

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM
February 25, 2021**

A. **Call to Order**

On Thursday, February 25, 2021, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Chair Carter at 11:00 a.m.

B. **Roll Call**

PRESENT

Ms. Olivia Bailey	Ms. Mildred “Mimi” Methvin
Mr. Barry Busada	Mr. Alejandro “Al” Perkins*
Mr. James Carter	Ms. Elizabeth Pierre
Dr. Jimmy Clarke	Mr. Virgil Robinson
Dr. John Condos	Mr. Mark Romero
Mr. Steve Davison	Ms. Kristine Russell
Ms. Lola Dunahoe	Mr. Joe Salter
Mr. Thomas Kitchen	Mr. Brad Stevens

**Mr. Perkins arrived subsequent to roll call.*

ABSENT

None

A quorum was established. Also on the call were System President Jim Henderson, System staff, University Presidents, and Attorney Brandon DeCuir.

C. **Certification**

Upon motion of Ms. Dunahoe, seconded by Mr. Robinson, the Board voted by roll call vote to approve the Certification of Inability to Operate due to Lack of Quorum. The following members voted aye: Ms. Bailey, Mr. Busada, Mr. Carter, Dr. Clarke, Dr. Condos, Mr. Davison, Ms. Dunahoe, Mr. Kitchen, Ms. Methvin, Ms. Pierre, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Romero, Ms. Russell, Mr. Salter, and Mr. Stevens. There were no opposing votes.

D. **Invocation**

Mr. Joe Salter opened the meeting with an invocation.

E. **Approval of Minutes of January 7, 2021 Board Meeting**

Upon motion of Mr. Salter, seconded by Ms. Dunahoe, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the January 7 Board Meeting. Also included in the motion was the request to meet as a Committee of the Whole. The following roll call vote was recorded: Ms. Bailey, Mr. Busada, Mr. Carter, Dr. Clarke, Dr. Condos, Mr. Davison, Ms. Dunahoe, Mr. Kitchen, Ms. Methvin, Ms. Pierre, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Romero, Ms. Russell, Mr. Salter, and Mr. Stevens.

F. **Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

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

Dr. Kahn described Items F.1.-F.7. Dr. Connie Walton, Grambling State University Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, presented background on Item F.3.

Upon motion of Ms. Dunahoe, seconded by Ms. Methvin, Items F.1.-F.7. were unanimously approved. The following members voted aye by roll call vote: Ms. Bailey, Mr. Busada, Mr. Carter, Dr. Clarke, Dr. Condos, Mr. Davison, Ms. Dunahoe, Mr. Kitchen, Ms. Methvin, Mr. Perkins, Ms. Pierre, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Romero, Ms. Russell, Mr. Salter, and Mr. Stevens. There were no opposing votes.

F.1. Grambling State University's request for approval of an Alliance Agreement with Life University.

***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 an Alliance Agreement with Life University.*

F.2. Grambling State University's request for approval of an Alliance Agreement with the Arizona Board of Regents for and on behalf of Arizona State University.

***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 an Alliance Agreement with the Arizona Board of Regents for and on behalf of Arizona State University.*

F.3. Grambling State University's request for approval of a Memorandum of Agreement with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

***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 Memorandum of Agreement with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce.*

F.4. Grambling State University's request for approval of a Business Pathway Agreement with Northshore Technical Community College.

***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 Business Pathway Agreement with Northshore Technical Community College.*

- F.5. Grambling State University's request for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Marywood University.

***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 Memorandum of Understanding with Marywood University.*

- F.6. Nicholls State University's request for approval to offer Undergraduate Certificates in Professional Writing and Public History.

***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 Undergraduate Certificates in Professional Public History.*

- F.7. Nicholls State University's request to split the existing Bachelor of Science in Petroleum Services into two separate degree programs: Bachelor of Science in Safety Management and Bachelor of Science in Petroleum in Petroleum Engineering Technology.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Nicholls State University's request to split the existing Bachelor of Science in Petroleum Services into two separate degree programs: Bachelor of Science in Safety Management and Bachelor of Science in Petroleum in Petroleum Engineering Technology.*

- F.8. Faculty and Student Spotlights

University of Louisiana at Lafayette's Vice President for Research, Dr. Ramesh Kolluru, introduced Dr. Francois Villinger, Director of the New Iberia Research Center, and Ms. Jane Fontenot, Director of Contractor Research. They described the Center's important role in the research and development of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.

A Grambling State University student, Mr. Elliott Howard, gave a brief description of his research project. He is one of two from that University who was awarded the 2020 IBM Masters Fellowship, which works to increase the number of minority students focusing on strategic areas of science.

G. **Athletic Committee**

Dr. John Condos asked Mr. Bruce Janet, System Director of Internal and External Audits, to discuss the items under consideration.

Upon motion of Ms. Dunahoe, seconded by Mr. Carter, the Board unanimously voted to approve Items G.1. and G.2. The following members voted aye by roll call vote: Ms. Bailey, Mr. Busada, Mr. Carter, Dr. Clarke, Dr. Condos, Mr. Davison, Ms. Dunahoe, Mr. Kitchen, Ms. Methvin, Mr. Perkins, Ms. Pierre, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Romero, Ms. Russell, Mr. Salter, and Mr. Stevens. There were no opposing votes.

- G.1. Grambling State University's request for approval of a revised Complimentary Athletic Home Game Ticket Policy Reduced to 25% per COVID-19 Guidelines.

***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 Complimentary Athletic Home Game Ticket Policy Reduced to 25% per COVID-19 Guidelines.*

- G.2. Northwestern State University's request for approval of a contractual agreement with Mr. Ryan Hall, Assistant Athletic Director for Development, effective March 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 contractual agreement with Mr. Ryan Hall, Assistant Athletic Director for Development, effective March 1, 2021.*

Upon motion of Mr. Romero, seconded by Mr. Kitchen, the Board voted to approve item G.3. The following members voted aye: Ms. Bailey, Mr. Busada, Mr. Carter, Dr. Clarke, Dr. Condos, Mr. Davison, Ms. Dunahoe, Mr. Kitchen, Ms. Methvin, Mr. Perkins, Ms. Pierre, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Romero, Ms. Russell, and Mr. Salter. **Mr. Stevens recused himself from discussion and voting on Item G.3.**

- G.3. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. David Kiefer, Head Men's Basketball Coach, effective February 1, 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 of a contract with Mr. David Kiefer, Head Men's Basketball Coach, effective February 1, 2021.*

H. Facilities Planning Committee

Committee Chair Kitchen asked Mr. Janet to present the Facilities Planning Committee items.

Upon motion of Ms. Dunahoe, seconded by Dr. Clarke, by roll call vote, **Item H.9 was removed from the agenda.**

Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Dr. Condos, the Board voted to approve Item H.1. The following Board members voted aye: Ms. Bailey, Mr. Busada, Mr. Carter, Dr. Clarke, Dr. Condos, Ms. Dunahoe, Mr. Kitchen, Ms. Methvin, Mr. Perkins, Ms. Pierre, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Romero, Ms. Russell, Mr. Salter, and Mr. Stevens. **Mr. Davison recused himself from voting on H.1.**

- H.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to name portions of various athletic 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 to name portions of various athletic facilities.*

Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Dr. Condos, the Board voted to approve Items H.2.-H.8. and H.10-H.14. The following Board members voted aye: Ms. Bailey, Mr. Busada, Mr. Carter, Dr. Clarke, Dr. Condos, Mr. Davison, Ms. Dunahoe, Mr. Kitchen, Ms. Methvin, Mr. Perkins, Ms. Pierre, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Romero, Ms. Russell, Mr. Salter, and Mr. Stevens.

H.2. Nicholls State University's request for approval to name the newly renovated space in Talbot Hall "The Dane Ledet Gallery."

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 name the newly renovated space in Talbot Hall "The Dane Ledet Gallery."

H.3. Nicholls State University's request for approval to name Room 133 in Lanny D. Ledet Hall the "Gregory and Brenda Hamer Family/Taco Bell Student Lounge and Research Center."

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 name Room 133 in Lanny D. Ledet Hall the "Gregory and Brenda Hamer Family/Taco Bell Student Lounge and Research Center."

H.4. Nicholls State University's request for approval to enter into a Ground Lease/Lease Back Agreement with the Nicholls State University Foundation to replace the scoreboard at the Nicholls State University Softball Field, as authorized by La. R.S. 17:3361.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Nicholls State University's request to enter into a Ground Lease/Lease Back Agreement with the Nicholls State University Foundation to replace the scoreboard at the Nicholls State University Softball Field, as authorized by La. R.S. 17:3361.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Nicholls 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.

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 Ground Lease/Lease Back Agreement.

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

H.5. Northwestern State University's request for approval to demolish Prudhomme and Caddo Halls.

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 demolish Prudhomme and Caddo Halls.

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

- H.6. Northwestern State University's request for approval to name the Academic Success Center in Watson Library the "Gerald and Rose Long Academic Success Center."

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 name the Academic Success Center in Watson Library the "Gerald and Rose Long Academic Success Center."

- H.7. Northwestern State University's request for approval to name the state at the Iberville Green Area the "Seven Oaks Stage."

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 name the stage at the Iberville Green Area the "Seven Oaks Stage."

- H.8. Northwestern State University's request for approval to name the new meeting space in the Friedman Student Union, Room 121, the "Lucile M. Hendrick Room."

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 name the new meeting space in the Friedman Student Union, Room 121, the "Lucile M. Hendrick Room."

H.9. was removed from the agenda.

- H.10. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to enter into a Ground Lease with the Southeastern Louisiana University Foundation to establish the Southeastern Interdisciplinary Innovation Center on the second floor of Sims Memorial Library, as authorized by La. R.S. 17:3361.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University's request to enter into a ground lease with the Southeastern Louisiana University Foundation to establish the Interdisciplinary Innovation Center on the second floor of Sims Memorial Library, as authorized by La. R.S. 17:3361.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Southeastern Louisiana University 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 Southeastern Louisiana University or his or her designee is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said Ground Lease.

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

- H.11. University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s request for approval to name the soon to be renovated Roy House the “Broussard Room.”

***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 name the soon to be renovated Roy House, the “Broussard Room.”*

- H.12. University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s request for approval to place on the signage of the newly installed softball video board “In Memory of Charles D. “Charlie” Bernard.”

***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 newly installed softball video board “In Memory of Charles D. “Charlie” Bernard.”*

- H.13. University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s request to begin the process of an exchange of a parcel of land owned by the University in exchange for property owned by the City of Lafayette, as authorized by La. R.S. 17:3351.

***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 proceed in negotiation with the City to execute an exchange in full compliance with legal requirements as authorized by La. R.S. 17:3351.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the University will prepare the necessary documents for subsequent submission to the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, and that University staff, UL System staff, and legal counsel shall assure that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the President of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette or his or her designee is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said exchange.*

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

- H.14. University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s request to lease the Primary Care Clinic to University Hospital and Clinics, Inc., as authorized by 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 Lafayette’s request to lease the Primary Care Clinic to University Hospital and Clinics, Inc., as authorized by La. R.S. 17:3361.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that University of Louisiana at Lafayette will 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 Lafayette or his or her designee is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said lease on behalf of the Board.

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

I. **Finance Committee**

Committee Chair Virgil Robinson asked staff to present the campus requests. Mr. Charles Wendt, System Director of Accounting and Financial Analysis, discussed I.1.-I.5. and I.7. Mr. Bruce Janet introduced Item I.6.

Upon motion of Ms. Dunahoe, seconded by Dr. Condos, the Board voted unanimously to approve Items I.1.-I.4., with the following roll call vote: Ms. Bailey, Mr. Busada, Mr. Carter, Dr. Clarke, Dr. Condos, Mr. Davison, Ms. Dunahoe, Mr. Kitchen, Ms. Methvin, Mr. Perkins, Ms. Pierre, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Romero, Ms. Russell, Mr. Salter, and Mr. Stevens.

- I.1. McNeese State University's request for approval of a student referendum to allow changes to the allocation of student resources with the purpose of better serving the student body and McNeese family.

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 for a referendum to allow changes to the allocation of student resources, with the purpose of better serving the student body and the McNeese family.

- I.2. University of New Orleans' request for approval to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Bastian Enterprises.

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 Bastian Enterprises.

- I.3. University of Louisiana System's request for approval to establish LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorships/Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships/First Generation Scholarships as follows:

McNeese State University

Francis X. Bride Professorship in Psychology

Southeastern Louisiana University

John Alario Endowed Professorship in Communication and Media Studies

Bernice Ross Penland First Generation Endowed Scholarship

J.W. McClimans Endowed Professorship in Communication and Media Studies

J.W. McClimans Endowed Professorship in Nursing and Health Sciences

Sanderson Farms First Generation Endowed Scholarship

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Barbara B. Authement/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Early Childhood Education
Roland and Betty Faulk/BORSF Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarship in
Biology

University of Louisiana at Monroe

Sally Liew and Kevin Koh First Generation Endowed Scholarship
OIB First Generation Endowed Scholarship
Lenora Francois Stewart and Dr. David W. Stewart Endowed Professorship
Dorothy and Ray Young Family Endowed Professorship
Luffey First Generation Endowed Scholarship

University of New Orleans

Jerah W. Johnson Endowed Professorship in Maritime Studies and World History
Jerah W. Johnson Endowed Professorship in Louisiana History
Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarship in Engineering and Applied Sciences
Doctoral Program

***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 LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorships/Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships/First Generation Scholarships as noted above.*

- 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 2020 in accordance with provision 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 2020 in accordance with provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute (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, 2020.

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

- I.6. University of Louisiana System's report on internal and external audit activity for the period of November 30, 2020 to February 21, 2021.

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

- I.7. University of Louisiana System's discussion of Fiscal Year 2020-21 second quarter financial reports and ongoing assurances.

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

J. **Personnel Committee**

Ms. Dunahoe asked Mr. Marcus Jones, System Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, to present the campus requests.

Upon motion of Ms. Russell, seconded by Mr. Romero, the Board voted unanimously to approve Items J.1.-J.3.

- J.1. Nicholls State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Michele Caruso as Vice President of Student Affairs effective January 4, 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 to appoint Dr. Michele Caruso as Vice President of Student Affairs effective January 4, 2021.*

- J.2. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to appoint Mr. Michael McClure as Interim Dean of the College of Arts effective January 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 Mr. Michael McClure as Interim Dean of the College of Arts effective January 1, 2021.*

- J.3. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to appoint Ms. Lisa Frey Miller as Interim Vice President of Enrollment Management and University Relations effective February 15, 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 to appoint Ms. Lisa Frey Miller as Interim Vice President of Enrollment Management and University Relations effective February 15, 2021.*

- J.4. University of Louisiana System's discussion of Policy and Procedures Memorandum (PPM), Leave Record Establishment and Regulations for All Unclassified, Non-Civil Service Employees, FS.III.XXI.-1.

Mr. Marcus Jones advised Board members that PPM FS.III.XXI.-1 had been revised and would become effective February 25, 2021. No Board action was required.

Nicholls State University President Jay Clune introduced Dr. Michele Caruso as Vice President for Student Affairs. Dr. Caruso thanked her mentors and co-workers and said her main desire is to impact student lives.

Dr. Clune also introduced Mr. Jonathan Terrell, Director of Athletics, whose contract had been approved at the September 3, 2020 Board meeting. Mr. Terrell said he was grateful for the opportunity to lead the program at Nicholls.

Dr. Ronald Berry, President at UL-Monroe, introduced Ms. Lisa Frey Miller as the Interim Vice President for Enrollment Management and University Relations. Ms. Miller thanked Dr. Berry and the Board for supporting her and said she was excited to work to see Dr. Berry's vision for the University come to fruition.

K. **Legislation Committee**

Ms. Kristine Russell, Chair, asked Ms. Cami Geisman, Vice President for External Affairs, to give the legislative report.

K.1. **Report of Legislative Roundtables**

Ms. Geisman said that the System is busily preparing for the upcoming legislative session. She indicated that eight roundtables including legislators, constituents, Board members, and staff had already occurred, and two others were scheduled.

K.2. **Update on 2021 Regular Legislative Session**

Ms. Geisman gave two legislative priorities of interest to the higher education community this year. The first is to restore state investment in higher education to the FY 2019 level and the second is to close the competition gap by investment in faculty.

In addition, Ms. Geisman asked the Board to save the date of April 14 for the virtual 2021 UL System Day at the Capitol.

L. **System President's Business**

L.1. **System President's Report**

Vaccine Prioritization

Dr. Henderson reported that the COVID-19 vaccine eligibility was being expanded to additional groups. He indicated that higher education faculty and staff had been added to the list and would be eligible in Phase 1B, Tier 2.

Title IX and Academic Summit

Ms. Erica Calais, Vice President for Student Affairs and Governance, gave an update on Title IX requirements and associated policies and processes. She talked about Title IX education and training taking place at UL System institutions as well as the System's new partnership with STAR (Sexual, Trauma, Awareness, and Response). STAR will assist in expanding the System's existing efforts regarding sexual violence prevention on the campuses.

Ms. Calais also informed the Board that this year's annual Academic Summit will be held virtually on March 26. The Summit showcases the work of students and faculty involving visual and performing arts, service-learning, and undergraduate research.

For Our Future Conference

Dr. Henderson reminded Board members that the annual *For Our Future Conference* is scheduled for March 18-19 and will be held virtually. He encouraged the members to participate as their schedules allow.

Data Visualization

Dr. Claire Norris updated the Board on the System's efforts around Inclusion, Diversity, and Effectiveness. She reminded the members of the goals set at the Board meeting in June 2020 and informed them that all the goals established have been met. She also advised the Board that the System adopted Tableau, a data analytical tool to advance the equity work.

L.2. Personnel Actions (*Executive Session may be required*)

Mr. Carter asked for a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel issues pursuant to R.S. 42:17.

Upon motion of Mr. Salter, seconded by Mr. Stevens, by roll call vote the Board voted at 1:15 p.m. to enter Executive Session. The following members voted aye: Ms. Bailey, Mr. Carter, Dr. Clarke, Mr. Davison, Ms. Dunahoe, Mr. Kitchen, Ms. Methvin, Mr. Perkins, Ms. Pierre, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Romero, Ms. Russell, Mr. Salter, and Mr. Stevens. There were no opposing votes.

At 1:26 p.m., upon motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Ms. Dunahoe, the Board voted to reconvene in Open Session. Mr. Carter stated that while in Executive Session, no motions were made nor votes taken. The following members voted aye: Ms. Bailey, Mr. Busada, Mr. Carter, Dr. Clarke, Mr. Davison, Ms. Dunahoe, Mr. Kitchen, Ms. Methvin, Mr. Perkins, Ms. Pierre, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Romero, Ms. Russell, Mr. Salter, and Mr. Stevens. There were no opposing votes.

President Henderson said that System staff had reviewed all personnel actions from the campuses and recommends approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Romero, seconded by Ms. Pierre, the Board voted by roll call to approve the System personnel actions.

The following members voted aye: Ms. Bailey, Mr. Busada, Mr. Carter, Dr. Clarke, Mr. Davison, Ms. Dunahoe, Mr. Kitchen, Ms. Methvin, Ms. Pierre, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Romero, Ms. Russell, Mr. Salter, and Mr. Stevens. There were no opposing votes.

Charles Wendt

Dr. Henderson announced that Mr. Charles Wendt had accepted a position with Louisiana State University and that this would be his last meeting. Dr. Henderson offered Mr. Wendt words of congratulations and well wishes.

M. **Board Chair's Business**

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

Annual Requirements

Mr. Carter reminded Board members that 2020 Personal Financial Disclosure Statements were due to the Board of Ethics by May 15. He said that Ms. Sandra Green could answer questions about this process.

In addition, annual Ethics and Preventing Sexual Harassment Trainings are required. Mr. Carter indicated that Mr. Bruce Janet would email information to access these mandatory courses.

Commencements

Chair Carter reminded the Board that March 6 is the date for Louisiana Tech University's Winter Commencement. Also, he stated that Ms. Green will email a webpage that allows Board members to RSVP to various campus commencement ceremonies.

National Guard Recognition

Mr. Carter recognized the challenges faced by the National Guard during the pandemic as well as the devastating storms in 2020. He commended them for their service and asked for a motion to honor the men and women of the Guard with a resolution.

Upon motion of Mr. Romero, seconded by Ms. Methvin, the Board unanimously voted to honor and thank the Louisiana National Guard for its extraordinary service during the coronavirus pandemic, post-hurricane clean-up, and post-winter storm recovery.

N. **Other Business**

Mr. Carter said that the next meeting of the Board is April 22 at 11:00 a.m.

O. **Adjournment**

Upon motion of Ms. Dunahoe, seconded by Mr. Salter, at 1:35 p.m., the Board voted to adjourn.