's Home at Grambling State University and also asked for a meeting to discuss a new President's Home. Mr. Romero also asked for a report of the general condition of all presidential residences.

I. **Finance Committee**

Mr. 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. Pierre, seconded by Ms. Russell, the Board unanimously voted to approve items I.1.-I.5.:

- I.1. University of New Orleans' request for approval to petition the Court to amend the Edward G. Schlieder Urban Waste Management and Research Chair Trust.

***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 petition the Court to amend the Edward G. Schlieder Urban Waste Management and Research Chair Trust.*

- I.2. University of Louisiana System's request for approval to establish LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorships/First Generation Endowed Scholarships/Superior Graduate Scholarships as follows:

McNeese State University

Citgo Petroleum Professorship in Engineering #10

Nicholls State University

Abdon Callais Family First Generation Endowed Scholarship

Northwestern State University

Dr. Stan Chadick Professorship in Mathematics

Dudley Downing Distinguished Graduate Endowed Scholarship in Education

Southeastern Louisiana University

Peggy Jacob/First Presbyterian Church First Generation Endowed Scholarship

Edgard R. Smith II Endowed Professorship in Business

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Drs. Roderick and Tina Clark/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Sciences

Francis Patrick Clark/BORSF Professorship in Computing & informatics VIII

Francis Patrick Clark/BORSF Professorship in Computing & informatics IX

Francis Patrick Clark/BORSF Professorship in Computing & informatics X

Chris Gambel/BORSF Professorship in Finance

Fanny Edith Winn Educational Trust/BORSF Endowed SGS Scholarship in Earth & Energy Sciences I

Fanny Edith Winn Educational Trust/BORSF Endowed SGS Scholarship in Earth & Energy Sciences II

Fanny Edith Winn Educational Trust/BORSF Endowed SGS Scholarship in Earth & Energy Sciences III

University of New Orleans

Charles J. O'Connor, PhD Endowed Professorship in Chemistry

Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarship in Accounting and Tax Accounting

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 Professorships/First Generation Endowed Scholarships/Superior Graduate Scholarships noted above.

I.3. University of Louisiana System's recommendation to refinance bonds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the Universities' request for approval of the form and authorization to execute the Supplemental Ground Lease Agreements and Supplemental Facilities Leases, each between the Board, acting on behalf of the Universities, and the various non-profit corporations supporting the respective Universities, to refund the Bonds described herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Universities shall obtain final review from UL 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 the University of Louisiana System, and his or her designee, and the President of each University, and his or her designee, are hereby authorized and directed to execute the leases described herein and any and all documents necessary in connection with the issuance of the bonds described herein.

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

I.4. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of payments made by nonprofit organizations to employees of the University of Louisiana System during Fiscal Year 2019 in accordance with the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 17:3390(F).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of Louisiana System's request for approval of payments made by nonprofit organizations to employees of the University of Louisiana System during Fiscal Year 2019 in accordance with provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes (R.S.) 17:3390(F).

I.5. University of Louisiana System's financial status of alternatively financed projects for the six months ended December 31, 2019.

This is a report only.

I.6. McNeese State University's request for approval to allow a student referendum for a self-assessed Student Union Fee.

This request received extensive questioning and discussion. McNeese Vice President Chris Thomas, SGA President Andres Arias, SGA Vice President Gavin Labiche, and Brittany Thomas, SGA Office Manager, were available to present the item and respond to questions.

After much discussion, upon motion of Dr. Clarke, seconded by Ms. Methvin, the following **substitute resolution** was unanimously approved:

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 allow a student referendum vote for an increase of student self-assessed fees in proportion with the number of credit hours taken by each student for the design, construction, maintenance, and operation of a new student union facility subject to approval by the Student Governing Board.

- I.7. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of resolution authorizing the President of the University to take any and all appropriate actions against RelyOn Nutec USA, LLC (Formerly known as Alford Safety Services, LLC).

Action on Item I.7. was delayed until later in the meeting (see M.2.) because it required an Executive Session.

- I.8. University of New Orleans' request for approval to assign the management of its multi-media sponsorship rights with regard to the University of New Orleans Athletics to the University of New Orleans' Foundation effective March 1, 2020.

Mr. Bruce Janet introduced this item and, upon motion of Mr. Salter, seconded by Mr. Crawford, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following resolution:

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 assign the management of its multi-media sponsorship rights with regard to the University of New Orleans Athletics to the University of New Orleans Foundation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University of New Orleans shall obtain final review from UL 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 the University of New Orleans, and his or her designee, are hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute this agreement.

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

- I.9. University of Louisiana System's discussion of Fiscal Year 2019-20 second quarter financial reports and ongoing assurances.

Mr. Charles Wendt gave the report. No action by the Board is necessary as this is a report only.

- I.10. University of Louisiana System's report on internal and external audit activity for the period of December 2, 2019 to February 23, 2020.

Mr. Janet discussed the audit activity for the period described. He also stated that the UL System audit had received a clean opinion, with no findings.

No action was required by the Board.

J. **Personnel Committee**

Mr. Robinson asked Dr. Edwin Litolff, Vice President for Business and Finance, to present the four campus requests.

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

- J.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to appoint Ms. Devonian Love-Vaughn as the Dean of Inclusion Initiatives & Student Success effective March 1, 2020.

***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 appoint Ms. Devonian Love-Vaughn as the Dean of Inclusion Initiatives & Student Success effective March 1, 2020.*

President Les Guice and Dr. Dickie Crawford introduced Ms. Love-Vaughn. She said she was honored to serve in the new role and that student retention has been her focus. Ms. Love-Vaughn also acknowledged her husband, who works at Grambling State University.

- J.2. McNeese State University's request for approval to appoint Mr. Tanner Stines as Interim Athletic Director effective January 27, 2020.

***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 Mr. Tanner Stines as Interim Athletic Director effective January 27, 2020.*

- J.3. Nicholls State University's request for approval to appoint Ms. Lindsey McKaskle as Interim Athletic Director effective February 1, 2020.

***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. Lindsey McKaskle as Interim Athletic Director effective February 1, 2020.*

- J.4. Nicholls State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Michele Caruso as Interim Vice President for Student Affairs effective March 1, 2020.

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. Michele Caruso as Interim Vice President for Student Affairs effective March 1, 2020.

K. Legislation Committee

Due to time constraints, there was no Legislation Committee report.

L. System President's Business

L.1. Personnel Actions

President Henderson said that System staff had reviewed all personnel actions from the campuses and recommends approval. Further, he indicated that included in the actions was a request from University of New Orleans to approve a 2% cost-of-living adjustment for faculty and unclassified staff.

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

Dr. Henderson also welcomed Mr. Marcus Jones, the newest member of the UL System staff, as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. Additionally, he announced that Ms. Cami Geisman was being appointed Vice President for External Affairs.

L.2. System President's Report

M&LI Update

Dr. Henderson that the third class of Management & Leadership Institute is concluding its year and plans to give a report at the next Board meeting. He also reminded Presidents that it is time to submit nominations for next year's class participants.

Update on the ULM Presidential Search

President Henderson stated that the first meeting of the ULM Presidential Search Committee will be held on March 11 in Monroe. He said that a copy of the members of the Committee as well as a tentative timeline was included in their folders. He indicated that Ms. Erica Calais will provide additional information on search procedures during the Board Retreat.

COVID-19 Coronavirus Update

Dr. Henderson said that the System office and institutions have been monitoring COVID-19, formulating plans to address continuing communications, personnel issues, human resources, instruction, student services, etc. He assured the Board that he will continue to work with the Presidents to address the challenges.

Revision to Students with Debt Policy

Dr. Henderson indicated that included in Board member folders was a copy of a revision to the Policy and Procedures Memorandum, Finance and Business, Section IV. Students with Debt Policy. The updated language allows students who are current with debt payments to procure official transcripts for reenrollment. This change will help eliminate one of the many barriers to reentry for students.

L.3. University of Louisiana System's request for Compete LA Flat Rate Tuition for program participants.

Dr. Henderson asked Ms. Katie Barras to give a report on Compete LA. Ms. Barras, who heads the program, said that being able to provide a flat rate tuition with competitive, transparent, and consistent pricing at the System level would help to encourage many adult learners to reenroll, thereby giving them the impetus to complete their degrees.

Upon motion of Ms. Lautigar, seconded by Mr. Kitchen, the Board unanimously approved the following motion:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the request for Compete LA Flat Rate Tuition for program participants.

M. **Board Chair's Business**

M.1. Board Chair's Report

Trusteeship Conference

Mr. Romero reminded the Board members that the Board of Regents had invited them to attend the annual Trusteeship Conference scheduled for March 10 at The Estuary at the Water Campus. He encouraged them to participate if possible.

Commencements

Chair Romero said that winter and spring commencements are fast approaching. He asked that Board members plan to attend at least one commencement to celebrate students' accomplishments. He indicated that Sandra Green would be sending a link to help them register for these ceremonies.

Ms. Methvin asked for a point of personal privilege. She said that, as she enjoyed the musical performance by the students earlier in the meeting, she remembered her family's long history with Natchitoches and the University. Ms. Methvin said she valued the influence that they have had on so many families, including her own.

M.2. Presidential Evaluation and Planning Session (*Executive Session may be required.*)

Mr. Romero stated there were two items that required the Board to convene in Executive Session. One was Finance item I.7. and the second was M.2.

At 12:40 p.m., upon motion of Mr. Salter, seconded by Ms. Lautigar, the Board unanimously voted to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and potential litigation. The following roll call vote was recorded.

Yeas: Mr. James Carter, Dr. Jimmy Clarke, Mr. Edward Crawford, Ms. Lola Dunahoe, Dr. Pamela Egan, Mr. Thomas Kitchen, Ms. Rachel Lautigar, Ms. Mimi Methvin, Mr. Shawn Murphy, Mr. Al Perkins, Ms. Elizabeth Pierre, Mr. Virgil Robinson, Mr. Mark Romero, Ms. Kristine Russell, Mr. Joe Salter

Nays: None

Absent: Dr. John Condos

At 1:50 p.m., upon motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Dr. Clarke, the Board unanimously voted to reconvene in Open Session. Mr. Romero stated that, while in Executive Session, the Board did not make any motions or take any votes.

Regarding I.7., upon motion of Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Crawford, the Board unanimously approved the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette be authorized to take any and all appropriate actions, including but not limited to mediation and litigation, against RelyOn Nutec, USA, LLC (f/k/a Alford Safety Services, LLC), arising from the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Board and Alford Safety Services, LLC for and on behalf of the Board under the direction of the Board's General Counsel.

Regarding M.2., upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Ms. Pierre, the Board unanimously approved the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board Chair is authorized to negotiate the System President's contract adjustments including, but not limited to, salary, housing, and automobile.

N. **Other Business**

Mr. Romero said that the next Board meeting will be held in Baton Rouge on Thursday, April 23. He also reminded the Board that March 31 is the date for UL System Day at the Capitol.

Mr. Romero thanked President Chris Maggio for hosting the Board meeting as well as the Retreat.

O. **Adjournment**

Upon motion of Ms. Russell, seconded by Mr. Carter, at 1:55 p.m., the Board voted to adjourn.