

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM
August 25, 2022**

A. Call to Order/Roll Call

On Thursday, August 25, 2022, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met in Room 100, "Louisiana Purchase Room," of the Claiborne Conference Center, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order by Chair Pierre at 10:11 a.m.

PRESENT

Dr. Jimmy Clarke	Ms. Elizabeth Pierre
Mr. Steve Davison	Mr. Virgil Robinson
Ms. Lola Dunahoe	Mr. Mark Romero
Mr. Ethan Estis	Mr. Brad Stevens
Ms. Jo Lethermon	Ms. Julie Stokes
Mr. Dana Peterson*	

**arrived after roll call*

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 Dr. Clarke, seconded by Ms. Dunahoe, the Board unanimously approved a motion to conduct business as a Committee of the Whole.

C. Approval of Minutes of June 23, 2022 Board Meeting

Upon motion of Mr. Estis, seconded by Ms. Lethermon, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the June 23, 2022 Board Meeting.

D. Reginald F. Lewis Scholars Report

Dr. Claire Norris, Vice President for Advancement, briefly updated the Board on the Reginald F. Lewis Scholars Program. She introduced the newest cohort of Scholars and announced the \$1.5 million fundraising goal. Three Scholars (Ebenezer Aggrey, Robert Hill, and Lance Jones) shared with the Board their experiences with the Program.

E. **Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

Dr. Clarke asked Dr. Claire Norris to present the items.

Dr. Norris described Items E.1.-E.3. and, upon motion of Mr. Romero, seconded by Ms. Dunahoe, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following campus requests.

Consent Items:

- E.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to terminate the Graduate Certificate in Special Education Mild/Moderate for Secondary Education, Grades 6-12.

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 terminate the Graduate Certificate in Special Education Mild/Moderate for Secondary Education, Grades 6-12.

- E.2. University of New Orleans' request for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with The International School of Louisiana.

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 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with The International School of Louisiana.

- E.3. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of System Universities' 2202-23 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' 2022-23 Promotions in Faculty Rank and Recommendations for Tenure.

Discussion/Action:

- E.4. Approval of AY 2022-23 Academic Planning Documents

Dr. Norris reminded the Board Members that at the last meeting Dr. Kahn had explained the recent Board of Regents Academic Planning Process. Dr. Norris said that the System Universities have submitted their Academic Planning Documents for consideration and acceptance. There was no objection.

F. **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. **Board Member Steve Davison asked that he be recused from Items F.3. through F.7.**

After discussion, upon motion of Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Stevens, Items F.1.-F.18. were approved by the Board.

Consent Items:

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Grambling State University's request for approval of a revised Athletic Home Game Complimentary Ticket Policy.

- F.2. Grambling State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Justin Wagar, Head Soccer Coach, effective July 1, 2022.

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. Justin Wagar, Head Soccer Coach, effective July 1, 2022.

- F.3. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Thomas Lane Burroughs, Head 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 Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Thomas Lane Burroughs, Head Men's Baseball Coach, effective July 1, 2022.

- F.4. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Talvin G. Hester, Head Men's Basketball Coach, between Louisiana Tech University and Louisiana Tech University Foundation, effective March 28, 2022.

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. Talvin G. Hester, Head Men's Basketball Coach, between Louisiana Tech University and Louisiana Tech University Foundation, effective March 28, 2022.

- F.5. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Joshua Taylor, Head Women's Softball Coach, between Louisiana Tech University and Louisiana Tech University Foundation, effective July 1, 2022.

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. Joshua Taylor, Head Women's Softball Coach, between Louisiana Tech University and Louisiana Tech University Foundation, effective July 1, 2022.

- F.6. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Matthew Aaron Terry, Men's Golf Head Coach, effective August 1, 2022.

***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. Matthew Aaron Terry, Men's Golf Head Coach, effective August 1, 2022.*

- F.7. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of contractual agreements between various Assistant Men's Basketball Coaches, Louisiana Tech University, and Louisiana Tech University Foundation.

***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 contracts with Assistant Men's Basketball Coaches, Mr. Winston Hines, Mr. Darshawn McClellan, and Mr. Aaron Smith.*

- F.8. McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Andrew Fitzgerald, Head Women's Soccer Coach, effective July 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 of a contract with Mr. Andrew Fitzgerald, Head Women's Soccer Coach, effective July 1, 2022.*

- F.9. McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Brandon James Gilroy, Head Men/Women's Track Coach, effective July 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 of a contract with Mr. Brandon James Gilroy, Head Men/Women's Track Coach, effective July 1, 2022.*

- F.10. McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. James E. Landreneau, Head Women's Softball Coach, effective July 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 of a contract with Mr. James E. Landreneau, Head Women's Softball Coach, effective July 1, 2022.*

- F.11. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Jason Hayes, Head Women's Tennis Coach, effective June 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. Jason Hayes, Head Women's Tennis Coach, effective June 1, 2022.*

- F.12. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Michael Rheams, Head Track and Field Coach, effective August 2, 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. Michael Rheams, Head Track and Field Coach, effective August 2, 2022.*

- F.13. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of contractual agreements between various Assistant Coaches, Southeastern Louisiana University, and the Lion Athletics Association.

***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 contracts with Ford Pemberton, Gerald Salisbury, Riley Conroy, Aja Ochie, Ronneka Robertson, and Kyle Roane.*

- F.14. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of amended Contracts for Employment for various coaches, effective August 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 the amendments to the contracts of Matt Deggs, Head Baseball Coach; Gerald Glasco, Jr., Head Softball Coach; and Theodore Sliman, Head Men's Golf Coach; effective August 25, 2022.*

- F.15. University of New Orleans' request for approval of a contract with Ms. Amy Grabiec-Blanke, Head Coach, Beach Volleyball, effective July 1, 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 of a contract with Ms. Amy Grabiec-Blanke, Head Coach, Beach Volleyball, effective July 1, 2022.*

- F.16. University of New Orleans' request for approval of a contract with Mr. Brock Moreaux, Head Coach, Men's and Women's Track & Field/Cross Country, effective July 1, 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 of a contract with Mr. Brock Moreaux, Head Coach, Men's and Women's Track & Field/Cross Country, effective July 1, 2022.*

- F.17. University of New Orleans' request for approval of amendments to the contract with Mr. Burzis Kanga, Head Men's and Women's Tennis Coach, effective July 1, 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 of amendments to the contract with Mr. Burzis Kanga, Head Men's and Women's Tennis Coach, effective July 1, 2022.*

- F.18. University of New Orleans' request for approval of a contract with Mr. Jeff Lorio, Head Coach, Men's Golf, effective July 1, 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 of a contract with Mr. Jeff Lorio, Head Coach, Men's Golf, effective July 1, 2022.*

G. Facilities Planning Committee

Mr. Brad Stevens asked Mr. Janet to discuss the items on the agenda. Mr. Janet described Items G.1.-G.14. **Ms. Pierre asked that she be recused from Item G.10.**

Upon motion of Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Estis, the Board voted to approve Items G.1.-G.14.

Consent Items:

- G.1. Grambling State University's request for approval to demolish eight campus buildings.

***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 demolish Jeanes Hall, Army ROTC, Laundry, Property Stores/Receiving, Old President's Garage, Fish Hatchery, Institutional Advancement, and Pavilion.*

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

***AND FURTHER,** that the University will provide Board Staff with copies of approvals and recovery activities.*

- G.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to name various spaces within the Integrated Engineering and Science Building, as well as designation of a training facility as listed below.

***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 various spaces within the Integrated Engineering and Science Building, as well as designation of a training facility as described herein.*

- G.3. McNeese State University's request for approval to name the bridge spanning Contraband Bayou the "Richard R. Rhoden Bridge."

***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 bridge spanning Contraband Bayou the "Richard R. Rhoden Bridge."*

- G.4. Nicholls State University's request for approval to rename the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences building to the "Dr. O. Cleveland Hill Hall" and rename the College of Sciences and Technology building to the "Dr. Marilyn Kilgen Hall."

***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 rename the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences building to the "Dr. O. Cleveland Hill Hall" and rename the College of Sciences and Technology building to the "Dr. Marilyn Kilgen Hall."*

- G.5. Northwestern State University's request for approval to name the new Health Performance Center, the "David and Sherry Morgan Health Performance 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 new Health Performance Center, the "David and Sherry Morgan Health Performance Center."*

- G.6. Northwestern State University's request for approval to name the Athletic Fieldhouse Complex, the "Donald G. Kelly Athletic Complex."

***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 Athletic Fieldhouse Complex, the "Donald G. Kelly Athletic Complex."*

- G.7. Northwestern State University's request for approval to name the new Prather Coliseum Court, the "Mike McConathy Court."

***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 Prather Coliseum Court, the "Mike McConathy Court."*

- G.8. Northwestern State University's request for approval to name the new academic building the "Robert Alost Hall."

***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 academic building the "Robert Alost Hall."*

- G.9. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to name the University baseball field "Lou St. Amant Field."

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to name the University baseball field "Lou St. Amant Field."*

- G.10. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval for the execution of a Grounds Lease Agreement between the Board, acting on behalf of the University, and the Biomedical Research and Innovation Park, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, in connection with the construction of a biomedical research facility on University property, pursuant to La. R.S. 17:3361.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval for the execution of a Grounds Lease Agreement between the Board, acting on behalf of the University, and the Biomedical Research and Innovation Park, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, in connection with the construction of a biomedical research facility on University property, 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 or his or her designee is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said lease by the University of Louisiana System on behalf of and for the use of University of Louisiana at Monroe.

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

- G.11. 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 artificial softball field, pursuant to La. R.S. 17:3361.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to enter into a Grounds and Facilities Lease Agreement with ULM Facilities, Inc., to construct a new artificial turf softball field, 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 or his or her designee is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said lease by the University of Louisiana System on behalf of and for the use of University of Louisiana at Monroe.

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

- G.12. University of New Orleans' request for approval to enter into a Grounds and Facilities Lease Agreement with University of New Orleans Research & Technology Foundation, to make space improvements via the construction of athletic facilities, hotel facilities, retail shopping, entertainment, dining, and housing on the east campus of the University, pursuant to La. R.S. 17:3361.

Dr. John Nicklow, University President, and Mr. Tim Duncan, University Vice President of Athletics, made some comments about the request.

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 Grounds and Facilities Lease Agreement with University of New Orleans Research & Technology Foundation, Inc., to lease campus space for improvement via the construction of athletic facilities, hotel facilities, retail shopping, entertainment, dining, and housing, pursuant to La. R.S. 17:3361.

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

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

- G.13. University of New Orleans' request for approval to enter into a Grounds and Facilities Lease Agreement with University of New Orleans Foundation for eleven years to remove existing and install new scoreboards at the Senator Nat G. Kiefer University of New Orleans Lakefront Arena and Maestri Field and Baseball Stadium, pursuant to La. R.S. 17:3361.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of New Orleans' request for approval to enter into a Grounds and Facilities Lease Agreement with University of New Orleans Foundation for eleven years to remove existing and install new scoreboards at The Senator Nat G. Kiefer University of New Orleans Lakefront Arena and Maestri Field and Baseball Stadium, pursuant to La. R.S. 17:3361.

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

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

Discussion/Action:

- G.14. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of the Fiscal Year 2023-24 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 2023-24 Capital Outlay Budget Request and Institutions' Five-Year Capital Outlay Plans.

H. **Finance Committee**

Mr. Virgil Robinson asked staff to present the campus requests. Mr. Eddie Meche, System Vice President for Business and Finance, presented Items H.1. through H.8. Mr. Bruce Janet described Item H.9.

Upon motion of Mr. Romero, seconded by Dr. Clarke, the Board voted unanimously to approve Items H.1.-H.9. below.

Consent Items:

- H.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to enter a Memorandum of Understanding with Louisiana Delta Community College.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Louisiana Tech University's request to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Louisiana Delta Community College relating to employee enrollment in the other's institution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of Louisiana Tech University is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary.

- H.2. Nicholls State University's request for approval to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with South Louisiana Economic Council, Inc.

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 cooperative endeavor agreement with South Louisiana Economic Council, Inc. for further economic development.

- H.3. Northwestern State University's request for approval to spend revenues received from leased property as allowed by Louisiana Revised Statute 17:3367.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Northwestern State University's request to use funds received under Louisiana Revised Statute 17:3367 for purposes established by the Statute.

- H.4. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to enter into intergovernmental agreements with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for acquisition of property using funds appropriated by Act 170 of the 2022 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 for approval to enter into intergovernmental agreements with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to allow the acquisition, maintenance, and operation of property provided by Act 170 of the 2022 Regular Legislative Session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that University of Louisiana at Lafayette 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 the University of Louisiana at Lafayette is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said agreements by the University of Louisiana System on behalf of and for the use of University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

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

- H.5. University of New Orleans' request for approval to amend its food service lease agreement with Compass Group USA, Inc. "Chartwells."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of New Orleans' request to amend its agreement with Compass Group, USA, Inc. to extend its original agreement by five years through June 30, 2034.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of University of New Orleans is hereby authorized to execute the amendment described herein and any and all documents necessary.

- H.6. University of New Orleans' request to formally authorize the System President to initiate the approval process of the necessary documents to allow the University to opt-in the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the State of Louisiana and Louisiana Energy Partners.

***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 formally authorize the System President to initiate the approval process of the necessary documents to allow the University to opt-in to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the State of Louisiana and Louisiana Energy Partners.*

- H.7. University of Louisiana System's request for acceptance of Fiscal Year 2021-22 Financial and Compliance and Federal Award Programs Representation Letters for (a) Louisiana Tech University, (b) McNeese State University, (c) Southeastern Louisiana University, (d) University of Louisiana at Lafayette, (e) University of Louisiana at Monroe, and (f) University of New Orleans.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby accepts Fiscal Year 2021-22 Financial and Compliance and Federal Award Programs Representation Letters for (a) Louisiana Tech University, (b) McNeese State University, (c) Southeastern Louisiana University, (d) University of Louisiana at Lafayette, (e) University of Louisiana at Monroe, and (f) University of New Orleans.*

- H.8. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of Fiscal Year 2022-23 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 2022-23 Operating Budgets, including organizational charts, undergraduate/graduate mandatory attendance fees, and scholarships.*

Discussion/Action:

- H.9. University of Louisiana System's report on internal and external audit activity for the period of June 20 to August 21, 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.

I. **Personnel Committee**

Ms. Lola Dunahoe asked Ms. Kecia Neal to present the items on the agenda. Upon motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Robinson, Board voted unanimously to approve Items I.1.-I.4.

Consent Items:

- I.1. Grambling State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Rudolph Ellis as Interim Vice President of Student Affairs effective July 1, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Grambling State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Rudolph Ellis as Interim Vice President of Student Affairs effective July 1, 2022.

- I.2. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Tará Lopez as the Dean of the College of Business effective July 2, 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 to appoint Dr. Tará Lopez as the Dean of the College of Business effective July 2, 2022.

Dr. John Crain, President, introduced Dr. Tará Lopez, who expressed appreciation and excitement for the appointment.

- I.3. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to appoint Dr. Lisa Broussard as the Interim Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences effective July 1, 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 to appoint Dr. Lisa Broussard as the Interim Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences effective July 1, 2022.

- I.4. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to appoint Dr. Paula Montgomery as the Interim Dean of the College of Education effective July 1, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to appoint Dr. Paula Montgomery as the Interim Dean of the College of Education effective July 1, 2022.

J. System President's Business

- J.1. Personnel Actions

President Henderson said that System staff had reviewed the personnel action requests and recommends approval.

Upon motion of Dr. Clarke, seconded by Mr. Davison, the Board unanimously voted to approve the System personnel actions.

J.2. System President's Report

Louisiana Art and Science Museum

Dr. Henderson reported that Board members and staff had attended the opening of "Illustrations in Health," an art exhibit currently showcased at the Louisiana Art and Science Museum in Baton Rouge. The art is a display of art and science and features the work of more than 40 Louisiana Tech undergraduates. The exhibit will be on display until July 31, 2023.

Summer Professional Development Programming

Dr. Henderson indicated that Ms. Katie Dawson, Assistant Vice President for Academic Innovation and Learning, and the UL System Content Experts (Dr. Brian Bolton, UL-Lafayette, Content Expert for Financial Literacy; Dr. Will Rogers, UL-Monroe, Content Expert for Online Teaching & Learning; Dr. Kevin Yaudes, McNeese State University, Content Expert for Mental Health; and Ms. Carla Howell, Northwestern State University, Content Expert for Grants & Research) had developed and offered opportunities for system faculty and staff development through the summer "Bridging the Divide" series. More than 250 participants took advantage of the sessions.

Katie Dawson/Compete LA

Dr. Henderson congratulated Ms. Katie Dawson for successfully defending her dissertation. She will be formally awarded her EdD in Educational Leadership with a Concentration in Higher Education Administration at the November commencement.

Additionally, Dr. Henderson thanked Ms. Dawson, Dr. Tom Hoover, and the Compete coaches for their work in developing CLASS (Compete LA Student System), a custom relationship management system that connects the member institutions' student systems. This system will allow coaches to timely and efficiently track Compete LA students.

Further, one of the Compete coaches, Ms. Brandy Gros, will work directly with campus financial aid to meet the needs of Compete students. She will be the financial aid and student success specialist.

Update from Presidents' Retreat

Dr. Henderson reported that the Institution Presidents had recently met for the annual retreat to discuss issues and opportunities facing the universities. He thanked Dr. Joseph Kanter, Louisiana State Health Officer and Medical Director, for updating the Presidents on COVID-19 and other health concerns. In addition, Mr. Joe Cohn, Legislative and Policy Director for Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression (FIRE), led a discussion on free expression on campus.

Policy Updates and Title IX

Dr. Henderson stated that the staff has been working to revise some policies, including free expression, and create one additional policy required by recent legislation, the student due process policy. Dr. Erica Calais provided a summary about the student due process policy and updated the Board on recent Title IX changes and also announced a Title IX Summit on October 3-4 on the campus of University of New Orleans.

Maritime Task Force

President Henderson shared that members of the Universities of Louisiana Maritime Academy Task Force have been selected and the first meeting will be held in September. A representative from each member institution; industry leaders, including pilots, barge, and offshore energy experts; and an appointee from Congressman Garret Graves' office make up the membership of the task force.

Grambling/Nursing

Dr. Henderson asked President Rick Gallot to discuss how Grambling State University is working to address the shortage of nurses in the state. President Gallot thanked Dr. Meg Brown, Nursing Director, and Dr. Connie Walton, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, for their leadership. He was pleased to say that 100% of 2022 nursing graduates had passed the National Council State Board of Nursing Exam (NCLEX) on the initial attempt, which indicates the rigor of the Grambling's nursing program.

- J.3. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a resolution authorizing and ratifying actions necessary by the President to protect interest of the University including filing of suit on behalf of University for the repairs to effective construction of the press box on the football stadium. (Executive Session may be required pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17.)

At 12:20 p.m., Chair Pierre asked for a motion to convene in Executive Session. Upon motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Ms. Dunahoe, the Board voted to convene in Executive Session. The following roll call vote was recorded:

YEAS: Jimmy Clarke, Steve Davison, Lola Dunahoe, Ethan Estis, Jo Lethermon, Dana Peterson, Elizabeth Pierre, Virgil Robinson, Mark Romero, Brad Stevens, Julie Stokes

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Barry Busada, John Condos, Alejandro Perkins, Kristine Russell, Joe Salter

The Chair stated that the Board had met in Executive Session to discuss litigation matters. While in Executive Session, no motions were made nor votes taken. At 12:40 p.m., upon motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Dr. Clarke, the Board voted unanimously to reconvene in Open Session.

Upon motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Ms. Dunahoe, the Board unanimously voted to ratify Item J.3.:

***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 resolution authorizing and ratifying actions necessary by the President to protect interest of the University including filing of suit on behalf of University for the repairs to effective construction of the press box on the football stadium.*

K. **Board Chair's Business**

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

Proposed Rule Revision

Chair Pierre directed attention to the proposed revision to *Bylaw, Section IV. Committees, B. Standing Committees* that was included in Board folders. The revision adds the Audit Committee to the list of Standing Committees. She stated that the proposed change will be included on the October meeting agenda for approval.

Dinner with Higher Ed Boards

Ms. Pierre expressed appreciation to the Chair of the LSU Board of Supervisors for hosting an August 2 dinner. The evening highlighted the legislative accomplishments of the past year focusing on gains achieved for faculty and students. All higher education Boards were well represented, and Governor John Bel Edwards was the honored guest.

Calendar

Ms. Pierre stated that next year's calendar of meetings will be finalized and sent to the Board within the next week. Ms. Pierre reminded the Board that the next meeting will be held in Baton Rouge on October 27.

L.-M. **Other Business/Adjournment**

There being no other business, upon motion of Ms. Stokes, seconded by Mr. Estis, at 12:45 p.m. the Board voted to adjourn.