

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE  
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM  
August 26, 2021**

A. **Call to Order**

On Thursday, August 26, 2021, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met in Room 100, Louisiana Purchase Room, of the Claiborne Building at 1201 North Third Street in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order by Chair Carter at 11:00 a.m.

B. **Roll Call**

**PRESENT**

Mr. Barry Busada  
Mr. James Carter  
Dr. Jimmy Clarke  
Mr. Steve Davison  
Ms. Lola Dunahoe

Mr. Thomas Kitchen  
Ms. Elizabeth Pierre  
Mr. Mark Romero  
Mr. Brad Stevens  
Ms. L'Oreal Williams

**ABSENT**

Dr. John Condos  
Ms. Mildred "Mimi" Methvin  
Mr. Alejandro "Al" Perkins

Mr. Virgil Robinson  
Ms. Kristine Russell  
Mr. Joe Salter

A quorum was established. Also present were System President Jim Henderson, System staff, University Presidents, and Attorney Brandon DeCuir. After the roll call, Mr. Carter asked Vice Chair Elizabeth Pierre to temporarily chair the meeting.

C. **Invocation**

Ms. Pierre opened the meeting with an invocation.

D. **Administration of Oath of Office to Ms. L'Oreal Williams, Student Board Member**

Ms. Pierre asked that Mr. Brandon DeCuir administer the Oath of Office to Ms. L'Oreal Williams as Student Board Member for the current year. After being sworn in, Ms. Williams said she was excited to begin her service on the Board and to be an advocate for students of the System institutions.

E. **Approval of Minutes of June 24, 2021 Board Meeting**

Upon motion of Ms. Dunahoe, seconded by Dr. Clarke, the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2021 Board Meeting. Upon motion of Dr. Clarke, seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board unanimously voted to dispense with Committee deliberations and meet as Committee of the Whole.

F. **Introduction of 2021 Reginald F. Lewis Scholars**

Mr. Carter asked Dr. Claire Norris to introduce the 18 recipients of the newly awarded Reginald F. Lewis Scholarships:

***Grambling State University***

JaDeric Talbert  
Isaiah Farrell

***Louisiana Tech University***

Cameron Green  
Da'Voznik Armstrong

***McNeese State University***

Malaki Johnson  
Isaiah E. Johnson

***Nicholls State University***

John Edmonds  
Lance Jones

***Northwestern State University***

Ebenezer Aggrey  
Derrick Varnado

***Southeastern Louisiana University***

Demille Davis  
Dylan James

***University of Louisiana at Lafayette***

Caleb Franklin  
JaCaleb Smith

***University of Louisiana at Monroe***

Carl Whitlock  
Ernest C. Wyatt

***University of New Orleans***

Rabruntae Rachal  
Robert Hill

G. **Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

Dr. Clarke asked Dr. Jeannine Kahn, System Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, to present the agenda items.

Before describing the items, Dr. Clarke asked for a motion to amend Item G.5. to eliminate Louisiana Tech University's request for the Graduate Certificate in Online Teaching and Learning. On motion of Ms. Dunahoe, seconded by Mr. Davison, the Board unanimously voted to approve this amended motion.

Dr. Kahn described Items G.1.-G.10. and, upon motion of Ms. Dunahoe, seconded by Mr. Romero, the Board unanimously voted to approve these items as amended.

- G.1. Grambling State University's request for approval to award a posthumous Honorary Bachelor of Arts in Visual and Performing Arts to Ms. Natalie Desselle Reid at the December 2021 Commencement Exercises.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Grambling State University's request to award a posthumous Honorary Bachelor of Arts in Visual and Performing Arts to Ms. Natalie Desselle Reid at the December 2021 Commencement Exercises.*

- G.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to terminate the Bachelor of Science in Health and Physical Education (K-12).

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Louisiana Tech University's request to terminate the Bachelor of Science in Health and Physical Education (K-12).*

- G.3. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to offer Undergraduate Certificates in: Communication and Media Studies, Sports Coaching, Game Design, Industrial/Organizational Psychology, and UTeachTech.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Louisiana Tech University's request to offer Undergraduate Certificates in: Communication and Media Studies, Sport Coaching, Game Design, Industrial/Organizational Psychology, and UTeachTech.*

- G.4. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to offer a Post Baccalaureate Certificate in UTeachTech.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Louisiana Tech University's request to offer a Post Baccalaureate Certificate in UTeachTech.*

**AMENDED ITEM**

- G.5. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to offer Graduate Certificates in: Computer Science Education and Data Science.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Louisiana Tech University's request to offer Graduate Certificates in: Computer Science Education and Data Science.*

- G.6. McNeese State University's request for approval of a Letter of Intent to offer a Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling.

***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 Letter of Intent to offer a Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling.*

- G.7. Nicholls State University's request for approval to offer a Master of Science in Clinical Nutrition and Dietetics Leadership.

***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 offer a Master of Science in Clinical Nutrition and Dietetics Leadership.*

- G.8. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to offer a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre.

***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 a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre.*

- G.9. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to convert the existing Associate of Science in Occupational Therapy Assistant to a Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy Assistant.

***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 convert the existing Associate of Science in Occupational Therapy Assistant to a Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy Assistant.*

- G.10. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of System Universities' 2021-22 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' 2021-22 Promotions in Faculty Rank and Recommendations for Tenure.*

- G.11. Core Competencies for Student Success: Dr. Kim Martin Long, Dean, College of Liberal Arts, Education & Human Development, University of New Orleans, and Chair, UL System Core Competencies Committee

Dr. Kahn introduced Dr. Kim Martin Long, Chair of the UL System Core Competencies Committee. Dr. Long gave a presentation, highlighting five major competencies: communication, cultural competence, critical problem-solving, adaptive resilience, and self-reflective awareness.

H. **Athletic Committee**

Committee Member Brad Stevens asked Mr. Marcus Jones to present the items under consideration by the Athletic Committee.

After the discussion, upon motion of Mr. Romero, seconded by Ms. Dunahoe, Items H.1. through H.22. were unanimously approved by the Board.

- H.1. Grambling State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Trayvean Scott, Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics/Athletic Director, effective August 1, 2021.

***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. Trayvean Scott, Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics/Athletic Director, effective August 1, 2021.*

Board Chair Carter asked President Gallot to introduce the new Athletic Director. Mr. Scott said that he was excited to serve the University.

- H.2. Grambling State University's request for approval of a contractual amendment with Mr. Broderick Lee Fobbs, Head Football Coach, effective August 4, 2021.

***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 contractual amendment with Mr. Broderick Lee Fobbs, Head Football Coach, effective August 4, 2021.*

- H.3. 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.*

- H.4. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Thomas Lane Burroughs, Head Men's Baseball Coach, between Louisiana Tech University and Louisiana Tech University Foundation, effective July 1, 2021.

***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 July 1, 2021.*

- H.5. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Eric Konkol, Head Men's Basketball Coach, between Louisiana Tech University and Louisiana Tech University Foundation, effective July 1, 2021.

***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. Eric Konkol, Head Men's Basketball Coach, between Louisiana Tech University and Louisiana Tech University Foundation, effective July 1, 2021.*

- H.6. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Pacifico David DeGuglielmo, Assistant Football Coach/Offensive Line Coach, between Louisiana Tech University and Louisiana Tech University Foundation, effective March 1, 2021.

***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. Pacifico David DeGuglielmo, Assistant Football Coach/Offensive Line Coach, between Louisiana Tech University and Louisiana Tech University Foundation, effective March 1, 2021.*

- H.7. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Josten Mack Crow, Assistant Basketball Coach, between Louisiana Tech University and Louisiana Tech University Foundation, effective July 1, 2021.

***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. Josten Mack Crow, Assistant Basketball Coach, between Louisiana Tech University and Louisiana Tech University Foundation, effective July 1, 2021.*

- H.8. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Desmond Lavaris Haymon, Assistant Basketball Coach, between Louisiana Tech University and Louisiana Tech University Foundation, effective July 1, 2021.

***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. Desmond Lavaris Haymon, Assistant Basketball Coach, between Louisiana Tech University and Louisiana Tech University Foundation, effective July 1, 2021.*

- H.9. McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Heath Schroyer, Director of Athletics, effective July 1, 2021.

***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. Heath Schroyer, Director of Athletics, effective July 1, 2021.*

- H.10. McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Justin Hill, Head Baseball Coach, effective July 1, 2021.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Justin Hill, Head Baseball Coach, effective July 1, 2021.*

- H.11. Nicholls State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Mike Silva, Head Baseball Coach, effective July 22, 2021.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Nicholls State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Mike Silva, Head Baseball Coach, effective July 22, 2021.

- H.12. Nicholls State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Robert Podeyn, Head Soccer Coach, effective July 6, 2021.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Nicholls State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Robert Podeyn, Head Soccer Coach, effective July 6, 2021.

- H.13. Nicholls State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Justin Lewis, Head Softball Coach, effective July 21, 2021.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Nicholls State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Justin Lewis, Head Softball Coach, effective July 21, 2021.

- H.14. Northwestern State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Bobby Barbier, Head Baseball Coach, effective July 1, 2021.

***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 contract with Mr. Bobby Barbier, Head Baseball Coach, effective July 1, 2021.

- H.15. Northwestern State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Stuart Gore, Head Women's Soccer Coach, effective July 6, 2021.

***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 contract with Mr. Stuart Gore, Head Women's Soccer Coach, effective July 6, 2021.

- H.16. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a contract with Ms. Molly Fichtner, Head Women's Softball Coach, effective July 1, 2021.

***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. Molly Fichtner, Head Women's Softball Coach, effective July 1, 2021.

- H.17. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of an amended contract with Mr. Michael Anthony Federico, Head Men's Baseball Coach, effective July 1, 2021.

***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 an amended contract with Mr. Michael Anthony Federico, Head Men's Baseball Coach, effective July 1, 2021.

- H.18. University of New Orleans' request for approval of a contract with Ms. Amy Grabiec, Head Coach, Beach Volleyball, effective July 1, 2021.

***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 contract with Ms. Amy Grabiec, Head Coach, Beach Volleyball, effective July 1, 2021.*

- H.19. University of New Orleans' request for approval of a contract with Ms. Ashley Preston, Head Coach, Volleyball, effective July 19, 2021.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of New Orleans' request for approval of a contract with Ms. Ashley Preston, Head Coach, Volleyball, effective July 19, 2021.*

- H.20. University of New Orleans' request for approval of a contract with Mr. Jeff Lorio, Head Coach, Men's Golf, effective July 1, 2021.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of New Orleans' request for approval of a contract with Mr. Jeff Lorio, Head Coach, Men's Golf, effective July 1, 2021.*

- H.21. University of New Orleans' request for approval of a contract with Mr. Burzis Kanga, Head Men's and Women's Tennis Coach, effective July 1, 2021.

***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 contract with Mr. Burzis Kanga, Head Men's and Women's Tennis Coach, effective July 1, 2021.*

- H.22. University of New Orleans' request for approval of a contract with Mr. Brian Johnson, Head Coach, Men's and Women's Track & Field/Cross Country, effective July 1, 2021.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of New Orleans' request for approval of a contract with Mr. Brian Johnson, Head Coach, Men's and Women's Track & Field/Cross Country, effective July 1, 2021.*

I. **Facilities Planning Committee**

Committee Chair Kitchen asked Mr. Eddie Meche, System Vice President for Business and Administration, to discuss the Facilities Planning Committee items. He introduced nine agenda items.

Upon motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Ms. Pierre, the Board voted unanimously to approve Items I.1.-I.9.

- I.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to demolish a greenhouse that was damaged beyond repair due to Hurricane Laura in 2020.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Louisiana Tech University's request to demolish a greenhouse that was damaged beyond repair due to Hurricane Laura in 2020.*

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

- I.2. McNeese State University's request for approval to name the Health and Human Performance Education Complex the "Legacy Center."

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves McNeese State University's request for approval to name the Health and Human Performance Education Complex the "Legacy Center."*

- I.3. Nicholls State University's request for approval to name the area in Ellender Memorial Library the "Charles J. Monier, PhD - Makerspace."

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Nicholls State University's request to name the area in Ellender Memorial Library the "Charles J. Monier, PhD - Makerspace."*

- I.4. Nicholls State University's request for approval to become the Facility Planning and Control delegated authority allowing the University to oversee and manage the construction of the Bayou Region Incubator building to be located on the main campus of the University in Thibodaux, Louisiana.

***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 become the Facility Planning and Control delegated authority allowing the University to oversee and manage the construction of the Bayou Region Incubator building to be located on the main campus of the University in Thibodaux, Louisiana.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that prior to execution of final documents Nicholls State University shall: (a) Provide evidence to UL System staff and legal counsel from agencies/parties with transaction process oversight that all transactional and administrative requirements have been satisfied; (b) Obtain final review and approval from UL System staff; and (c) Obtain approval from legal counsel that all necessary actions and approvals have been obtained and that documents are in appropriate order for execution.*

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

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

- I.5. University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s request for approval to place on the signage of the football stadium “Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center Stadium.”

*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 place on the signage of the football stadium “Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center Stadium.”*

- I.6. University of Louisiana at Monroe’s request for approval to enter into a Grounds and Facilities Lease Agreement with ULM Facilities, Inc., to construct a new Softball Student Athlete Leadership Center, pursuant to La. R.S. 17:3361.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Monroe’s request for approval to enter into a Grounds Lease Agreement ULM Facilities, Inc., to construct a new Softball Student Athlete Leadership Center, pursuant to 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, that the President of University of Louisiana at Monroe 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.*

- I.7. University of New Orleans’ request for approval to name a space inside the Earl K. Long Library the “Stewart Family Learning Commons.”

*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 name a space inside the Earl K. Long Library the “Stewart Family Learning Commons.”*

- I.8. University of New Orleans’ request for approval to enter into a Lease Agreement with University of New Orleans Research and Technology Foundation (R&T Foundation), both not-for-profit corporations, pursuant to the authority vested in La. R.S. 41:137.

*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 enter into a Lease Agreement with the University of New Orleans Research and Technology Foundation, Inc., both not-for-profit corporations, to proceed with execution of a lease agreement pursuant to the authority vested in La. R.S. 41:137.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, that University of New Orleans has obtained 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 New Orleans or his or her designee is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said lease.

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

- I.9. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of the Fiscal Year 2022-23 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 2022-23 Capital Outlay Budget Request and Institutions' Five-Year Capital Outlay Plans.

J. **Finance Committee**

Vice Committee Chair Steve Davison asked staff to present the campus requests. Mr. Eddie Meche, System Vice President for Business and Finance, presented Items J.1.-J.7.

Upon motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board voted unanimously to approve Items J.1. through J.7.

- J.1. Grambling State University's request for approval to enter a sponsorship agreement with Coca-Cola Bottling Company, United/Coca-Cola North America.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Grambling State University's request to enter into a ten-year sponsorship agreement with Coca-Cola Bottling Company, United/Coca-Cola North America.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, that Mr. Richard J. Gallot, Jr., President of Grambling State University, is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute this sponsorship agreement.

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

- J.2. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to modify the Student Publication Fee, an existing university-assessed fee, to establish financial support for Title IX needs.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University's request to modify an existing university-assessed fee, the Student Publication Fee, by reducing the Student Publication Fee to \$6 per student each fall and spring semester and \$3 per student each summer and establishing a Title IX Support Fee at \$6 per student each fall and spring semester and \$3 per student each summer.

- J.3. University of New Orleans' request for approval to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Golden Leaf Energy to team up with the University's Advanced Materials Research Institute (AMRI) to study biofoams.

***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 Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Golden Leaf Energy for the study of biofoams.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, that Dr. John W. Nicklow, President of University of New Orleans, is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute this Cooperative Endeavor Agreement.

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

- J.4. University of New Orleans' request for approval to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Cell Free Systems, Inc. for the development of nanoscale inorganic-biomaterial composites.

***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 enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Cell Free Systems, Inc. for the development of nanoscale inorganic-biomaterial composites.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, that Dr. John W. Nicklow, President of University of New Orleans, is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute this Cooperative Endeavor Agreement.

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

- J.5. University of New Orleans' request for approval to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with TMS BioScience to provide support for the University's Advanced Materials Research Institute (AMRI).

***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 enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with TMS BioScience for the development of nanoscale inorganic-biomaterial composites.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, that Dr. John W. Nicklow, President of University of New Orleans, is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute this Cooperative Endeavor Agreement.

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

- J.6. University of Louisiana System's request for acceptance of Fiscal Year 2020-21 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 2020-21 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.

- J.7. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of Fiscal Year 2021-22 Operating Budgets, including organizational charts, undergraduate/graduate mandatory attendance fees, and scholarships.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Fiscal Year 2021-22 Operating Budgets, including organizational charts, undergraduate/graduate mandatory attendance fees, and scholarships.

- J.8. Revision to Policy and Procedures Memorandum S-II.I.C.-1, Admission Application Fees.

Mr. Meche indicated that a minor revision to Policy and Procedures Memorandum (PPM), S-II.I.C.-1, *Admission Application Fees*, had been made. This was a report only, and no action was necessary by the Board.

- J.9. University of Louisiana System's report on internal and external audit activity for the period of June 21 to August 22, 2021.

Mr. Meche gave a brief presentation on the internal and external audits. This was a report only, and no action was required by the Board.

**K. Personnel Committee**

Ms. Dunahoe asked Ms. Kecia Neal, System Accountant, to present the campus requests. It was stated that, at the request of the campus, **Item K.1. had been removed from consideration.** Ms. Neal described Items K.2.-K.6. Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Romero, the Board voted unanimously to approve the items.

- K.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Richard A. Crawford as Vice President of Student Advancement effective July 1, 2021.

***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 Dr. Richard A. Crawford as Vice President of Student Advancement effective July 1, 2021.*

- K.3. McNeese State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Frederick "Chip" LeMieux as Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Enrollment Management effective August 1, 2021.

***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. Frederick "Chip" LeMieux as Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Enrollment effective August 1, 2021.*

- K.4. McNeese State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Shuming Bai as Dean for the College of Business effective July 1, 2021.

***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. Shuming Bai as Dean for the College of Business effective July 1, 2021.*

- K.5. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Tará Lopez as Interim Dean of the College of Business effective July 31, 2021.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Tará Lopez as Interim Dean of the College of Business effective July 31, 2021.*

- K.6. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to appoint Dr. Brian Doherty as Dean of University Libraries effective July 1, 2021.

***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. Brian Doherty as Dean of University Libraries effective July 1, 2021.*

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.

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

L.2. System President's Report

***COVID-19 Update***

Dr. Henderson indicated that a copy of the Fall 2021 Guidelines Principles was included in their folders. He reiterated the four principles that have served as the framework since the beginning of the pandemic:

- Health and safety of students, faculty, staff and communities
- Continuity of learning and research
- Financial health and viability of enterprise
- Social, emotional, and economic welfare of local communities

Other issues covered were vaccinations, masks, and testing. Dr. Henderson reported that at least fifty percent of the student body of the System has at least initiated the vaccination process. In addition, he stated that eighty percent of the faculty have been vaccinated.

***Mental Health Conference***

Dr. Henderson reported that the UL System Mental Health Advisory Council was coordinating a virtual professional development program for faculty and staff on August 31-September 1. The Universities of Louisiana Mental Health Conference will provide suicide prevention training and share tools for participants to improve mental health.

***Title IX***

Ms. Erica Calais, System Vice President for Student Affairs and Governance, reported on the August 17 Power-Based Violence mandatory training sponsored by the Board of Regents. She indicated that a majority of Board members participated in the training and the others would be provided with a video of the session.

***Northwestern State University Presidential Search***

In addition, Ms. Calais said that Northwestern State University Presidential Search process was underway, with the inaugural Search Committee meeting held on the campus on August 24. At that meeting, the Committee accepted a charge and approved a timeline and advertisement. Additionally, members received input from the campus community about desired characteristics. Since the meeting, the advertisement has been posted to a variety of publications.

She informed the Board that the timeline calls for October 8 as the preferred application date. Subsequent to that date, the Committee will convene to review applications and select semifinalists for interview on Northwestern's campus in early November. A Special Board Meeting will be held in Baton Rouge on November 8 with the purpose of interviewing finalists and selecting the next President.

Dr. Henderson commended Ms. Calais for her professionalism and leadership as the System liaison for the search.

***Management and Leadership Institute***

President Henderson thanked Dr. Caprice Ieyoub, Executive Director of Development, for heading the Management and Leadership Institute (M&LI). He stated that the fifth cohort recently held its first meeting at University of Louisiana at Lafayette and looks forward to a successful year.

***Compete LA***

Dr. Henderson updated the Board that the Compete LA program has been steadily moving forward with its vision to enhance educational attainment in Louisiana. Ms. Cami Geisman announced a Corporate Partnership Program that had been introduced in June. The highlights of the program include custom co-branded webpage for the partner organization, free one-on-one coaching for employees, flexible offerings, discounted tuition, and promotion on CompeteLA.org and Compete LA social media channels.

Ms. Geisman also had a personal note about a System staff member. She announced that Ms. Jessie Gabor, System Brand Manager and Graphic Designer, had accepted a position as a Marketing and Design Associate and will be relocating to Philadelphia. Ms. Geisman said Jessie will be sorely missed.

***Content Expert***

Mr. Thomas Hoover, the System Information Technology Content Expert (Louisiana Tech University's Chief Information Officer), reported on collaborative discussions with System information officers. He outlined opportunities for combating cybersecurity threats: Assessing risk, sharing best practices, minimizing exposure, penetration testing, participating in cybersecurity conferences.

- L.3. McNeese State University's request for approval of a resolution authorizing the President of the University to file suit on behalf of the University for the recovery of any and all losses sustained from Hurricane Laura.

Attorney Brandon DeCuir briefly described the need for the action. Upon motion of Mr. Kitchen, seconded by Mr. Stevens, 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 McNeese State University's request for a resolution authorizing the President of the University to file suit on behalf of the University for the recovery of any and all losses sustained from Hurricane Laura.***

M. **Board Chair's Business**

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***Harvard Kennedy School***

Mr. Carter reminded the Board members that Dr. Henderson had shared a development opportunity with them. Dr. Henderson explained the Governance for Nonprofit Excellence

Executive Education Program offered by the Harvard Kennedy School as a rigorous one-week session that could benefit members. Chair Carter indicated that the tuition would be covered by the System and encouraged Board members to consider participating.

N. **Other Business**

Mr. Carter said that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Thursday, October 28, in Baton Rouge. He also mentioned that a Live Ethics training session is being scheduled for that day, which will give them the ability to satisfy the annual requirement.

O. **Adjournment**

Upon motion of Dr. Clarke, seconded by Mr. Kitchen, at 1:25 p.m., the Board voted to adjourn.