

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE  
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
May 16, 2023**

A. **Call to Order**

The Executive Committee of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met for a Committee meeting on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 11:35 a.m. The meeting was held on the second floor of the Homer L. Hitt Alumni and Visitors Center on the campus of University of New Orleans. Chair Elizabeth Pierre called the meeting to order.

B. **Roll Call**

**PRESENT**

Ms. Elizabeth Pierre, Chair  
Dr. Jimmy Clarke, Vice Chair  
Mr. Brad Stevens, Parliamentarian  
Mr. Alejandro “Al” Perkins  
Mr. Mark Romero  
Ms. Bailey Willis

**ABSENT**

Mr. Joe Salter

Also present were the following: System President Jim Henderson, System staff, and Attorney Brandon DeCuir.

C. **Personnel Matters Associated with UNO Presidential Search**

Chair Pierre stated that it was necessary to discuss some personnel issues in regards to the University of New Orleans Presidential search. She asked for a motion to enter Executive Session. Mr. Romero made the motion, and Mr. Perkins seconded the motion.

At 11:41 a.m., the Executive Committee adjourned to Executive Session. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Yeas: Ms. Pierre, Dr. Clarke, Mr. Stevens, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Romero, Ms. Willis

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Salter

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At 12:39 p.m. upon motion of Dr. Clarke, seconded by Mr. Perkins, the Committee reconvened in Open Session. The Committee unanimously voted to reconvene. While in Executive Session, the Committee discussed personnel matters associated with the UNO Presidential Search. While in Executive Session, no motions were made nor votes taken.

Ms. Pierre asked for comments. Upon motion of Mr. Perkins, seconded by Mr. Romero, the following motion was unanimously approved:

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Executive Committee of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby recommends Dr. Jeannine O'Rourke as Interim President of University of New Orleans effective July 1, 2023, with terms negotiated by the System President and Board Chair.

In addition, Dr. Henderson stated that Dr. O'Rourke would not be a candidate for the permanent position and that she would be returning to the System Office as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Further, Mr. Perkins made the following motion, seconded by Mr. Romero:

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Executive Committee of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby recommends Dr. Kedrick Nicholas to chair the transition process working with Dr. Chris Broadhurst, student leadership, staff, and Dr. O'Rourke to review the institution and develop a plan that can instruct the Search Committee, the Board, and the eventual new President. Further, Dr. Nicholas will report to Dr. Jim Henderson.

The motion was approved.

D. **Other Business**

There was no other business to come before the Committee.

E. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Romero, seconded by Mr. Stevens, at 12:43 p.m., the Committee voted to adjourn.