

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE  
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM  
February 17, 2022**

A. **Call to Order**

On Thursday, February 17, 2022, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met on the campus of Louisiana Tech University on the third floor of the Davison Athletics Complex. The meeting was called to order by Chair Pierre at 10:12 a.m.

B. **Roll Call**

**PRESENT**

Dr. Jimmy Clarke	Mr. Mark Romero
Mr. Steve Davison	Mr. Brad Stevens
Ms. Lola Dunahoe	Ms. Julie Stokes
Mr. Alejandro “Al” Perkins	Ms. L’Oreal Williams
Ms. Elizabeth Pierre	

**ABSENT**

Mr. Barry Busada	Mr. Virgil Robinson
Dr. John Condos	Ms. Kristine Russell
Mr. Dana Peterson	Mr. Joe Salter

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

C. **Invocation**

Mr. Mark Romero opened the meeting with an invocation.

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

D. **Welcome by Louisiana Tech University President Les Guice**

Ms. Pierre thanked President Les Guice for hosting the Board meeting. Dr. Guice welcomed the Board to Ruston and the campus. He also stated that he was excited to make a request later in the meeting that would honor his predecessor, Dr. Dan Reneau.

E. **Approval of Minutes of January 13, 2022 Board Meeting**

Upon motion of Mr. Perkins, seconded by Mr. Romero, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the January 13, 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 under consideration.

Dr. Kahn described Items F.1.-F.5. and, upon motion of Mr. Davison, seconded by Mr. Stevens, the Board unanimously voted to approve these four items.

- F.1. Nicholls State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctor of Science to Dr. John F. Heaton at the 2022 Spring Commencement Exercises.

***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 award an Honorary Doctor of Science to Dr. John F. Heaton at the 2022 Spring Commencement Exercises.*

- F.2. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to offer a Master of Science in Computer Networking and Administration.

***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 offer a Master of Science in Computer Networking and Administration.*

- F.3. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctor of Nursing to Mrs. Ginger M. Myers at the 2022 Spring Commencement Exercises.

***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 award an Honorary Doctor of Nursing to Mrs. Ginger M. Myers at the 2022 Spring Commencement Exercises.*

- F.4. University of New Orleans' request for approval to award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters to Mr. James J. Carter at the 2022 Spring Commencement Exercises.

***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 award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters to Mr. James J. Carter at the 2022 Spring Commencement Exercises.*

- F.5. Proposed Process Revisions for Certificate Programs

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby grants authority to staff to approve undergraduate and graduate level certificate programs with regular reporting to the Board.*

- F.6. Open Waters UL System Maritime Academy

Dr. Claire Norris, System Vice President for Advancement, briefly summarized an initiative to partner with Open Waters to establish the UL System Maritime Academy.

She introduced Captain Lee Jackson, CEO-Jackson Offshore Operators, who described the opportunities and careers in the maritime industry. Also, Captain Strother Sacra, Pilot, Crescent River Port Pilots Association, commented on the career opportunities.

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

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 Ms. Dunahoe, seconded by Mr. Davison, Items G.1.-G.18. were unanimously approved by the Board.

- G.1. Grambling State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Hue Jackson, Head Football Coach, effective January 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. Hue Jackson, Head Football Coach, effective January 1, 2022.*

- G.2. Grambling State University's request for approval of a contract with Ms. Nakeya Hall, Head Softball Coach, effective February 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 Ms. Nakeya Hall, Head Softball Coach, effective February 1, 2022.*

- G.3. Grambling State University's request for approval of a contract with Ms. Chelsey Lucas, Head Volleyball Coach, effective February 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 Ms. Chelsey Lucas, Head Volleyball Coach, effective February 1, 2022.*

- G.4. McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Gary Goff, Head Football Coach, effective December 20, 2021.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Gary Goff, Head Football Coach, effective December 20, 2021.*

- G.5. McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Andrew Fitzgerald, Head Women's Soccer Coach, effective January 17, 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 January 17, 2022.*

- G.6. McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Ms. Sasha Karelov, Head Volleyball Coach, effective January 17, 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 Ms. Sasha Karelov, Head Volleyball Coach, effective January 17, 2022.*

- G.7. Nicholls State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Tim Rebowe, Head Football Coach, effective January 3, 2022.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Nicholls State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Tim Rebowe, Head Football Coach, effective January 3, 2022.*

- G.8. Northwestern State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Kevin Bostian, Director of Athletics, effective February 7, 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. Kevin Bostian, Director of Athletics, effective 7, 2022.*

- G.9. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Michael Desormeaux, Head Football Coach, effective January 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 of a contract with Mr. Michael Desormeaux, Head Football Coach, effective January 1, 2022.*

- G.10. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Bryant Ross, Assistant Football Coach/Assistant Offensive Line Coach, effective January 10, 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. Bryant Ross, Assistant Football Coach/Assistant Offensive Line Coach, effective January 10, 2022.*

- G.11. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Galen Scott, Assistant Football Coach/Inside Linebackers Coach, effective January 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 of a contract with Mr. Galen Scott, Assistant Football Coach/Inside Linebackers Coach, effective January 1, 2022.*

- G.12. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a contract with Mr. James C. Neighbors, Assistant Football Coach/Director of Athletic Performance for Football, effective January 10, 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. James C. Neighbors, Assistant Football Coach/Director of Athletic Performance for Football, effective January 10, 2022.*

- G.13. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Jeffrey Burris, Assistant Football Coach/Cornerbacks Coach, effective January 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 of a contract with Mr. Jeffrey Burris, Assistant Football Coach/Cornerbacks Coach, effective January 1, 2022.*

- G.14. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Jorge Munoz, Associate Head Football Coach/Tight Ends Coach, effective January 10, 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. Jorge Munoz, Associate Head Football Coach/Tight Ends Coach, effective January 10, 2022.*

- G.15. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a contract with Mr. LaMar Morgan, Assistant Football Coach/Defensive Coordinator and Safeties Coach, effective January 10, 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. LaMar Morgan, Assistant Football Coach/Defensive Coordinator and Safeties Coach, effective January 10, 2022.*

- G.16. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Matthew Bergeron, Assistant Football Coach/Running Backs Coach, effective January 10, 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. Matthew Bergeron, Assistant Football Coach/Running Backs Coach, effective January 10, 2022.*

- G.17. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Tim Leger, Assistant Football Coach/Offensive Coordinator and Receivers Coach, effective January 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 of a contract with Mr. Tim Leger, Assistant Football Coach/Offensive Coordinator and Receivers Coach, effective January 1, 2022.*

- G.18. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Troy Wingerter, Chief of Staff of the University's Football Program, effective January 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 of a contract with Mr. Troy Wingerter, Chief of Staff of the University's Football Program, effective January 1, 2022.*

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Northwestern State University President Marcus Jones introduced the new Director of Athletics. Mr. Kevin Bostian said that he was excited to move to the Natchitoches community and work with President Jones. Mr. Bostian said he will work toward building an outstanding athletic department at Northwestern.

H. **Facilities Planning Committee**

Mr. Brad Stevens asked Mr. Janet to discuss the items on the agenda.

Upon motion of Dr. Clarke, seconded by Mr. Perkins, the Board voted unanimously to take Item H.5. out of order and consider it at the end of the discussion.

Mr. Janet described Items H.1. through H.10. Upon motion of Mr. Perkins, seconded by Dr. Clarke, the Board voted unanimously to approve Items H.1.-H.10.

- H.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to amend its Five-Year Capital Outlay submission to include the project to construct an Athletic Academic Center.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Louisiana Tech University's request to amend its Five-Year Capital Outlay submission to include the project to construct an Athletic Academic Center.*

- H.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to amend its Five-Year Capital Outlay submission to include the project to construct an Agriculture & Forestry Wood Products Education and Research Center.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Louisiana Tech University's request to amend its Five-Year Capital Outlay submission to include the project to construct an Agriculture & Forestry Wood Products Education and Research Center.*

- H.3. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to amend its Five-Year Capital Outlay submission to include the project to replace boilers and electrical switchgear in the University co-generation power plant.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Louisiana Tech University's request to amend its Five-Year Capital Outlay submission to include the project to replace boilers and electrical switchgear in the University co-generation power plant.*

- H.4. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to enter into a Ground Lease with the Louisiana Tech University Foundation, for the purpose of installing a video ribbon display, 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 Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to enter into a Ground Lease with the Louisiana Tech University Foundation, for the purpose of installing a video ribbon display, as authorized by La. R.S. 17:3361.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Louisiana Tech 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 Louisiana Tech University or his or her designee designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said Ground Lease and subsequent donation of the improvements.*

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

- H.6. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to enter into a Ground Lease with the Lion Athletics Association, Inc. for the construction of a 4,200-square-foot baseball Fieldhouse on the University's campus, 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 Lion Athletics Association, Inc. for the construction of a 4,200-square-foot baseball Fieldhouse on the University's campus, 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.7. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for authorization to enter into a Purchase Agreement for the acquisition of the former Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital property from Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center, Inc.

*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 authorization to enter into a Purchase Agreement for the acquisition of the former Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital property from Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center, Inc.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University of Louisiana at Lafayette 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 the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and/or his designee are hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute the purchase of the Lourdes Property at such times as deemed appropriate to facilitate the purchase transactions.*

*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.8. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to become the Facility Planning and Control delegated authority allowing the University to oversee and manage the NIH C06 Grant Construction Project of nonhuman primate housing to be located on the New Iberia Research Center campus of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette in New Iberia, Louisiana.

*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 become the Facility Planning and Control delegated authority allowing the University to oversee and manage the construction of the NIH C06 Grant Construction Project of nonhuman primate housing to be located on the New Iberia Research Center campus of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette in New Iberia, Louisiana.*

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



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

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

- H.9. University of Louisiana at Monroe’s request for approval to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, a division of AT&T, to construct a new 220’ radio tower on the main campus.

**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 Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, a division of AT&T, to construct a new 220’ radio tower on the main campus.

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

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

- H.10. University of New Orleans’ request for approval to name the Kirschman Hall Lecture Room 137, the “Thomas M. and Constance P. Kitchen Lecture Hall.”

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of New Orleans’ request for approval to name the Kirschman Hall Lecture Room 137, the ‘Thomas M. and Constance P. Kitchen Lecture Hall.’”

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- H.5. Louisiana Tech University’s request for approval to name the Biomedical Engineering Building at Louisiana Tech University the “Daniel D. Reneau Biomedical Engineering Building.”

**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 the Biomedical Engineering Building at Louisiana Tech University the “Daniel D. Reneau Biomedical Engineering Building.”

Comments regarding the approval of Item H.5. include the following:

- President Les Guice – Dr. Dan Reneau will be remembered for having the greatest impact and longest service as President in Louisiana Tech’s history.
- Mr. Al Perkins – The naming of this building is a well-deserved honor. Dr. Reneau has made his mark on the System and provided consistent guidance and leadership in both the academic and athletic areas.
- Dr. Jim Henderson – Dr. Reneau stepped up as the interim leader in the System during a time of tumult for higher education in the state.
- Mr. Mark Romero – Dr. Reneau is respected as a leader and mentor.
- Dr. Jimmy Clarke – Dr. Reneau is respected for his ability over the years to promote teamwork.

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Chief Development Officer of Bernhard Energy Solutions, Rob Guthrie, gave the Board an overview of Louisiana Energy Partners (LAEP). Louisiana Energy Partners is a joint venture between Johnson Controls and Bernhard Energy Solutions to benefit state agencies concerning cost effectiveness of energy usage and opportunity for advantageous agreements. Dr. Henderson indicated that another meeting with the Board will be taking place in the near future.

I. **Finance Committee**

Mr. Steve Davison asked staff to present the campus requests. Mr. Eddie Meche, System Vice President for Business and Finance, introduced Ms. Ashley McIntyre as the Director of Financial Reporting and Analysis, who recently joined the System office staff.

Mr. Meche presented items I.1.-I.5. Upon motion of Ms. Dunahoe, seconded by Mr. Romero, the Board voted unanimously to approve Items I.1.-I.5.

- I.1. McNeese State University’s request for approval to reduce fees for domestic and international nonresident students effective Fall 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 reduce fees for domestic and international nonresident students effective Fall 2022.*

- I.2. Nicholls State University’s request for approval of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System to convert the Belle and Leonard Touts Endowed Chair in English into four Endowed Professorships.

***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 convert the Belle and Leonard Touts Endowed Chair in English into four Endowed Professorships.*

- I.3. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to enter into a ten- (10) year lease agreement for the University's Bookstore operations with Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, LLC.

*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 enter into a ten- (10) year lease agreement for the University's Bookstore operations with Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, LLC.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University of Louisiana at Lafayette shall obtain final review and approval 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 Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, President of University of Louisiana at Lafayette, is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute this agreement.*

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

- I.4. University of Louisiana System's request for approval to establish LEQSF (8g) Endowed Chairs, Endowed Professorships, Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships, and Endowed First Generation Scholarships as follows:

***Louisiana Tech University***

Rick and Lisa Shirley Endowed Professorship III  
Rick and Lisa Shirley Endowed Professorship IV

***Northwestern State University***

Shawn and Linnye Daily Endowed Professorship in Creative & Performing Arts

***Southeastern Louisiana University***

Bright Futures First Generation Endowed Scholarship  
Burnadean Warren Endowed Professorship in Teaching and Learning  
Steve Cosse First Generation Endowed Scholarship

***University of Louisiana at Lafayette***

Ginger Morain Myers/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Nursing  
Lorena Dugas Morain/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Nursing  
Earline Bihm ('64)/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Nursing  
Billy Tauzin/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Health Sciences  
Joel Lafayette Fletcher Jr. & Ralph W.E. Jones Sr./BORSF Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarship in Education  
Kathleen B. Blanco Public Policy Center/BORSF Endowed Chair  
Valery, Ruby and Georgie Coco/BORSF Endowed Chair in Education for Educational Innovation, Research and Policy

*University of New Orleans*

UL System Foundation and Michael and Judith Russell Endowed Professorship in  
Environmental Chemistry

UL System Foundation and Michael and Judith Russell Endowed Professorship in Data/  
Computational Sciences

UL System Foundation and UNO Foundation Endowed Professorship in Urban  
Construction Management

Chevron and UNO Foundation Endowed Professorship in Engineering

UNO Engineering Development Fund and UNO Foundation Endowed Professorship in  
Engineering

Norma Jane Sabiston-UNO International Alumni Association First Generation Scholarship

UNO Foundation Endowed Professorship in Computer Engineering

***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 Chairs, Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships, and Endowed First Generation Scholarships noted above.

- I.5. 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 2021 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 2021 in accordance with provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 17:3390(F).

- I.6. University of Louisiana System's financial status of alternatively financed projects for the six months ended December 31, 2021.

Mr. Meche gave the report. No action by the Board is necessary because this is a report only.

- I.7. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to allow for a student referendum for a new Student Engagement Fee.

President Les Guice introduced SGA President Kiarra Bombard and Ty Hogg, Treasurer, who presented a justification for the request for the new fee. Upon motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Romero, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution:

***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 allow for a student referendum for a new Student Engagement Fee.

- I.8. Nicholls State University's request for approval to allow for a student referendum for an increase in its Student Activities Fee.

President Jay Clune introduced SGA President Tyler Begnon and Vice President Symphony Brown to give their rationale for an increased fee. Upon motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Perkins, 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 Nicholls State University's request for approval to allow for a student referendum for an increase in its Student Activities Fee.*

- I.9. University of Louisiana System's report on internal and external audit activity for the period of December 6, 2021 to February 13, 2022.

This is a report only and no action by the Board is necessary. Mr. Janet also took the opportunity to acknowledge the Directors of Internal Audit from the surrounding UL System campuses who were present: Ms. Donna Hill-Todd (Grambling), Mr. Robert Grafton (Louisiana Tech), and Mr. Fernando Cordova (UL Monroe).

- I.10. University of Louisiana System's discussion of Fiscal Year 2021-22 second quarter financial reports and ongoing assurances.

Ms. Ashley McIntyre and Mr. Meche gave the report. This is a report only and no action by the Board is necessary.

J. **Legislation Committee**

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

- L.1. Preview of 2022 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature

Mr. Stevens indicated that the first day of the Session is March 14. Ms. Geisman reported that in January Governor Edwards had released a favorable executive budget. She stated that on March 7 the UL System is scheduled for Senate Finance Committee budget hearings and House Appropriations budget hearings on March 29.

This Session's bills of interest to higher education include Title IX updates, potential changes to the state retirement system, transcript holds, adjustment to the graduate student fee structure, college athlete NIL (name, image, and likeness), and Critical Race Theory. These bills will be tracked and monitored.

Ms. Geisman asked members to save the date of April 5 for ULS Day at the Capitol, with lunch scheduled on the courtyard of the Pentagon Barracks as well as related activities.

K. **System President's Business**

K.1. **Personnel Actions**

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

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

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

Dr. Henderson introduced Mr. Tom Hoover, who had been approved at the last Board meeting as Vice President for Information Technology. Mr. Hoover is providing service to the System in regards to Workday implementation and technology efficiencies throughout the System.

***Cyber Issues***

Mr. Craig Spohn, Executive Director/President of the Cyber Innovation Center in Bossier City, discussed cyber initiatives for the future of Louisiana. The mission of the Cyber Innovation Center is to diversify North Louisiana's base by developing a knowledge-based economy focused on solving strategic national security challenges. The goal of the initiative's work is to reverse the outmigration of technically skilled individuals to other states. Mr. Spohn complimented Grambling State University and Louisiana Tech University, which are each playing an integral role in educating students to become part of the cyber workforce.

***GSU/NASCAR***

President Gallot was excited to announce that Mr. John Cohen, owner of New York Racing Team, has entered a GSU-themed car into the Daytona 500. The Chevy Camaro, No. 44, will be driven by veteran driver, Greg Biffle. Mr. Cohen is a GSU alumnus.

***For Our Future Conference***

Dr. Henderson reminded the Board that the For Our Future Conference will be held on March 10-11 in Natchitoches. He said that Dr. Carol Geary Schneider will be the keynote speaker and will be presenting the aspects of the Core Competencies initiative. President Henderson commended Dr. Jeannine Kahn and Ms. Anne McKisson for their work in planning and executing this year's conference.

***Future of Academe***

Dr. Henderson indicated that the UL System Future of Academe is a new initiative to recruit, retain, and cultivate staff and faculty leadership. The first activity will be a pre-conference fair at which UL System graduate students can develop networking opportunities with University leadership.

***MLK Exhibit***

President Henderson updated the Board that the MLK traveling exhibit will conclude this week at UL Lafayette. The tour has been a tremendous success, and the Reginald F. Lewis Scholars have had the opportunity to be a part of the experience. He thanked Todd Graves of Raising Cane's for sponsoring the exhibit.

***Compete LA Report***

Dr. Henderson indicated that included in Board member folders was a copy of the 2021 Compete LA Annual Report. As a result of the program, 124 college students have completed their degrees, and plans are to increase the number of students who can be served by this endeavor.

***Student Services Update***

Ms. Erica Calais, System Vice President of Student Services, Safety, and Resilience, gave an update. She said that the campuses continue to develop practices to comply with updated Title IX and Power-Based Violence directives.

She also reported that on February 10 on UL Lafayette's campus System-wide training had been provided for the Title IX Coordinators and Safety/Law Enforcement Officers. The purpose of the training was to walk through a scenario under Act 472 (Power-Based Violence) and develop an effective and lawful response. Additionally, Ms. Calais gave a couple future dates for consideration: Virtual College Fair on March 26 and Academic Summit on April 7-8.

***COVID-19 Update***

President Henderson stated that guidance on masking has been updated to allow institutions flexibility as cases of COVID-19 have significantly decreased since the beginning of the semester. The new guidance encourages individuals to wear masks indoors as well as noting the effectiveness of N95 and KN95.

L. **Board Chair's Business**

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

Chair Pierre asked the Board members to take note that the next Board meeting will be held at the University of New Orleans. The proposed date of the meeting will be Thursday, April 28. In addition, plans are being made for the Board Retreat in connection with that meeting. Ms. Pierre said that final details will be forthcoming and encouraged full participation.

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

There being no other business, upon motion of Ms. Dunahoe, seconded by Ms. Williams, at 1:08 p.m. the Board voted to adjourn.