

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM
April 21, 2022**

A. Call to Order/Roll Call

On Thursday, April 21, 2022, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met on the campus of University of New Orleans in the Geoghegan Grand Ballroom of the Homer L. Hitt Alumni Center. The meeting was called to order by Chair Pierre at 9:04 a.m.

PRESENT

Dr. Jimmy Clarke	Mr. Virgil Robinson
Mr. Steve Davison	Mr. Mark Romero
Ms. Lola Dunahoe	Mr. Brad Stevens
Ms. Jo Lethermon	Ms. Julie Stokes
Mr. Dana Peterson	Ms. L'Oreal Williams
Ms. Elizabeth Pierre	

ABSENT

Mr. Barry Busada	Ms. Kristine Russell
Dr. John Condos	Mr. Joe Salter
Mr. Alejandro "Al" Perkins	

A quorum was established. Also present were System President Jim Henderson, System staff, University Presidents, and Attorneys Linda Clark and Brandon DeCuir.

B. Invocation

Ms. Lola Dunahoe opened the meeting with an invocation.

Ms. Pierre asked for a motion to meet as a Committee of the Whole. On motion of Mr. Romero, seconded by Mr. Stevens, the Board unanimously approved a motion to conduct business as a Committee of the Whole. In addition, Ms. Pierre asked for a motion to add one item of business to be considered by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee. Upon motion of Mr. Davison, seconded by Mr. Stevens, the Board unanimously voted to add one item of business to the Academic and Student Affairs Committee agenda.

C. Welcome by University of New Orleans President John Nicklow

Ms. Pierre thanked Dr. Nicklow for hosting the Board meeting. Dr. Nicklow welcomed the Board to New Orleans on behalf of the University administration, staff, and students. He gave a brief presentation highlighting the campus.

D. Administration of Oath of Office to Ms. Jo Lethermon, Board Member

Mr. Brandon DeCuir administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Board Member, Jo'Quishia "Jo" Lethermon. Ms. Lethermon said she was excited to join the Board and looked forward to her tenure.

E. **Approval of Minutes of February 17, 2022 Board Meeting**

Upon motion of Ms. Dunahoe, seconded by Mr. Davison, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the February 17, 2022 Board Meeting.

F. **Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

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

Dr. Kahn described Items F.1.-F.7. and, upon motion of Mr. Romero, seconded by Mr. Robinson, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following campus requests.

- F.1. Grambling State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters to Mr. Edward "Ted" James at the Spring 2022 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 for approval to award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters to Mr. Edward "Ted" James at the Spring 2022 Commencement Exercises.*

- F.2. Grambling State University's request for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with University of Belize.

***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 University of Belize.*

- F.3. McNeese State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters to Mr. Dennis Stine at the Spring 2022 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 for approval to award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters to Mr. Dennis Stine at the 2022 Spring Commencement Exercises.*

- F.4. McNeese State University's request for approval 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 to offer a Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling.*

- F.5. Northwestern State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctor of Humanities to Ms. Lela Mae Wilkes at the Spring 2022 Commencement Exercises.

***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 award an Honorary Doctor of Humanities to Ms. Lela Mae Wilkes at the Spring 2022 Commencement Exercises.*

- F.6. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctor of Humanities to Mr. John A. Alario, Jr. at the Spring 2022 Commencement Exercises.

***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 award an Honorary Doctor of Humanities to Mr. John A. Alario, Jr. at the Spring 2022 Commencement Exercises.*

- F.7. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to establish the Institute of Gerontology Education, Research and Training (IGERT).

***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 establish the Institute of Gerontology Education, Research and Training (IGERT).*

G. **Athletic Committee**

Mr. Romero asked Mr. Bruce Janet, System Director of Internal and External Audit, to present the items under consideration by the Athletic Committee. After discussion, upon motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Peterson, Items G.1.-G.16. were unanimously approved by the Board.

- G.1. Northwestern State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Corey Gipson, Head Men's Basketball Coach, effective March 24, 2022.

***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. Corey Gipson, Head Men's Basketball Coach, effective March 24, 2022.*

- G.2. Northwestern State University's request for approval of contractual amendments with Ms. Anna Nimz, Head Women's Basketball Coach, effective March 25, 2022.

***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 contractual amendments with Ms. Anna Nimz, Head Women's Basketball Coach, effective March 25, 2022.*

- G.3. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. William Narro, Head Golf Coach, effective July 1, 2022.

***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. William Narro, Head Golf Coach, effective July 1, 2022.*

- G.4. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Benjamin Gipson, Associate Men's Baseball Coach, effective July 1, 2022.

***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. Benjamin Gipson, Associate Men's Baseball Coach, effective July 1, 2022.*

- G.5. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Kenneth Lee, Associate Women's Basketball Coach, effective July 1, 2022.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Kenneth Lee, Associate Women's Basketball Coach, effective July 1, 2022.*

- G.6. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Antonio Baker, Assistant Football Coach, effective March 1, 2022.

***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. Antonio Baker, Assistant Football Coach, effective March 1, 2022.*

- G.7. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Andrew Hopp, Assistant Football Coach, effective March 1, 2022.

***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. Andrew Hopp, Assistant Football Coach, effective March 1, 2022.*

- G.8. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Ross Jenkins, Assistant Football Coach, effective March 1, 2022.

***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. Ross Jenkins, Assistant Football Coach, effective March 1, 2022.*

- G.9. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Delphrine Lee, Assistant Football Coach, effective March 1, 2022.

***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. Delphrine Lee, Assistant Football Coach, effective March 1, 2022.*

- G.10. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Albert Poree, Assistant Football Coach, effective March 1, 2022.

***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. Albert Poree, Assistant Football Coach, effective March 1, 2022.*

- G.11. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Thomas Rinaldi, Assistant Football Coach, effective March 1, 2022.

***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. Thomas Rinaldi, Assistant Football Coach, effective March 1, 2022.*

- G.12. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Anthony Scelfo, Assistant Football Coach, effective March 1, 2022.

***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. Anthony Scelfo, Assistant Football Coach, effective March 1, 2022.*

- G.13. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Greg Stevens, Assistant Football Coach/Offensive Coordinator, effective March 1, 2022.

***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. Greg Stevens, Assistant Football Coach/Offensive Coordinator, effective March 1, 2022.*

- G.14. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Christopher McBride, Head Soccer Coach, effective March 7, 2022.

***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. Christopher McBride, Head Soccer Coach, effective March 7, 2022.*

- G.15. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Michael Giuliani, Assistant Football Coach/Outside Linebackers, effective February 25, 2022.

***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 Giuliani, Assistant Football Coach/Outside Linebackers, effective February 25, 2022.*

- G.16. University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s request for approval of a contract with Mr. Dennis Thomas, Assistant Football Coach/Offensive Coordinator and Receivers, effective February 25, 2022.

***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. Dennis Thomas, Assistant Football Coach/Offensive Coordinator and Receivers, effective February 25, 2022.*

Northwestern State University President Marcus Jones introduced Mr. Corey Gipson, Head Men’s Basketball Coach. Mr. Gipson said he is humbled and appreciates the Northwestern community and President Marcus Jones for supporting his appointment.

H. Facilities Planning Committee

Mr. Brad Stevens asked Mr. Janet to discuss the items on the agenda. Mr. Janet described Items H.1. through H.7. Upon motion of Mr. Romero, seconded by Mr. Davison, the Board voted unanimously to approve Items H.1.-H.7.

- H.1. Nicholls State University’s request for approval to name the newly renovated Room 105 in the Ellender Memorial Library the “Marie Falgoust Faculty Staff Club.”

***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 Room 105 in the Ellender Memorial Library the “Marie Falgoust Faculty Staff Club.”*

- H.2. Northwestern State University’s request for approval to name an area in the A.A. Fredericks Fine Arts Building, Theatre-Dance Scene Shop the “Phil Kidd Scene Shop.”

***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 an area in the A.A. Frederick Fine Arts Building, Theatre-Dance Scene Shop the “Phil Kidd Scene Shop.”*

- H.3. Southeastern Louisiana University’s request for approval to amend its Five-Year Capital Outlay submission to include the project to construct a Nursing and Health Science Building.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University’s request to amend its Five-Year Capital Outlay submission to include the project to construct a Nursing and Health Science Building.*

- H.4. University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s request for approval to name the campus plaza near Griffin Hall after long-time Assistant Dean of Liberal Arts Carolyn Dural the “Carolyn Dural Plaza.”

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 name the campus plaza near Griffin Hall after long-time Assistant Dean of Liberal Arts Carolyn Dural the “Carolyn Dural Plaza.”

- H.5. University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s request for approval of nine naming requests.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s nine naming requests:

- (a) Gate A at Cajun Field, “David & Karen Daniel Family Gate A”
- (b) Parking Lot B at Cajun Field, “Blake & Jenny Bourque Parking Lot B”
- (c) Parking Lot D at Cajun Field, “Terry J. Delhomme Lot D”
- (d) Ragin’ Cajuns Athletic Foundation (RCAF) Office Suite, “Noah G. Brandon RCAF Office Suite.”
- (e) “Victory Bell Tower” (with McDonald’s logo and name below) at Cajun Field
- (f) Cajun Field’s west concourse for First Horizon Bank, and its athletics administrative offices, “First Horizon Athletics Administration Offices”
- (g) Club Level at Cajun Field, “McElligott Club at Cajun Field”
- (h) Soccer and Track Facility, “Home Bank Soccer and Track Facility”
- (i) Assistant Coaches’ Office (Recruiting Staff) at the Donald & Janice Mosing Student Athlete Performance Center, “Donated by Louis Hebert, in loving memory of Donna T. Auzenne”

- H.6. University of Louisiana at Monroe’s request for approval to accept donation of the synthetic field turf, installed on the ULM Baseball field surface, from University of Louisiana Monroe Facilities, Inc.

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 accept donation of the synthetic field turf, installed on the ULM Baseball field surface, from University of Louisiana Monroe Facilities, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the University of Louisiana at Monroe and his or her designee is hereby designated and authorized to sign any and all documents related to the donation.

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

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

- H.7. University of New Orleans’ request for approval to name the limited area of green space and adjacent patio under the front entrance of the Earl K. Long Library the “Virginia Rosanne Amato Patio.”

***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 to name the limited area of green space and adjacent patio under the front entrance of the Earl K. Long Library the “Virginia Rosanne Amato Patio.”*

I. **Finance Committee**

Mr. Virgil Robinson asked staff to present the campus requests. Mr. Eddie Meche, System Vice President for Business and Finance, presented Items I.1.-I.6. Ms. Ashley McIntyre described Item I.7.

Upon motion of Mr. Romero, seconded by Dr. Clarke, the Board voted unanimously to approve Items I.1.-I.7. below.

- I.1. Grambling State University’s request for approval to establish LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorships and Endowed Scholarships:

- (a) Doug Williams Peyback Endowed Scholarship
- (b) The University of Louisiana System Foundation and Diageo North America, Inc. Professorship for Women in S.T.E.M.
- (c) The University of Louisiana System Foundation and Diageo North America, Inc. Professorship for Men in S.T.E.M.
- (d) The Shade Room First Generation Endowed Scholarship
- (e) Lonnie B. Smith Endowed Scholarship
- (f) Dr. Neari F. Warner Endowed Student Scholarship
- (g) Delta Sigma Theta-Delta Iota Endowed Scholarship
- (h) Ben D. Johnson Endowed Scholarship Fund
- (i) Dr. Joseph B. Johnson – Kappa Alpha Psi/Gamma Psi Endowed Professorship
- (j) Doris Moses Perseverance Scholarship
- (k) Mr. Truitt Lowery and Mrs. Eleanor Wayne Lowery Endowed Student Scholarship
- (l) Ruston Alumni Chapter Family of Coach James Wicks Duncan Sr. Scholarship
- (m) SGA Centennial Campaign Endowed Scholarship

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Grambling State University’s request to establish LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorships and Endowed Scholarships noted above.*

- I.2. Nicholls State University’s request for approval for the execution of supplemental leases between the Board, on behalf of the University, and NSU Facilities Corporation, in connection with the refunding or remarketing of all or a portion of the University’s outstanding Series 2007B Bonds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Nicholls State University's request for approval of the form and authorization to execute a Second Supplemental Ground and Buildings Lease Agreement and a Second Supplemental Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase, each between the Board, acting on behalf of the University, and NSU Facilities Corporation, to refund and restructure the Series 2007B Bonds described herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Nicholls State University 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 Nicholls State 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 Nicholls State University will provide the System office with copies of all final executed documents for the Board's files.

- I.3. Northwestern State University's request for approval to offer a new lower fee rate for its Master of Education and Post Master's Certificate in Educational Leadership programs.

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 charge \$280 per student credit hour for its Master of Education and Post Master's Certificate in Educational Leadership programs.

- I.4. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to assess a tuition rate of \$416.66 per credit hour for its Master of Education in Educational Leadership program as allowed by Act 426 of the 2013 Regular Session.

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 assess students enrolled in the Master of Education in Educational Leadership online program \$416.66 per credit hour as allowed by Act 426 of the 2013 Regular Session.

- I.5. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to charge a \$150 application fee for its Doctor of Physical Therapy Program.

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 a \$150 application fee for students who apply to enter the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program.

- I.6. University of New Orleans' request for approval to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Talaria Antibodies, Inc. for support in the preparation of proprietary custom polyclonal antibodies.

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 Talaria Antibodies, Inc. for support in the preparation of proprietary custom polyclonal antibodies.

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.

- I.7. University of Louisiana System's recommendation for Campus Housing and Meal Plan Rates, Auxiliary Rates, Energy Surcharge, and Non-Governmental Charges for Academic Year 2022-23.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of Louisiana System's recommendation for Campus Housing and Meal Plan Rates, Auxiliary Rates, Energy Surcharge, and Non-Governmental Charges for Academic Year 2022-23.

Discussion/Action:

- I.8. University of New Orleans' request for approval to allow for a student referendum for a new Student Experience Fee.

Student Government Association President Amber Lemelle and Vice President Angelo Charles answered Board member questions concerning the request. Dr. Nicklow and Athletic Director Tim Duncan also provided some additional background.

Upon motion of Ms. Stokes, 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 University of New Orleans' request for approval to allow for a Student Referendum for a new Student Experience Fee.

- I.9. University of Louisiana System's report on internal and external audit activity for the period of February 14 to April 17, 2022.

Mr. Bruce Janet updated the Board on audit activity for the period indicated. This is a report only and no action by the Board is necessary.

J. **Personnel Committee**

Ms. Lola Dunahoe asked Ms. Kecia Neal to discuss the items on the agenda. After describing the three campus requests, upon motion of Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Romero, the Board voted unanimously to approve Items J.1.-J.3.

- J.1. McNeese State University's request for approval to appoint Ms. Mona White as Vice President for Business Affairs effective April 1, 2022.

***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 Ms. Mona White as Vice President for Business Affairs effective April 1, 2022.*

- J.2. McNeese State University's request for approval to continue the appointment of Ms. Virginia Ann Warner as Interim Dean for the College of Nursing effective January 4, 2022.

***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 continue the appointment of Ms. Virginia Ann Warner as Interim Dean for the College of Nursing effective January 4, 2022.*

- J.3. University of New Orleans' request for approval to appoint Ms. Joanne N. Terranova as Interim Vice President for Business Affairs effective March 24, 2022.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of New Orleans' request for approval to appoint Ms. Joanne N. Terranova as Interim Vice President for Business Affairs effective March 24, 2022.*

Dr. John Nicklow, President of University of New Orleans, introduced Ms. Terranova and indicated that she has worked for the University for 31 years. Ms. Terranova said that the financial health of the University is her primary focus.

K. **Legislation Committee**

Mr. Stevens asked Ms. Cami Geisman, Chief of Staff/Vice President for External Affairs, to present the Committee report.

- K.1. Update on 2022 Regular Legislative Session

Ms. Geisman stated that on April 5 the Board was honored to attend breakfast at the Governor's Mansion at Governor Edwards' invitation. Later in the morning, UL System Day at the Capitol kicked off on the grounds of the Pentagon Barracks. The event enjoyed excellent participation by the Board, legislators, and campus representatives. In addition, this year's Reginald F. Lewis Scholars were given special recognition on the floors of both Houses.

In regards to the Session, Ms. Geisman also stated that bills regarding retirement, teacher education, fees for graduate assistants, tenure, and Homeland Security are among the possible legislation being closely monitored.

L. **System President's Business**

L.1. **Personnel Actions and Summer School Pay Schedules**

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

Upon motion of Dr. Clarke, seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board unanimously voted to approve the System personnel actions and pay schedules.

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

For Our Future Conference

Dr. Henderson reported that the fifth annual For Our Future Conference in Natchitoches was well-attended and offered participants 36 sessions to support three tracks: core community, core mission, and core performance. He announced that next year's conference will be scheduled for Lake Charles.

Academic Summit

President Henderson highlighted the April 7-8 Academic Summit by commending the outstanding student presentations. The Academic Summit provides a stage for student work in the areas of visual and performing arts, service-learning, and undergraduate research. Dr. Henderson thanked Ms. Erica Calais for her oversight of this annual event. This year a commemorative pennant was designed as part of a contest in connection with the Summit.

Virtual College Fair

Dr. Henderson reported that the second annual 100 Black Men Virtual College Fair on March 26 was a success, with at least 100 young participants. Several students were awarded scholarships and all participants learned about UL System institutions.

Management and Leadership Institute

President Henderson congratulated Dr. Caprice Ieyoub, Executive Director of Development, for her leadership over the Management and Leadership Institute (M&LI) since its inception. He indicated that each of the past five cohorts has professionally and personally benefited from participating in the Institute.

Dr. Ieyoub praised Dr. Henderson for his vision of encouraging and developing future System leaders. From that vision came the Management and Leadership Institute, now in its sixth year. She thanked the Presidents for the quality of nominees they offer as well as sharing leadership experiences and showcasing their campuses. Dr. Ieyoub said that the nominees are evidence of the vast internal talent available in the System universities.

Black Male Summit

Additionally, Dr. Henderson announced that the 2022 Black Male Summit is being set for June 15-16. He said that the second cohort of Reginald F. Lewis Scholars will be announced during the Summit.

System Staff Recognition

Dr. Henderson took a few minutes to commend three System Staff members for their recent accomplishments. First, he congratulated Dr. Erica Calais and Dr. Sandra Green for completing their doctoral studies at Northwestern State University. He further acknowledged Dr. Jeannine Kahn, who has recently been chosen as the Louisiana State University MPA Alumna of the Year.

- L.3. Update on *Univ. of Louisiana System v. Amerisourcebergen Drug Corp., et al.*, Docket 3:19cv00388, U.S. District Court, Middle District of Louisiana.

Ms. Pierre asked for a motion and a second to enter into Executive Session to discuss litigation matters pursuant to LSA R.S. 42:16 et seq. At 10:54 a.m., the Board voted to enter Executive Session, upon motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Ms. Dunahoe. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Yea: Dr. Clarke, Mr. Davison, Ms. Dunahoe, Ms. Lethermon, Mr. Peterson, Ms. Pierre, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Romero, Mr. Stevens, Ms. Stokes, Ms. Williams

Nay: None

Absent: Mr. Busada, Dr. Condos, Mr. Perkins, Ms. Russell, Mr. Salter

Prior to adjourning to Executive Session, Mr. Romero asked to recognize two young men in the audience. He first introduced Charles “Charlie” Blanchard, a friend of Mr. Romero’s son and a freshman at University of New Orleans. In addition, Mr. Romero acknowledged 2016-17 Student Board member, Antonio Torres. Mr. Torres graduated from University of New Orleans and is currently working on his Juris Doctorate.

At 11:44 a.m., Chair Pierre stated that the Board met in Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and no motions were made nor votes taken. Upon motion of Ms. Dunahoe, seconded by Mr. Romero, the Board voted unanimously to reconvene in Open Session. There were no votes in opposition.

M. **Board Chair's Business**

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

Reminders

Ms. Pierre said that the Board had been recently emailed a reminder to complete and submit the 2021 Financial Disclosure Form to the Board of Ethics by May 16. In addition, she said that a link had been distributed to allow access to register for campus commencements and encouraged all to take advantage of these events.

Student Board Member

Ms. Pierre congratulated Student Board member, L'Oreal Williams, for her successful year of service on the Board, indicating that Ms. Williams' term will be up at the end of May. On behalf of the Board, Ms. Pierre presented L'Oreal with a token of appreciation and thanks.

Next Meeting

Ms. Pierre said that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for June 23 in Baton Rouge.

N.-O. **Other Business/Adjournment**

Chair Pierre again thanked Dr. Nicklow for hosting the Board for the meeting and retreat. She reminded Board members to reconvene after lunch for the beginning of the retreat.

There being no other business, upon motion of Ms. Stokes, seconded by Ms. Dunahoe, at 11:50 a.m. the Board voted to adjourn.