

**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
January 4, 2024**

A. Call to Order/Roll Call

Dr. Jimmy Clarke called the Executive Committee meeting to order on Thursday, January 4, 2024, at 1:25 p.m. The Committee met in Room 100, The Louisiana Purchase Room, of the Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The roll was called.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Jimmy Clarke, Chair
Mr. Brad Stevens, Vice Chair
Mr. Dana Peterson, Parliamentarian
Ms. Elizabeth Pierre

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

None

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Barry Busada
Mr. Virgil Robinson
Mr. Joe Salter

Also present were System President Rick Gallot, System staff, Dr. Jay Clune, Dr. William Wainwright, and Attorneys Linda Clark, Brandon DeCuir, Corey Pierce, and Monia Moton.

B. Appointment of Interim President of Grambling State University

President Gallot reported that the Grambling State University Presidential Search Committee had recently held its inaugural meeting in Grambling. At that meeting the charge and timeline for the search had been approved. Additionally, input from the students, faculty, alumni, and community members had been well received.

President Gallot said that at this time it is necessary to appoint an Interim President for the University. The recommendation for consideration is Dr. Connie Walton, who is currently the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs. He stated that Dr. Walton had been named chief academic officer in 2019 and the academic offerings have since enjoyed great progress, including the cybersecurity degrees and return of the Nursing School with 100% passage rates.

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

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Executive Committee approve a recommendation that Dr. Connie Walton be appointed as Interim President of Grambling State University subject to ratification by the Full Board at the February 2024 meeting and that her term will remain in effect until a new President of the University is appointed.*

President Gallot stated that he expects the vacancy to be permanently filled within a couple months. In addition, he mentioned that Dr. Walton will not apply for the position.

C. **Other Business/Adjournment**

There being no other business, upon motion of Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Stevens, at 1:35 p.m., the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn.