

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM
February 23, 2023**

A. Call to Order/Roll Call

On Thursday, February 23, 2023, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met on the campus of Louisiana Tech University, in the Davison Athletics Complex on the 3rd Floor, 1454 West Alabama Avenue, Ruston, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order by Chair Pierre at 11:46 a.m.

PRESENT

Mr. Barry Busada
Dr. Jimmy Clarke
Mr. Steve Davison
Ms. Lola Dunahoe
Mr. Ethan Estis
Ms. Jo Lethermon

Mr. Alejandro “Al” Perkins
Mr. Dana Peterson
Ms. Elizabeth Pierre
Mr. Virgil Robinson
Mr. Mark Romero
Mr. Brad Stevens

ABSENT

Dr. John Condos
Ms. Kristine Russell

Mr. Joe Salter
Ms. Julie Stokes

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. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Romero, the Board unanimously approved a motion to conduct business as a Committee of the Whole.

Chair Pierre also thanked President Guice for inviting the Board to hold its meeting on the Louisiana Tech University campus.

C. Welcome by Louisiana Tech University President Les Guice

Dr. Les Guice, President of the University, welcomed the members to the campus and said it was an honor to host the Board. He thanked them for their service and the support they continue to provide to the nine institutions.

D. Approval of Minutes of January 5, 2023 Board Meeting

Upon motion of Ms. Dunahoe, seconded by Ms. Lethermon, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the January 5, 2023 Board Meeting.

E. **Report of Grievance Committee**

Ms. Pierre asked Ms. Dunahoe, Chair of the Grievance Committee, to give a report. Ms. Dunahoe said that the Grievance Committee had met earlier to consider a grievance from **Dr. Stacy Starks, faculty member at University of Louisiana at Monroe.**

After hearing from Dr. Starks and representatives from the University during the meeting, the Committee had voted to deny a further hearing to Dr. Starks. Ms. Dunahoe made that recommendation to the Board.

Upon motion of Ms. Dunahoe, seconded by Mr. Davison, the Board unanimously voted to uphold the Committee's decision and deny a hearing to Dr. Stacy Starks, faculty, University of Louisiana at Monroe.

F. **Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

Ms. Dunahoe asked Dr. Jeannine Kahn to present the items under consideration. Dr. Kahn described the following item. Upon motion of Dr. Clarke, seconded by Mr. Davison, the Board unanimously voted to approve Item F.1.

F.1. McNeese State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters to Mr. Charles "Chuck" Kleckley at the Spring 2023 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 to award an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to Mr. Charles "Chuck" Kleckley at the Spring 2023 Commencement Exercises.*

F.2. Presentation on Partnership for Educational Advancement by Ms. Robin S. Minor, Senior Vice President, Institutional Partnerships & Engagement

Dr. Kahn asked Grambling State University President Rick Gallot to introduce Ms. Minor. President Gallot presented Ms. Robin S. Minor, who is Senior Vice President, Institutional Partnerships & Engagement with Partnership for Educational Advancement. He asked that she give a report of the collaboration with Grambling State University.

Ms. Minor gave an update of the work that is being done with Grambling regarding enrollment growth, appropriate program offerings, and increasing student recruitment and success.

G. **Athletic Committee**

Chair Perkins asked Mr. Bruce Janet, System Director of Internal and External Audit, to present the items. Upon motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Peterson, Items G.1.-G.4. were approved by the Board.

- G.1. Grambling State University's request for approval of a contract with Ms. Paige Phillips, Head Volleyball Coach, effective March 31, 2023.

***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. Paige Phillips, Head Volleyball Coach, effective March 31, 2023.*

- G.2. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Frank Scelfo, Head Football Coach, effective January 1, 2023.

***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. Frank Scelfo, Head Football Coach, effective January 1, 2023.*

- G.3. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. James Riser, Head Men's Baseball Coach, effective January 1, 2023.

***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. James Riser, Head Men's Baseball Coach, effective January 1, 2023.*

- G.4. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of amended Contracts for Employment for five head coaches, effective February 23, 2023.

***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 Robert Marlin, Head Men's Basketball Coach; Matt Deggs, Head Baseball Coach; Gerald Glasco, Jr., Head Softball Coach; Michael Desormeaux, Head Football Coach; and Christopher McBride, Head Soccer Coach, effective February 23, 2023.*

H. Audit Committee

Vice Chair Robinson asked Mr. Janet to review the agenda items. After describing Item H.1., upon motion of Mr. Romero, seconded by Mr. Davison, the Board unanimously voted to approve H.1.

- H.1. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of the Audit Committee Charter for the System.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the request for approval of the Audit Committee Charter for the System.*

- H.2. University of Louisiana System's report on internal and external audit activity for the period of December 1, 2022 through February 19, 2023.

This was a report only, and no Board action was necessary.

I. **Facilities Planning Committee**

Mr. Barry Busada asked Mr. Janet to discuss the items listed on the agenda. Upon motion of Dr. Clarke, seconded by Mr. Robinson, the Board voted to approve Items I.1.-I.13.

- I.1. Grambling State University's request for approval to enter into a Grounds and Facilities Lease Agreement with the Black and Gold Facilities, Inc., a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation, to construct a new student welcome and student success facility pursuant to the authority vested in La. R.S. 17:3361, et seq.

***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 enter into a Grounds and Facilities Lease Agreement with the Black and Gold Facilities, Inc., a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation, to construct a new student welcome and student success facility pursuant to the authority vested in La. R.S. 17:3361, et seq.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Grambling State University shall obtain final review from UL System staff and legal counsel, and shall secure all appropriate approvals from agencies/parties, of processes, documents, and administrative requirements prior to execution of documents.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the President of Grambling State University or his or her designee is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said Grounds and Facilities Lease Agreement by the University of Louisiana System on behalf of and for the use of Grambling State University.*

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

- I.2. Grambling State University's request for approval to name the Recording Control Room in the Conrad Hutchinson Performing Arts Center the "Earl 'E-40' Stevens Recording Studio."

***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 name the Recording Control Room in the Conrad Hutchinson Performing Arts Center the "Earl 'E-40' Stevens Recording Studio."*

- I.3. McNeese State University's request for approval to name the small conference room in the Business Conference Center the "Candace Townsend Conference Room."

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves McNeese State University's request to name the small conference room in the Business Conference Center the "Candace Townsend Conference Room."*

- I.4. Nicholls State University's request for approval to name two rooms in Ellender Memorial Library and one room in Picciola 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 name Room 149B in the Ellender Memorial Library the "Deanna Hickman Falcon Computer Lab and Lounge," Room 150 in the Ellender Memorial Library the "REV Communications Academic Classroom," and Conference Room located in 152 Picciola Hall the "Richard 'Dickey' Barker III Conference Room."*

- I.5. Northwestern State University's request for approval to name the Center for Inclusion and Diversity the "Gail Jones Center for Inclusion and Diversity."

***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 Center for Inclusion and Diversity the "Gail Jones Center for Inclusion and Diversity."*

- I.6. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to name office number 90 in Garrett Hall the "Joseph 'Chief' Piediscalzo Multimedia & Distance Learning Studio."

***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 name office number 90 in Garrett Hall the "Joseph 'Chief' Piediscalzo Multimedia & Distance Learning Studio."*

- I.7. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to demolish five buildings on University properties that have been damaged beyond repair by hurricanes and have exceeded their useful lifespan.

***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 demolish Greenhouse I and Greenhouse II behind Billeaud Hall, the Snack Hut, Cade Solar House, and NIRC Building 33.*

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

***AND FURTHER,** that University of Louisiana at Lafayette will provide System office with copies of approvals and recovery activities.*

- I.8. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to enter into a Building Lease to RCFI to provide the site for construction of the Facilities by RCFI, which shall terminate upon completion of construction.

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 a Building Lease to RCFI to provide the site for construction of the Facilities by RCFI, which shall terminate upon completion of construction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that University of Louisiana at Lafayette shall obtain final review from UL System staff and legal counsel, and shall secure all 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 or his or her designee is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said Building Lease 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.

- I.9. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to enter a Lease with Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center, Inc. (OLOL) of a portion of the building located at 406 Dunreath Street, Lafayette, Louisiana, currently occupied by OLOL, for the sole purpose of housing its outpatient rehabilitation center, as authorized by La. R.S. 17:3361, et seq.

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 a Lease with Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center, Inc. (OLOL), of a portion of the building located at 406 Dunreath Street, Lafayette, Louisiana, currently occupied by OLOL, for the sole purpose of housing its outpatient rehabilitation center, as authorized by La. R.S. 17:3361, et seq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that University of Louisiana at Lafayette shall obtain final review from UL System staff and legal counsel and shall secure all 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 or his or her designee is hereby authorized and directed 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 Lafayette.

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

- I.10. University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s request for approval of four philanthropic naming opportunities on campus.

***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 name the following: collaboration arena at the Louisiana Entrepreneurship & Economic Development (LEED) at the LITE Center, “SCP Health Collaboration Arena,” J. Arthur Roy House outdoor garden area, “In Memory of Betty Angers Fleming (1926-2021),” Cajun Field President’s parking lot, “Gulf Coast Bank President’s Parking Lot,” and Earl K. Long Gymnasium upstairs lounge, “Cliff and Aimee Guidry Family Lounge.”*

- I.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 short game practice area at the Wally Jones Golf Complex, pursuant to La. R.S. 17:3361, et seq.

***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 Lease Agreement with ULM Facilities, Inc. to construct a new golf short game practice area, pursuant to La. R.S. 17:3361, et seq.*

***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.*

- I.12. University of Louisiana at Monroe’s request for approval to enter into a Grounds and Facilities Lease Agreement with ULM Facilities, Inc. to replace the artificial turf on the football field at Malone Stadium, pursuant to La. R.S. 17:3361, et seq.

***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 Lease Agreement with ULM Facilities, Inc. to replace the artificial turf at Malone Stadium, pursuant to La. R.S. 17:3361, et seq.*

***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.

- I.13. University of New Orleans' request for approval to dedicate the College of Sciences building as the "Ehret-Curry College of Sciences Building."

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 dedicate the College of Sciences building as the "Ehret-Curry College of Sciences Building."

J. **Finance Committee**

Mr. Mark Romero asked staff to present the campus requests. Mr. Eddie Meche, System Vice President for Business and Finance, and Ms. Ashley McIntyre, Director of Financial Reporting and Analysis, presented the items.

Upon motion of Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Davison, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent items, J.1.-J.3.

- J.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to enter a 10-year lease agreement with Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, LLC.

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 a ten-year lease agreement with Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, LLC.

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

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

J.2. University of Louisiana System's request for approval to establish LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorships, Endowed First Generation Scholarships, and Graduate Scholarship as follows:

McNeese State University

- a. Shirley Kidd Hunter Professorship in Music

Northwestern State University

- b. J. Walter Porter Family Endowed Professorship in Business

Southeastern Louisiana University

- c. Steve Cosse First Generation Endowed Scholarship #2
d. Thelma Ryan First Generation Endowed Scholarship
e. Joyce C. Junghans Endowed Professorship in Business #4
f. MHSF Endowed Cameron Barr Graduate Scholarship in Population Health Management

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

- g. Cynthia Baillio Hartgerink/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Computing and Informatics

University of Louisiana at Monroe

- h. Tex Kilpatrick Endowed Professorship in Kinesiology

University of New Orleans

- i. Philip J. Gunn & Jeanne M. Turner Endowed First Generation Scholarship I
j. Philip J. Gunn & Jeanne M. Turner Endowed First Generation Scholarship II
k. Anil Raj Endowed Professorship in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering
l. Joseph Lee and Nola Michalik Endowed First Generation Scholarship
m. Mary Grace Curry Endowment First Generation Scholarship in Science I
n. Mary Grace Curry Endowment First Generation Scholarship in Science II
o. Mary Grace Curry Endowment First Generation Scholarship in Science III
p. Mary Grace Curry Endowment First Generation Scholarship in Science IV
q. Mary Grace Curry Endowment First Generation Scholarship in Science V
r. Mary Grace Curry Endowment First Generation Scholarship in Science VI
s. Mary Grace Curry Endowment First Generation Scholarship in Science VII
t. Mary Grace Curry Endowment First Generation Scholarship in Science VIII
u. Mary Grace Curry Endowment First Generation Scholarship in Science IX
v. Mary Grace Curry Endowment First Generation Scholarship in Science X
w. Mary Grace Curry Endowment First Generation Scholarship in Science XI
x. Mary Grace Curry Endowment First Generation Scholarship in Science XII
y. Mary Grace Curry Endowment First Generation Scholarship in Science XIII
z. Mary Grace Curry Endowment First Generation Scholarship in Science XIV
aa. Mary Grace Curry Endowment First Generation Scholarship in Science XV

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 First Generation Scholarships, and the Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarship noted above.

- J.3. 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 2022 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 2022 in accordance with provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 17:3390(F).*

- J.4. University of Louisiana System's financial status of alternatively financed projects for the six months ended December 31, 2022.

This is a report only and no action by the Board is necessary.

- J.5. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval for a student vote on a new Parking Enhancement Fee.

Dr. Dickie Crawford, Louisiana Tech Vice President of Student Affairs, and SGA President Elizabeth McKinney reported on the rationale for the fee request. They also answered questions posed by Board members.

Upon motion of Ms. Dunahoe, 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 Louisiana Tech University's request for a student referendum for a new Parking Enhancement Fee.*

- J.6. McNeese State University's request for approval to allow a student referendum for a self-assessed McNeese Recreational Complex Fee increase.

Dr. Kedrick Nicholas, McNeese Dean of Student Affairs; SGA President Samuel Gill; Ms. Lacie Wentzel, Director of the Recreation Complex; and Mr. Justin Browning, Rodeo Team Coach, were available for questions on Items J.6. and J.7. There was extensive discussion.

Upon motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Dr. Clarke, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following resolution:

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves McNeese State University's request for approval to allow a student referendum for a self-assessed McNeese Recreational Complex Fee increase.*

- J.7. McNeese State University's request for approval to allow a student referendum for a self-assessed Rodeo Team Fee increase.

Upon motion of Mr. Perkins, seconded by Mr. Stevens, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves McNeese State University's request for approval to allow a student referendum for a self-assessed Rodeo Team Fee increase.

- J.8. University of Louisiana System's discussion of Fiscal Year 2022-23 second quarter financial reports and ongoing assurances.

This is a report only and no Board action is necessary.

K. **Personnel Committee**

Mr. Dana Peterson asked Ms. Kecia Neal to describe the items on the agenda. Upon motion of Mr. Busada, seconded by Ms. Lethermon, the Board voted unanimously to approve Items KI.1.-K.4.

- K.1. Nicholls State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Raquel Engolio as Dean for the College of Nursing effective January 9, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Nicholls State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Raquel Engolio as Dean for the College of Nursing effective January 9, 2023.

- K.2. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Claire Procopio as Interim Dean of the proposed College of Honors and Excellence effective March 1, 2023.

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. Claire Procopio as Interim Dean of the proposed College of Honors and Excellence effective March 1, 2023.

- K.3. University New Orleans' request for approval to appoint Dr. Carolyn Golz as Vice President for Student Affairs effective January 1, 2023.

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 Dr. Carolyn Golz as Vice President for Student Affairs effective January 1, 2023.

- K.4. University of New Orleans' request for approval to appoint Ms. Mamie Sterkx Gasperecz as Vice President for Business Affairs effective March 1, 2023.

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. Mamie Sterkx Gasperecz as Vice President for Business Affairs effective March 1, 2023.

Dr. Clune, President of Nicholls State University, introduced Dr. Raquel Engolio and her husband Mike to the Board. Dr. Engolio voiced appreciation to Dr. Clune and Dr. Sue Westbrook, Provost, for their recommendation. She said that looks forward to being a guide to students so they can learn to provide excellent healthcare in the region.

L. Legislation Committee

Dr. Clarke asked Ms. Cami Geisman, System Vice President for External Affairs/Chief of Staff, to give a report of pertinent legislation.

- L.1. Preview of 2023 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature

Ms. Geisman reported that the Session begins on April 10 and concludes on June 8. She said that the budget had been released and to date 45 bills had been filed. She indicated that legislative support for higher education continues to be good. Ms. Geisman also announced that ULS Day at the Capitol in Baton Rouge is scheduled for April 26, with the Board meeting following the next day.

M. System President's Business

- M.1. Personnel Actions

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

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

- M.2. System President's Report

Opportunities

Dr. Henderson gave a list of events being planned that offer education, training, collaboration, celebration, and encouragement. He invited the Board members to participate in each of them if possible.

March 9 – Academic Honors College Fair

Our participation in this fair has become a tradition as we have joined the event for the past several years. This year it will be held in Baton Rouge from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Our partnership with the Academic Honors Network helps to expose high achieving students in the community to our colleges and universities.

March 16 – Free Expression Summit

This Summit will be held on Lafayette college campuses. The purpose is to engage all of higher education, including two panel discussions on the benefit of free expression.

March 18 – Virtual College Fair

Another college fair, in collaboration with 100 Black Men-Baton Rouge, offers exposure to higher education to a variety of potential students via a virtual format. This fair will be held from 9 a.m. to noon.

March 26-28 – For Our Future Conference

This annual conference, hosted this year by McNeese, will include conference programming at the Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino in Lake Charles for basically two days. McNeese is sponsoring a pre-conference reception at the SEED Center.

April 20-21 – Academic Summit

The event will be held on Northwestern’s campus this year. It is a celebration of academic excellence at the nine UL System institutions. The Summit will feature student presentations in the visual arts, artistic performances, undergraduate research poster presentations, and undergraduate research oral presentations.

June 21-22 – Black Male Summit

This third Summit will be held in New Orleans at the Hilton Riverside. As in previous years, the newest cohort of Reginald F. Lewis Scholars will be introduced during the Summit.

Coursera

Dr. Henderson reported that the System has partnered with Coursera, online certificate and alternate course provider, to offer Grow with Google certificates to UL System faculty and staff. These certifications provide educational opportunity for professional development and advancement.

M.3. Report of Southeastern Louisiana University Presidential Search Committee

As Chair of the SLU Presidential Search Committee, Dr. Henderson reported on the first meeting. He stated that the Committee had assembled on February 15 on the Southeastern campus for the inaugural meeting and public forum. He indicated that at least 100 interested faculty, staff, and community members attended. A timeline was approved and

nominations and résumés will be accepted through March 24. The next meeting is scheduled for April 11 in Baton Rouge.

N. **Board Chair's Business**

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

Chair Pierre stated that the Board Retreat would begin upon the conclusion of the Board meeting and continue through noon on Friday. She expressed thanks to Dr. Guice and staff for hosting the meeting and first portion of the Retreat.

She also particularly commended Dr. Henderson and Dr. Kahn for offering this development opportunity to Board members in an effort to provide them the expertise and knowledge to best fulfill their oversight responsibilities.

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

Ms. Pierre announced that the next meeting will be in Baton Rouge on April 27 and reminded them about ULS Day at the Capitol activities on April 26.

There being no other business, upon motion of Ms. Dunahoe, seconded by Mr. Davison, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 2:09 p.m.