

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE  
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM  
August 22, 2024**

**A. Call to Order/Roll Call**

On Thursday, August 22, 2024, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met in the Digital Library and Learning Commons on the campus of Grambling State University. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Mark Romero at 1:30 p.m.

The roll was called.

**PRESENT**

Mr. Drew Brown  
Mr. Barry Busada  
Dr. Jimmy Clarke  
Mr. Steve Davison  
Dr. John Noble, Jr.

Ms. Elizabeth Pierre  
Mr. Virgil Robinson  
Mr. Mark Romero  
Mr. Brad Stevens

**ABSENT**

Ms. Lola Dunahoe  
Dr. Jo'Quishia "Jo" Lethermon  
Mr. Alejandro "Al" Perkins  
Mr. Dana Peterson

Ms. Kristine Russell  
Mr. Joe Salter  
Ms. Julie Stokes

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

**B. Invocation**

Mr. Drew Brown opened the meeting with an invocation.

**C. Welcome by Dr. Martin Lemelle, Grambling State University**

Dr. Martin Lemelle said he was excited to welcome the Board to the campus of Grambling and to the opening of the new Digital Library and Learning Commons. Dr. Lemelle further announced that the campus was asking for a special request to honor the Carter family.

*On motion of Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Davison, the Board unanimously voted to add Item D to the agenda.*

**D. Grambling State University's request for approval to name the James and Mildred Carter Pavilion in the Digital Library and Learning Commons Building.**

*On motion of Mr. Robinson, seconded by Dr. Clarke, the Board unanimously voted to approve Grambling State University's request to name the James and Mildred Carter Pavilion in the Digital Library and Learning Commons Building.*

E. **Approval of Minutes of June 13 Regular and July 18 Special Meetings**

Upon motion of Ms. Pierre, seconded by Mr. Brown, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the June 13 and July 18, 2024 Board Meetings.

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

F. **Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

Dr. Clarke asked Dr. Jeannine O'Rourke to present the items under consideration.

Dr. O'Rourke introduced Academic items F.1.-F.6. The campus provosts individually reported on Item F.6., Academic Planning Documents. Upon motion of Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Davison, the Board unanimously approved Items F.1.-F.6.

- F.1. McNeese State University's request for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Calcasieu Parish School Board for the Teach for Impact Program.

***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 Memorandum of Understanding with the Calcasieu Parish School Board for the Teach for Impact Program.*

- F.2. Northwestern State University's request for approval to offer a Master of Science in Allied Health.

***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 offer a Master of Science in Allied Health.*

- F.3. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to offer a Bachelor of Science in Integrative Sciences.

***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 offer a Bachelor of Science in Integrative Sciences.*

- F.4. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to offer a Bachelor of Science in Disaster Management program.

***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 offer a Bachelor of Science in Disaster Management program.*

- F.5. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of System Universities' 2024-25 Promotions in Faculty Rank and Recommendations for Tenure.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves System Universities' 2024-25 Promotions in Faculty Rank and Recommendations for Tenure.

F.6. Approval of AY 2024-27 Academic Planning Documents

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the 2024-27 Academic Planning Documents for the nine member institutions.

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President Gallot and Chair Romero recognized Mr. James Carter, Jr., former Board member. Mr. Carter introduced his mother Mildred, son Bryce, and wife Rene Lewis-Carter. Mr. Carter thanked the Board for approving the naming of the James and Mildred Carter Pavilion in the Digital Library and Learning Commons Building. He said that his parents emphasized the value of education throughout his life.

G. Athletic Committee

Dr. Noble asked Mr. Bruce Janet, System Executive Director for Compliance and Risk Management, to present the extensive agenda. Upon motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Busada, the Board unanimously voted to approve Items G.1.-G.22.

G.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of contractual agreements between various Assistant Baseball Coaches, Louisiana Tech University, and the Louisiana Tech University Foundation.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of contracts with Assistant Baseball Coaches: Mr. Cooper Fouts, Mr. Jake Wells, and Mr. Matt Miller.

G.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of contractual agreements between various Assistant Men's Basketball Coaches, Louisiana Tech University, and the Louisiana Tech University Foundation.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of contracts with Assistant Men's Basketball Coaches: Mr. Tyson Batiste and Mr. Kavin Gilder-Tilbury.

G.3. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of contractual agreements between various Assistant Softball Coaches, Louisiana Tech University, and the Louisiana Tech University Foundation.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of contracts with Assistant Softball Coaches: Ms. Chelsea Cohen, Mr. Tyler Krobetsky, and Ms. Madie Green.

- G.4. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of contractual agreements between various Assistant Track & Field/Cross Country Coaches, Louisiana Tech University, and the Louisiana Tech University Foundation.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of contracts with assistant Track & Field/Cross Country Coaches: Mr. George Cleare and Ms. Halle McClintock.*

- G.5. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Lane Burroughs, Baseball Head Coach, effective July 1, 2024.

***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. Lane Burroughs, Baseball Head Coach, effective July 1, 2024.*

- G.6. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a contractual amendment with Mr. Talvin Hester, Men's Basketball Head Coach, effective July 1, 2024.

***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 contractual amendment with Mr. Talvin Hester, Men's Basketball Head Coach, effective July 1, 2024.*

- G.7. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Brian Johnson, Director of Men's & Women's Track & Field/Cross Country, effective July 1, 2024.

***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. Brian Johnson, Director of Men's & Women's Track & Field/Cross Country, effective July 1, 2024.*

- G.8. McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Mrs. Sonia Madronal Medina, Head Women's Tennis Coach, effective July 1, 2024.

***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 Mrs. Sonia Madronal Medina, Head Women's Tennis Coach, effective July 1, 2024.*

- G.9. McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Brendon Gilroy, Head Men's and Women's Track and Field/Cross Country Coach, effective August 1, 2024.

***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. Brendon Gilroy, Head Men's and Women's Track and Field/Cross Country Coach, effective August 1, 2024.*

- G.10. McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Justin Hill, Head Baseball Coach, effective August 1, 2024.

***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. Justin Hill, Head Baseball Coach, effective August 1, 2024.*

- G.11. Nicholls State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Brent Haring, Head Men's Baseball Coach, effective July 1, 2024.

***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. Brent Haring, Head Men's Baseball Coach, effective July 1, 2024.*

- G.12. Nicholls State University's request for approval of a contract with Ms. Kristy Helmers, Head Soccer Coach, effective July 18, 2024.

***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 Ms. Kristy Helmers, Head Soccer Coach, effective July 18, 2024.*

- G.13. Nicholls State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Ronald Frost, Jr., Head Softball Coach, effective July 1, 2024.

***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. Ronald Frost, Jr., Head Softball Coach, effective July 1, 2024.*

- G.14. Northwestern State University's request for approval of a contract with Mrs. Jenny Fuller, Head Softball Coach, effective July 29, 2024.

***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 Mrs. Jenny Fuller, Head Softball Coach, effective July 29, 2024.*

- G.15. Northwestern State University's request for approval of a contract extension with Mr. Rick Cabrera, Head Men's Basketball Coach, effective May 10, 2024.

***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 one-year contract extension with Mr. Rick Cabrera, Head Men's Basketball Coach, effective May 10, 2024.*

- G.16. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. David Kiefer, Head Men's Basketball Coach, effective July 1, 2024.

***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. David Kiefer, Head Men's Basketball Coach, effective July 1, 2024.*

- G.17. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Lawrence Allan, Head Golf Coach, effective July 1, 2024.

***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 July 1, 2024.*

- G.18. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Michael Rheams, Head Track and Field Coach, effective August 1, 2024.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Michael Rheams, Head Track and Field Coach, effective August 1, 2024.*

- G.19. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Richard Fremin, Head Women's Softball Coach, effective July 1, 2024.

***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. Richard Fremin, Head Women's Softball Coach, effective July 1, 2024.*

- G.20. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of contractual agreements between various Assistant Coaches, Southeastern Louisiana University, and the Lion Athletics Association.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of contracts with Assistant Coaches: Ms. Alana Fremin, Assistant Softball Coach; Ms. Katherine Godwin, Assistant Softball Coach; and Ms. Lee McBride, Assistant Women's Volleyball Coach.*

- G.21. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of an amended Contract for Employment for Mr. Christopher McBride, Head Soccer Coach, effective August 22, 2024.

***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 amendment to the contract of Mr. Christopher McBride, Head Soccer Coach, effective August 22, 2024.*

- G.22. University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s request for approval of a contract with Mr. Thomas Badon, Head Track and Field Coach, effective August 22, 2024.

***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. Thomas Badon, Head Track and Field Coach, effective August 22, 2024.*

H. **Audit Committee**

Mr. Robinson asked Ms. Jennifer Oberthier, System Chief Audit Executive and Chief Compliance Officer, to discuss the agenda item.

- H.1. University of Louisiana System’s report on internal and external audit activity for the period of June 4, 2024 to August 13, 2024.

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

I. **Facilities Planning Committee**

Ms. Elizabeth Pierre asked Mr. Janet to present Items I.1.-I.10. Upon motion of Dr. Noble, seconded by Mr. Busada, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following items:

- I.1. Grambling State University’s request for approval to name the foyer in the Charles P. Adams Building the “Dr. Lamore J. Carter Foyer.”

***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 foyer in the Charles P. Adams Building the “Dr. Lamore J. Carter Foyer.”*

- I.2. Grambling State University’s request for approval to extend the Ground Lease/Lease Back Agreement with the Grambling University Foundation for the purpose of continuing improvements, replacing the scoreboards, and making additional technology improvements for the Eddie Robinson Memorial Stadium football field, pursuant to La. R.S. 17:3361.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Grambling State University’s request to extend the Ground Lease/Lease Back Agreement with the Grambling University Foundation for the purpose of continuing improvements, replacing the scoreboards, and making additional technology improvements for the Eddie Robinson Memorial Stadium football field, pursuant to La. R.S. 17:3361.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Grambling 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.*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President of Grambling State University and his or her designee is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute the Ground Lease/Lease Back Agreement.

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

- I.3. Louisiana Tech University's request to amend the Cooperative Endeavor and Lease with the City of Ruston for the site at the Ruston Municipal Airport where the Louisiana Tech University Flight Operations Center is located.

**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 the Cooperative Endeavor and Lease with the City of Ruston for the site at the Ruston Municipal Airport where the Louisiana Tech University Flight Operations Center is located.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Louisiana Tech University 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 any documents.

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

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

- I.4. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to increase the budget for the previously approved self-managed Act 959 Project Facility Planning and Control delegated authority the NIH C06 Grant Construction Project of Non-Human Primate (NHP = Rhesus Macaque) Housing at the New Iberia Research Center Campus of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

**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 increase the budget for the previously approved self-managed Act 959 Project Facility Planning and Control delegated authority the NIH C06 Grant Construction Project of Non-Human Primate (NHP = Rhesus Macaque) Housing at the New Iberia Research Center Campus of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

**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 are 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 the System office with copies of all final executed documents for Board files.

- I.5. University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s request to place an item on the Interim Emergency Board agenda for approval of a scope change and revision of the project description for the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Learning Laboratory School Capital Outlay Project.

**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 request to place an item on the Interim Emergency Board agenda for approval of a scope change and revision of the project description for the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Learning Laboratory School Capital Outlay Project.

**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 are 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 the System office with copies of all final executed documents for Board files.

- I.6. University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s request for authorization to enter into a Commercial Agreement to Buy and Sell for the acquisition of certain property located in Lafayette from “We Are Groot Lafayette, 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 for authorization to enter into a Commercial Agreement to Buy and Sell for the acquisition of certain property located in Lafayette from “We Are Groot Lafayette, LLC.”

**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 Groot Property at such times as deemed appropriate to facilitate the purchase transaction.

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

- I.7. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for authorization to enter into a Commercial Agreement to Buy and Sell for the acquisition of certain property located in Lafayette from MG Property Holdings, 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 for authorization to enter into a Commercial Agreement to Buy and Sell for the acquisition of certain property located in Lafayette from MG Property Holdings, LLC.*

*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 MG Property at such times as deemed appropriate to facilitate the purchase transaction.*

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

- I.8. 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 golf short game practice area, at the Wally Jones Golf Complex, pursuant to La. R.S. 17:3361.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to enter into a Grounds and Facilities Lease Agreement with ULM Facilities, Inc., to construct a new golf short game practice area, at the Wally Jones Golf Complex, pursuant to La. R.S. 17:3361.*

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

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of University of Louisiana at Monroe and 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.9. University of Louisiana at Monroe’s request for approval to name an area at Lou St. Amant Field (Baseball Stadium) the “Dr. Charles R. McDonald Stadium Club.”

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve University of Louisiana Monroe’s request for approval to name an area at Lou St. Amant Field (Baseball Stadium) as the “Dr. Charles R. McDonald Stadium Club.”*

- I.10. University of Louisiana System’s request for approval of the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Capital Outlay Budget Request and Institutions’ Five-Year Capital Outlay Plans.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Capital Outlay Budget Request and Institutions’ Five-Year Capital Outlay Plans.*

Mr. Janet expressed his appreciation to the campus facility directors for their work as they identified capital outlay requests and plans. Additionally, he made a presentation highlighting completed or ongoing campus projects.

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President Gallot requested a point of personal privilege. He took a few minutes to introduce Dr. Greta Carter, whom he has known for many years. Dr. Carter is the daughter of the late Dr. Lamore J. Carter. Also, he recognized his mother, Dr. Mildred Gallot, and his sisters Daphne Knighton and Loretta Lee, who were present at the meeting. Dr. Gallot had previously served as a member of the Board beginning in 2005.

J. Finance Committee

Mr. Barry Busada asked Mr. Eddie Meche to present the campus requests. Upon motion of Dr. Noble, seconded by Ms. Pierre, the Board voted to approve Items J.1.-J.6.

- J.1. Grambling State University’s request for approval to modify the Student Insurance Fee to support the University Health Center.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Grambling State University’s request to modify the Student Insurance Fee to support the Student Health Center.*

- J.2. Grambling State University’s request for approval of an amendment to the lease agreement for the year six extension for the University’s foodservice operations and facilities with SODEXO MAGIC, LLC.

*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 an amendment to the lease agreement for the year six extension for the University’s foodservice operations and facilities with SODEXO MAGIC, LLC.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, that Grambling 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 Martin Lemelle, Jr., President of Grambling State University, is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute this agreement.

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

- J.3. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of an amendment to the current foodservice lease agreement with Aramark.

***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 an amendment to the lease agreement with Aramark.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, that Dr. James Henderson, President of Louisiana Tech University, is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute this amendment.

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

- J.4. McNeese State University's request for approval to charge certain contract tuition and fee rates for its Teach for Impact post-baccalaureate initial certification programs.

***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 charge a flat program rate of \$1,800 in tuition for semester one, semester two, and any residency semester(s) for individual students enrolled in the Teach for Impact post-baccalaureate initial certification programs.

- J.5. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a student housing rate for students residing in hotel rooms.

***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 student housing rate of \$4,931 for the period from August 17, 2024 to May 18, 2025 for students residing in off-campus hotel rooms leased by the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

- J.6. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of Fiscal Year 2024-25 Operating Budgets, including organizational charts, undergraduate/graduate mandatory attendance fees, and scholarships.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Fiscal Year 2024-25 Operating Budgets, including organizational charts, undergraduate/graduate mandatory attendance fees, and scholarships.

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Mr. Eddie Meche invited UL-Lafayette President E. Joseph Savoie, Mr. Scott Hebert (Director of Facility Management), and Ms. Gretchen Vanicore (Director of Sustainability) to introduce Item J.7. Additionally, Mr. Lawrence J. Sisung III and Mr. John Mayeaux from The Sisung Group gave a detailed presentation about the proposed University of Louisiana at Lafayette Community Energy Partnership.

Board members had several questions. After clarification of the request, upon motion of Dr. Noble, seconded by Dr. Clarke, the following recommendation was approved by the Board:

J.7. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for authorization to commence with governmental approvals preliminary planning for development of a University initiative to improve the University's utilities infrastructure through Ragin' Cajun Facilities, 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 to proceed commencement of governmental approvals of its utilities infrastructure project with Ragin' Cajun Facilities, Inc., any documents or other related submittals executed as part of this approval shall be conditioned on the Board's final review and approval including but not limited to the form and execution of the necessary Ground Leases, Facilities Leases, and other necessary documents to finance the project described herein.

J.8. Other Business

Mr. Meche also reported on the following three Policy and Procedures Memoranda, two revisions and one new policy:

- *Personnel Actions, FS.III.II.B,C,D-1*
- *Students with Debt, FB-IV.-3*
- *Fees Assessed to Graduate Assistants (new PPM)*

As these are PPMs, they do not require Board approval.

K. Personnel Committee

Mr. Davison asked Ms. Kecia Neal, System Business Operations Director, to describe the campus requests. Upon motion of Mr. Brown, seconded by Dr. Noble, the Board voted unanimously to approve Items K.1.-K.8.

- K.1. Grambling State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Obadiah Simmons, Jr. as Interim Dean of the College of Education effective May 1, 2024.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Grambling State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Obadiah Simmons, Jr. as Interim Dean of the College of Education effective May 1, 2024.*

- K.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Dave Norris, Jr. as Senior Vice President of Innovation and Advancement/CEO of Louisiana Tech Foundation effective July 1, 2024.

*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 appoint Dr. Dave Norris, Jr. as Senior Vice President of Innovation and Advancement/CEO of Louisiana Tech Foundation effective July 1, 2024.*

- K.3. McNeese State University's request for approval to appoint Mrs. Meghan Olinger as Dean of Student Support & Advocacy effective August 1, 2024.

*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 Mrs. Meghan Olinger as Dean of Student Support & Advocacy effective August 1, 2024.*

- K.4. McNeese State University's request for approval to appoint Mrs. Morgan Turpin as Interim Dean of the College of Business effective July 22, 2024.

*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 Mrs. Morgan Turpin as Interim Dean of the College of Business effective July 22, 2024.*

- K.5. McNeese State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Thomas H. Shields IV as Interim Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences effective July 1, 2024.

*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 Dr. Thomas H. Shields IV as Interim Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences effective July 1, 2024.*

- K.6. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to appoint Dr. Lisa Broussard as Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences effective July 1, 2024.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to appoint Dr. Lisa Broussard as Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences effective July 1, 2024.*

- K.7. University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s request for approval to continue the appointment of Dr. Paula Montgomery as Interim Dean of the College of Education and Human Development effective July 1, 2024.

***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 continue the appointment of Dr. Paula Montgomery as Interim Dean of the College of Education and Human Development effective July 1, 2024.*

- K.8. University of New Orleans’ request for approval to appoint Mr. Justin McKenzie as Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer effective October 1, 2024.

***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 Mr. Justin McKenzie as Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer effective October 1, 2024.*

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**Grambling** - Dr. Connie Walton introduced Dr. Obadiah Simmons, Jr. She said that Dr. Simmons has been a dedicated employee for many years and has served in a variety of roles. At this time, Dr. Simmons will serve as Interim Dean of the College of Education.

**Louisiana Tech** - Ms. Cami Geisman introduced Dr. Dave Norris, Jr. as Senior Vice President of Innovation and Advancement/CEO of Louisiana Tech Foundation. He will focus on innovation and growth.

**McNeese** - Dr. Kedrick Nicholas introduced Mrs. Meghan Olinger as Dean of Student Support and Advocacy. She said her desire is to help students succeed. Dr. Michael Buckles introduced Mrs. Morgan Turpin as Interim Dean of the College of Business. She said she is excited to continue to serve her alma mater. Dr. Buckles also introduced Dr. Thomas H. Shields IV as Interim Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences. Dr. Shields thanked the Board for the challenge and the opportunity to serve in this role.

Mr. Romero commented that many of the new campus leadership positions have been filled by Management and Leadership Institute participants, and he congratulated Dr. Caprice Ieyoub for directing that program.

L. **System President’s Business**

- L.1. Personnel Actions

President Gallot said that System staff had reviewed the personnel action requests and summer school pay plans and recommends approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Brown, the Board unanimously voted to approve the System personnel actions and summer school pay plans. President Gallot also introduced Ms. Tonyetta Jackson, the new Operations Support Specialist in the System Office, who began on August 5. In addition, he welcomed Marcus Jones as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer.

L.2. System President's Report

President Gallot said that the first volume of the newsletter *From the Desk of the President* had recently been distributed. He indicated that future editions will highlight important initiatives and accomplishments across the nine institutions.

*K16 Solutions, Inc.*

President Gallot reported on an innovative partnership between the UL System and K16 Solutions, Inc. to transform data management across all nine institutions. The System will leverage K16's Scaffold DataX platform to unify and streamline data consolidation and analysis across the diverse software systems used by the campuses. Grambling State University, Louisiana Tech University, and the University of Louisiana at Monroe will be piloting this cutting-edge infrastructure, marking a significant step toward increased efficiency and collaborative data management across the System.

*Presidents' Retreat*

System President Gallot said that the nine Presidents will participate in the annual Presidents' Retreat in Baton Rouge on August 26-27. Topics to be addressed are formula funding, capital outlay, NCAA and NIL challenges, and addressing mental health on campuses, as well as a strategic planning process that is beginning in the near future.

*Investitures*

President Gallot announced the dates for the investitures of Dr. Martin Lemelle (Grambling) as September 6 and James Genovese (Northwestern) as October 25. He stated that Dr. Wade Rousse's ceremony will be held in December at McNeese State University. Board members and others are invited to join in the celebration.

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President Gallot also commended Dr. Meg Brown, Associate Dean of the School of Nursing, for her accomplishments. Under her leadership, GSU nursing graduates continue a 100% National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) pass rate for the past three years.

L.3. Discussion and Presentation regarding security protocols pursuant to GLBA compliance.

President Gallot said that the Board would be receiving a report regarding the overall status of the information security program and compliance with Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (GLBA) as of June 30, 2024 for each University.



Mr. Romero asked for a motion to enter Executive Session because of the nature of the discussion. Upon motion of Mr. Busada, seconded by Ms. Pierre, the voted to convene in Executive Session at 4:27 p.m. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Yeas: Drew Brown, Barry Busada, Jimmy Clarke, Steve Davison, John Noble, Elizabeth Pierre, Virgil Robinson, Mark Romero, Brad Stevens

Nays: None

Absent: Lola Dunahoe, Jo Lethermon, Al Perkins, Dana Peterson, Kristine Russell, Joe Salter, Julie Stokes

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At 4:52 p.m., upon motion of Mr. Busada, seconded by Ms. Pierre, the Board unanimously voted to reconvene in Open Session. Mr. Romero reported that the Board had met in Executive Session and no motions or votes had been made while in Executive Session.

M. **Board Chair's Business**

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

*Standing Committees*

Chair Romero said that since the last meeting, he had made a few adjustments to the Standing Committees listing and they had been emailed to the Board. He thanked members for agreeing to serve.

*Next Meeting*

Mr. Romero announced that the October 24 meeting of the Board will be held on the campus of University of Louisiana at Lafayette. He thanked Dr. Savoie for his willingness to host the meeting. As previously stated, a Live Ethics Session will be offered that day so that Board members can fulfill this annual training requirement.

M.2. **University of Louisiana System's Proposed revision to Board Rule, Chapter II. Students, Section XXI. Safety and Security.**

Mr. Romero reminded the Board that a draft of a proposed revision to a Board Rule had been distributed for review at the August Board meeting. He asked for a motion to approve the revision if there were no objections.

Upon motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Dr. Clarke, the Board unanimously voted to approve the revision to *Board Rule, Chapter II. Students, Section XXI. Safety and Security.*

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

Mr. Romero again expressed appreciation to Dr. Lemelle and staff for hosting the meeting. He congratulated on the opening of the new Digital Library.

There being no other business, upon motion of Dr. Noble, and a unanimous second, the Board voted to adjourn at 4:55 p.m.