

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE  
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM  
June 22, 2023**

A. **Call to Order**

On Thursday, June 22, 2023, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met in the Churchill Room A/B of the Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Two Poydras Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order by Chair Pierre at 10:12 a.m.

B. **Roll Call**

The roll was called.

**PRESENT**

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| Dr. John Condos            | Mr. Virgil Robinson |
| Ms. Jo Lethermon*          | Mr. Mark Romero     |
| Mr. Alejandro “Al” Perkins | Mr. Brad Stevens    |
| Mr. Dana Peterson          | Ms. Julie Stokes    |
| Ms. Elizabeth Pierre       | Ms. Bailey Willis   |

*\*Arrived after roll call*

**ABSENT**

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| Mr. Barry Busada  | Ms. Lola Dunahoe     |
| Dr. Jimmy Clarke  | Ms. Kristine Russell |
| Mr. Steve Davison | Mr. Joe Salter       |

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

C. **Invocation**

Mr. Al Perkins opened the meeting with an invocation.

Ms. Pierre asked for a motion to meet as a Committee of the Whole. On motion of Mr. Romero, seconded by Mr. Robinson, the Board unanimously approved a motion to conduct business as a Committee of the Whole.

D. **Approval of Minutes of April 27, 2023 Regular and Special Board Meetings and ratifications of actions taken at May 16, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting**

Upon motion of Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Romero, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the April 27 Regular and Special Board Meetings and ratified the actions taken at the May 16, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting.

E. **Administration of Oath of Office to Ms. Bailey Willis, Student Board Member**

Chair Pierre welcomed Ms. Bailey Willis as the new Student Board Member. She indicated that Ms. Willis had already begun serving as she attended the UNO Presidential Search Committee meeting as well as the Executive Committee meeting in May. Ms. Pierre said that she was appointing Ms. Willis to the Academic and Student Affairs, Executive, Grievance, and Legislation Committees.

Mr. Michael Adams of DeCuir Clark and Adams administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Willis. She said she was excited to serve alongside the other members and looked forward to using her position to continue to be the voice of students in the System.

F. **Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

Mr. Dana Peterson asked Dr. Jeannine O'Rourke to present the items under consideration. She discussed Items F.1.-F.8. Upon motion of Mr. Perkins, seconded by Mr. Stevens, the Board unanimously voted to approve Items F.1.-F.8.

- F.1. Grambling State University's request for approval to offer a Bachelor of Science in Governmental and Administrative Affairs.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Grambling State University's request to offer a Bachelor of Science in Governmental and Administrative Affairs.*

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

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Grambling State University's request for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Southern University at Shreveport.*

- F.3. Grambling State University's request for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding for Educational Cooperation with the Ghana Scholarships Secretariat.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Grambling State University's request for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding for Educational Cooperation with the Ghana Scholarships Secretariat.*

- F.4. McNeese State University's request for approval to enter into an Agreement with the Lake Charles Charter Academy Foundation, Inc.

***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 enter into an Agreement with the Lake Charles Charter Academy Foundation, Inc.*

- F.5. McNeese State University's request for approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Calcasieu Parish School Board.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the McNeese State University's request for approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Calcasieu Parish School Board.*

- F.6. Nicholls State University's request for approval of its 2023-28 Strategic Plan.

***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 its 2023-28 Strategic Plan.*

Nicholls President Jay Clune made a few comments about the Strategic Plan. He said that the Plan advances key goals of the University, including safety on campus, as it outlines a path for the future.

- F.7. University of New Orleans' request for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Hebei University.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of New Orleans' request to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Hebei University.*

- F.8. University of New Orleans' request for approval of two Memoranda of Understanding with Putian University.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of New Orleans' request to enter into two Memoranda of Understanding with Putian University.*

G. **Athletic Committee**

Mr. Perkins asked Mr. Bruce Janet, System Director of Internal and External Audit, to present the items. Upon motion of Mr. Peterson, seconded by Dr. Condos, Items G.1.-G.15. were approved by the Board.

- G.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.*

- G.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a contract with Dr. Eric A. Wood, Vice President and Director of Athletics, effective November 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 Dr. Eric A. Wood, Vice President and Director of Athletics, effective November 1, 2022.*

- G.3. McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Ms. Gabrielle Moore, Head Women's Tennis Coach, effective July 1, 2023.

***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. Gabrielle Moore, Head Women's Tennis Coach, effective July 1, 2023.*

- G.4. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Heath Schroyer, Director of Athletics, effective July 1, 2023.

***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. Heath Schroyer, Director of Athletics, effective July 1, 2023.*

- G.5. McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Ms. Sasha Karelov, Director of Volleyball/Head Indoor Volleyball Coach, effective July 1, 2023.

***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, Director of Volleyball/Head Women's Indoor Volleyball Coach, effective July 1, 2023.*

- G.6. Nicholls State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Tevon Saddler, Head Men's Basketball Coach, effective May 1, 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 of a contract with Mr. Tevon Saddler, Head Men's Basketball Coach, effective May 1, 2023.*

- G.7. Nicholls State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Mike Silva, Head Men's Baseball Coach, effective June 5, 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 of a contract with Mr. Mike Silva, Head Men's Baseball Coach, effective June 5, 2023.*

- G.8. Northwestern State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Christopher Bertrand, Head Baseball Coach, effective June 6, 2023.

***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. Christopher Bertrand, Head Baseball Coach, effective June 6, 2023.*

- G.9. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Lawrence Allan, Head Golf Coach, effective May 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. Lawrence Allan, Head Golf Coach, effective May 1, 2023.*

- G.10. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of contractual agreements between various Associate/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 the following Associate/Assistant Coaches: Alania Fremin, Assistant Softball Coach; Katherine Godwin Assistant Softball Coach; Jack Hartley, Assistant Women's Soccer Coach; Charles Lenford, Assistant Track and Field Coach; Kenneth Lee, Associate Women's Basketball Coach; Van Kyle Roane, Associate Men's Basketball Coach; and Collin Wilson, Associate Women's Volleyball Coach.*

- G.11. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Tim Baldwin, Head Men's Golf Coach, effective June 1, 2023.

***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 of a contract with Mr. Tim Baldwin, Head Men's Golf Coach, effective June 1, 2023.*

- G.12. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a contract with Mr. John Hartwell, Athletic Director (AD), effective February 27, 2023.

***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 of a contract with Mr. John Hartwell, Athletic Director, effective February 27, 2023.*

- G.13. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a contract with Ms. Rachel Pollock, Head Women's Golf Coach, effective April 1, 2023.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a contract with Ms. Rachel Pollock, Head Women's Golf Coach, effective April 1, 2023.*

- G.14. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a contract with Ms. Ivone Alvaro, Head Tennis Coach, effective January 19, 2023.

*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 of a contract with Ms. Ivone Alvaro, Head Tennis Coach, effective January 19, 2023.*

- G.15. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a contract with Mr. William Roberts, Head Women's Soccer Coach, effective January 17, 2023.

*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 of a contract with Mr. William Roberts, Head Women's Soccer Coach, effective January 17, 2023.*

Mr. Perkins asked that Mr. Janet prepare a report for the next meeting regarding the status of women's golf in the System.

#### H. Audit Committee

Ms. Stokes chaired the Committee, and Mr. Bruce Janet gave the following report:

- H.1. University of Louisiana System's report on internal and external audit activity for the period of April 24 to June 18, 2023.

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

#### I. Facilities Planning Committee

Mr. Al Perkins asked Mr. Janet to discuss the items listed on the agenda. At the request of President Les Guice, upon motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Ms. Willis, the **Board unanimously voted to remove Item I.2.**

Mr. Janet described Items I.1. and I.3.-I.15. Upon motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Romero, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following items:

- I.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to enter into a Ground Lease with the Louisiana Tech University Foundation for the purpose of installing decorative brick and metal fence, pedestrian level lighting, lighting, and landscaping, as authorized by La. R.S. 17:3361, and to reaffirm the designation of this area as the Jim Mize Track and Field Complex and Practice Fields.

***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 decorative brick and metal fence, pedestrian level lighting, lighting, and landscaping, as authorized by La. R.S. 17:3361, and to reaffirm the designation of this area as the Jim Mize Track and Field Complex and Practice Fields.*

***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 is hereby 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.*

- I.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval for the execution of supplemental leases between the Board, on behalf of the University, and Innovative Student Facilities Inc., a private 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, in connection with the lease and leaseback of a portion of the University's campus to finance the cost of the development, design, renovation, construction, and equipping of a new parking facility for students, faculty, and staff.

This item was removed at the request of President Guice.

- I.3. McNeese State University's request for approval for the execution of leases between the Board, on behalf of the University, and Cowboy Facilities, Inc., a private 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation, in connection with the lease and leaseback of a portion of the University's student housing facilities.

***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 the form and authorization to execute a Ground Lease Agreement and a Facilities Lease, each between the Board, acting on behalf of the University, and Cowboy Facilities, Inc.*

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

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, that the President of McNeese State University, and his or her designee, are hereby authorized and directed to execute the leases described herein and any and all documents necessary in connection with the leases described herein.

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

- I.4. **McNeese State University's** request to begin the process of an exchange of a parcel of land owned by the University for property owned by the City of Lake Charles, as authorized by La. R.S. 17:3351.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves McNeese State University's request to begin the process of an exchange of a parcel of land owned by the University for property owned by the City of Lake Charles, as authorized by La. R.S. 17:3351.

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

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

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

- I.5. McNeese State University's request for approval to enter into a Land Lease with the Eucharist J. Labry Revocable Trust for use of pastureland located near the McNeese State University Foundation Fuller Farm property.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves McNeese State University's request to enter into a Land Lease with the Eucharist J. Labry Revocable Trust for use of pastureland located near the McNeese State University Foundation Fuller Farm property.

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

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

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



- I.6. Nicholls State University's request for approval to name Room 152 in the Betsy Cheramie-Ayo Hall the "Mrs. Nirmala Yalamanchili Donepudi Auditorium" and Rooms 130 and 134 in the Betsy Cheramie-Ayo Hall the "Dr. Sarat K. Donepudi High-Fidelity Simulation Lab."

***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 152 in the Betsy Cheramie-Ayo Hall the "Mrs. Nirmala Yalamanchili Donepudi Auditorium" and Rooms 130 and 134 in the Betsy Cheramie-Ayo Hall the "Dr. Sarat K. Donepudi High-Fidelity Simulation Lab."*

- I.7. Northwestern State University's request for approval to enter into a Ground and Facility Lease with the Demons Unlimited Foundation for interior renovations to Prather Coliseum, 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 Northwestern State University's request to enter into a Ground and Facility Lease with the Demons Unlimited Foundation for interior renovations to Prather Coliseum, as authorized by La. R.S. 17:3361.*

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

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

- I.8. Northwestern State University's request for approval to enter into a Ground and Facility Lease with the Demons Unlimited Foundation for renovations to the softball complex, specifically the hitting cage, 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 Northwestern State University's request to enter into a Ground and Facility Lease with the Demons Unlimited Foundation for renovations to the softball complex, specifically the hitting cage, as authorized by La. R.S. 17:3361.*

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

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

- I.9. University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s request to proceed with a self-funded project through Facility Planning and Control for the “Building 60 Cage Wash and Non-Human Primate Housing Facility” to be located on the New Iberia Research Center 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 proceed with a self-funded project through Facility Planning and Control for the “Building 60 Cage Wash and Non-Human Primate Housing Facility” to be located on the New Iberia Research Center campus.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that prior to execution of final documents 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 University of Louisiana at Lafayette and his or her designee is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to manage the project.

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

- I.10. University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s request for approval to enter into a twelve-month extension of the Second Amendment to the Second Intergovernmental Contract regarding control and operation of the Cajundome with the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government.

**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 twelve-month extension of the Second Amendment to the Second Intergovernmental Contract regarding control and operation of the Cajundome with the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government.

**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 or his or her designee is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said agreement 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.11. University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s request for approval to name a large classroom in the new student-centered engineering building the “Atchafalaya Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute Classroom.”

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s request for approval to name a large classroom in the new student-centered engineering building the “Atchafalaya Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute Classroom.”

- I.12. University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s request for approval for Transfer of Lease and Lease Assignment, effective June 21, 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 Transfer of Lease and Lease Assignment, effective June 21, 2023.

***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 Transfer.

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

- I.13. University of Louisiana at Monroe’s request for approval to demolish two buildings located on the campus of the University.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of Louisiana at Monroe’s request to demolish the Talent Search house located at 3815 Bon Aire Drive and the Delano House located at 108 Bayou Drive on the campus of the University.

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

- I.14. University of Louisiana at Monroe’s request for approval for the execution of a Ground and Buildings Lease Agreement and an Agreement to Lease with Option to Purchase between the Board, on behalf of the University, and the University of Louisiana at Monroe Facilities, Inc., a private 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation, in connection with the lease and leaseback of a portion of the University’s campus to finance athletic improvements on campus and related facilities.

***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 of the form of and authorization to enter into a Ground and Buildings Lease Agreement and an Agreement Lease with Option to Purchase, each between the Board, acting on behalf of the University, and University of Louisiana at Monroe Facilities, Inc., in connection with the issuance of the Bonds described herein to finance the Project.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the University of Louisiana at Monroe shall obtain final review from University of Louisiana System staff and legal counsel to the Board, and shall secure all other appropriate approvals from agencies/parties of processes, documents, and administrative requirements prior to execution of documents.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the President of the University of Louisiana at Monroe, and his or her designee, are hereby authorized and directed to execute the leases described herein and any and all documents necessary in connection with the issuance of the Bonds described herein.*

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

- I.15. University of New Orleans’ request for approval to dedicate a limited area of green space on campus between the University Center and the Receptions and Fitness Center as the “Dr. Gregory and Mary O’Brien Garden.”

***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 a limited area of green space on campus between the University Center and the Receptions and Fitness Center as the “Dr. Gregory and Mary O’Brien Garden.”*

J. **Finance Committee**

Mr. Mark Romero asked staff to present the campus requests. Mr. Eddie Meche, System Vice President for Business and Finance, discussed Items J.1.-J.2. and Ms. Ashley McIntyre, Director of Financial Reporting and Analysis, presented Item J.3.

Upon motion of Dr. Condos, seconded by Mr. Stevens, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Items J.1.-J.2.

- J.1. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Ochsner Clinic Foundation d/b/a Ochsner Health and Lafayette General Health System, Inc. d/b/a Ochsner Lafayette General.

***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 Cooperative Endeavor Agreement, effective March 1, 2023.*

- J.2. University of New Orleans' request for approval to amendment and extend the Lease Agreement between the University and Follett Higher Education Group, Inc. for the operation of the University Bookstore.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of New Orleans' request to exercise the Lease Agreement five-year renewal option and extend the Lease Agreement an additional five years with Follett Higher Education, Inc.*

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

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

- J.3. University of Louisiana System's discussion of Fiscal Year 2022-23 third quarter financial reports and ongoing assurances.

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

K. **Personnel Committee**

Mr. Dana Peterson asked Ms. Kecia Neal to describe the items on the agenda. Upon motion of Mr. Romero, seconded by Mr. Robinson, the Board voted unanimously to approve Items K.1.-K.5.

- K.1. Grambling State University's request for approval to appoint Mr. Theodore Callier as Vice President for Research and Sponsored Programs effective June 20, 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 to appoint Mr. Theodore Callier as Vice President for Research and Sponsored Programs effective June 20, 2023.*

- K.2. McNeese State University's request for approval to appoint Ms. Virginia Ann Warner as Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions effective June 1, 2023.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves McNeese State University's request for approval to appoint Ms. Virginia Ann Warner as Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions effective June 1, 2023.*

President Burckel introduced Dr. Warner and commended her for the vital role she plays in the nursing program. Dr. Warner said she is excited to continue to lead and hopes to encourage the success of students, faculty, and staff.

- K.3. Nicholls State University's request for approval to appoint Mr. Jonathan Terrell as the Vice President for Collegiate Athletics and Athletic Director effective June 22, 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 Mr. Jonathan Terrell as Vice President for Collegiate Athletics and Athletic Director effective June 22, 2023.*

- K.4. Northwestern State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Neeru Deep as Interim Dean of the Gallaspy College of Education and Human Development effective July 1, 2023.

***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 appoint Dr. Neeru Deep as Interim Dean of the Gallaspy College of Education and Human Development effective July 1, 2023.*

- K.5. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to appoint Dr. Chad Parker as Interim Dean of the College of Liberal Arts effective May 15, 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 to appoint Dr. Chad Parker as Interim Dean of the College of Liberal Arts effective May 15, 2023.*

L. **Legislation Committee**

Ms. Julie Stokes, Vice Chair of the Committee, asked Ms. Cami Geisman, System Vice President for External Affairs/Chief of Staff, to give a report.

- L.1. Recap of 2023 Regular Legislative Session

Ms. Geisman indicated that higher education had done very well during this year's Session. She also mentioned that HB 1, the budget, continues to need clarification. Significant investment in higher education was approved. Also, Ms. Geisman was happy to say that the System finished the legislation designating the Universities of Louisiana Maritime Academy, which is an important step toward federal designation.

M. **System President's Business**

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

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

Upon motion of Mr. Romero, seconded by Mr. Stevens, the Board unanimously voted to approve the System personnel actions and Summer School Pay Schedules.

M.2. **Proposed Revision to Chapter II. Students, Section II. Transfer Admission**

Dr. Henderson said that there was a copy of the proposed revision to *Chapter II. Students, Section II. Transfer Admission* in Board folders. As it had been introduced at the April Board meeting, he asked Ms. Pierre for a motion to approve it.

Upon motion of Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Stevens, the Board unanimously voted to approve the revision.

M.3. **System President's Report**

Dr. Henderson also recognized Dr. James Caillier (former UL System Head) and Mr. Antonio Torres (2016-17 Student Board member), who were present in the audience.

President Henderson welcomed a new member of the System Staff, Richard Vath, Director of Research and Advancement. Dr. Henderson indicated that Mr. Vath will lead strategic planning and execution of System research and advancement initiatives.

*Bridging the Divide*

Dr. Henderson reported that the third annual summer series of "Bridging the Divide" had already begun its ten weeks of training. He said that the content experts are offering professional development programming in financial literacy, mental health, grant writing and research, online teaching and learning, and open educational resources. He also thanked Dr. Katie Dawson for her leadership.

*UNO Search*

President Henderson updated the Board on the search for University of New Orleans' next President. He said that the inaugural meeting had been held on campus in May, the advertisement has been posted on a variety of websites, and the next meeting is planned for August 17. That meeting's purpose will be to select semifinalists for interview during the week of August 28. The finalists will be interviewed at a September 14 Special Board Meeting in Baton Rouge. He thanked Dr. Jeannine O'Rourke for agreeing to serve as Interim President effective July 1 until the new President is selected. Dr. Henderson also commended Dr. Kedrick Nicholas for chairing the transition process and beginning the work.

*Management & Leadership Institute*

Dr. Henderson thanked the past year's Management & Leadership Institute class for making its presentation earlier in the day. He said that since 2017 Dr. Caprice Ieyoub has led the institute. Because of the efficacy of the training, there are currently 117 alumni, 50 of whom have been promoted after completing the Institute. Cohort 7 has been announced and will begin its first class in August.

*Updates*

Dr. Erica Calais, System Vice President for Student Services, Safety, and Resilience, gave an update on the spring Power-Based Violence report. She said that training is continuing for those confidential advisors and responsible employees at the campus level. She indicated that the training timeframe has been changed to calendar year and the completion rate is expected to rise for that reason and increased awareness. She also mentioned upcoming training opportunities in association with local criminal justice agencies. *Title IX, Gen Z and Power-Based Violence*, the first such training, will be held on June 27 at Louisiana Tech University.

*Student Advisory Council*

Dr. Calais further announced the new members of the Student Advisory Council (SAC) as well as some of their additional responsibilities:

**Alexa Johnson**, HBCU Advisory Board member  
Grambling State University

**Connor Smith**  
Louisiana Tech University

**Sam Gill**, Board of Regents Student member  
McNeese State University

**Jay Badeaux**, Vice Chair-Council of Student Board Presidents  
Nicholls State University

**Bailey Willis**, Board of Supervisors for the UL System Student member  
Northwestern State University

**Lacey Johnson**, SAC Service Learning and Civic Engagement Coordinator  
Southeastern Louisiana University

**Colby Hebert**, SAC Chair  
University of Louisiana at Lafayette

**David Hernandez**, SAC Vice Chair  
University of Louisiana at Monroe

**Brendan Mott**, UNO Presidential Search Committee member  
University of New Orleans



*AT&T Donation*

Dr. Henderson reported that a \$50,000 donation from the AT&T Foundation had been awarded to the System to support efforts to close the digital divide for underserved citizens across Louisiana. He also recognized Mr. David Aubrey, current Board of Regents member and President of AT&T-Louisiana, for his longstanding commitment to higher education in the state.

*Reception*

Dr. Henderson said that the System will host a reception and ceremonial bill signing in the coming month in recognition of the Universities of Louisiana Maritime Academy. Details will be forthcoming.

N. **Board Chair's Business**

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

*Required Training*

Chair Pierre announced that Mr. Bruce Janet has scheduled a Live Ethics Session in association with the October 26 Board meeting activities. The training will be held in Room 153 of the Claiborne Building beginning at 9:00 a.m. Those members who attend the session will satisfy their annual requirement, and those who cannot participate must take online training by December 31. In addition, each member is required to complete Preventing Sexual Harassment.

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At 11:15 a.m., Chair Pierre announced a short recess until 11:30 a.m.

N.2. **Presidential Evaluation and Planning Session (*Executive Session may be required*)**

Ms. Pierre stated that it would be necessary to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters under the provision of Louisiana R.S. 42:17. Upon motion of Mr. Romero, seconded by Mr. Stevens, the Board unanimously voted to enter Executive Session at 11:30 a.m. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Yeas: Dr. Condos, Ms. Lethermon, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Peterson, Ms. Pierre, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Romero, Mr. Stevens, Ms. Willis

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Busada, Dr. Clarke, Mr. Davison, Ms. Dunahoe, Ms. Russell, Mr. Salter, Ms. Stokes

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Upon motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Perkins, the Board unanimously voted to reconvene in Open Session at 11:50 a.m. Ms. Pierre stated that during Executive Session no motions were made nor votes taken.

Upon motion of Mr. Romero, seconded by Mr. Stevens, the Board unanimously voted to authorize the Board Chair to negotiate and enter a new contract with Dr. James B. Henderson.

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

Ms. Pierre invited the Board members to join the Black Male Summit attendees for a luncheon at the conclusion of the meeting. In addition, the upcoming year's Reginald F. Lewis Scholars would be announced at a brief ceremony during the lunch.

Chair Pierre reminded the Board that the next meeting will be held in Baton Rouge on August 24.

There being no other business, upon motion of Mr. Perkins, seconded by Mr. Peterson, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 11:52 a.m.