

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM
February 27, 2025**

A. Call to Order/Roll Call

On Thursday, February 27, 2025, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met in Room 100, Louisiana Purchase Room, of the Claiborne Conference Center at 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Mark Romero at 9:06 a.m.

The roll was called.

PRESENT

Mr. Drew Brown	Mr. Dana Peterson
Mr. Barry Busada	Ms. Elizabeth Pierre
Mr. Steve Davison	Mr. Mark Romero
Mr. Lee Jackson	Ms. Kristine Russell
Dr. Jo Lethermon	Mr. Robert Salim
Mr. Keith Myers	Mr. Joe Salter*
Dr. John Noble, Jr.	Mr. Brad Stevens
Mr. Alejandro "Al" Perkins	

**arrived after roll call*

ABSENT

Ms. Julie Stokes

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

B. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Elizabeth Pierre opened the meeting with an invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

C. Administration of Oath of Office to Dr. John Noble, Jr., Reappointed Member

President Gallot administered the Oath of Office to Dr. John Noble, who had been reappointed in January. Dr. Noble thanked Governor Jeff Landry for his appointment and said it was a pleasure to continue his service along with the other members.

D. Approval of Minutes of the January 16, 2025 Meeting

Mr. Romero asked for a motion and second to approve the minutes of the January 16 meeting of the Board. Upon motion of Mr. Perkins, seconded by Mr. Stevens, the Board unanimously voted to approve the January 16, 2025 minutes.

Mr. Romero indicated that the Board would meet as a Committee of the Whole with the exception of the Special Committee on Tuition and Fees, which would convene following the Board Meeting. He asked for a motion to meet as a Committee of the Whole. Upon motion of Dr. Noble, seconded by Mr. Busada, the motion was approved.

E. **Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

Ms. Pierre, Chair of the Committee, asked Dr. Jeannine O'Rourke to describe Agenda Items E.1.-E.10. Upon motion of Dr. Noble, seconded by Mr. Davison, the Board unanimously voted to approve Items E.1.-E.10.

E.1. McNeese State University's request for approval of a Five-Year Strategic Plan for 2024-29 and revised Vision, Mission, Core Values and Organizational Statements.

***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 Five-Year Strategic Plan for 2024-29 and revised Vision, Mission, Core Values and Organizational Statements.*

E.2. McNeese State University's request for approval to convert the existing Master of Arts in Psychology to a Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis.

***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 convert the existing Master of Arts in Psychology to a Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis.*

E.3. Nicholls State University's request for approval to offer a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work.

***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 offer a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work.*

E.4. Nicholls State University's request for approval to offer a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology.

***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 offer a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology.*

E.5. Northwestern State University's request for revalidation of the University's Mission, Vision, and Core Values Statements.

***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 for revalidation of the University's Mission, Vision, and Core Values Statements.*

- E.6. Northwestern State University’s request for approval to award an Honorary Doctorate of Humanities to Mr. Jerry Adkins “Jaf” Fielder, II at the Spring 2025 Commencement Exercises.

***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 award an Honorary Doctorate of Humanities to Mr. Jerry Adkins “Jaf” Fielder, II at the Spring 2025 Commencement Exercises.*

- E.7. University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s request for approval to award an Honorary Doctorate of Arts to Mr. Richard “Dickey” Landry at the Spring 2025 Commencement Exercises.

***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 award an Honorary Doctorate of Arts to Mr. Richard “Dickey” Landry at the Spring 2025 Commencement Exercises.*

- E.8. University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s request for approval to offer a Bachelor of Arts in Recording Arts.

***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 offer a Bachelor of Arts in Recording Arts.*

- E.9. University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s request for approval to offer a Bachelor of Science in Cardiopulmonary Science.

***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 offer a Bachelor of Science in Cardiopulmonary Science.*

- E.10. University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s request for approval to offer a Doctor of Philosophy in Applied Computing and Information Sciences.

***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 offer a Doctor of Philosophy in Applied Computing and Information Services.*

- E.11. Other Business

Dr. O’Rourke lastly informed the Board that *Policy and Procedures Memorandum S-II.2 Requirements for Entry into First College Level Introductory English Composition Courses* had been updated. No Board action is required.

F. **Athletic Committee**

Athletic Committee Chair John Noble asked Mr. Bruce Janet to introduce the items under consideration by the Committee. Mr. Janet described Items F.1-F.11.

Upon motion of Ms. Russell, seconded by Mr. Brown, the Board unanimously voted to approve Items F.1.-F.11.

- F.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Scott Mattera, Head Coach for Women's Volleyball, effective December 18, 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. Scott Mattera, Head Coach for Women's Volleyball, effective December 18, 2024.*

- F.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of the contractual agreement between Ms. Abby Pollart, Assistant Volleyball Coach, Louisiana Tech University, and Louisiana Tech University Foundation, effective January 17, 2025.

***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 the contractual agreement between Ms. Abby Pollart, Assistant Volleyball Coach, Louisiana Tech University, and Louisiana Tech University Foundation, effective January 17, 2025.*

- F.3. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a contractual amendment with Mr. Brian Johnson, Director of Men's and Women's Track & Field/Cross Country, effective January 9, 2025.

***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. Brian Johnson, Director of Men's and Women's Track & Field/Cross Country, effective January 9, 2025.*

- F.4. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of contractual agreement agreements between various Assistant Football Coaches, Louisiana Tech University, and 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 contractual agreements with Assistant Football Coaches: Mr. Dan Sharp, Mr. Tony Franklin, Mr. Teddy Veal, Mr. Lorenzo Joe, Mr. Sam Carter, Mr. Josh Creech, and Mr. Carlton Buckels.*

- F.5. McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Bernard "Matt" Viator, Head Football Coach, effective December 2, 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. Bernard "Matt" Viator, Head Football Coach, effective December 2, 2024.*

- F.6. Nicholls State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Thomas Rybacki, Head Football Coach, effective January 6, 2025.

***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. Thomas Rybacki, Head Football Coach, effective January 6, 2025.*

- F.7. Northwestern State University's for approval of a contract with Mr. Benjamin Kaszeta, Head Coach for Women's Volleyball, effective January 20, 2025.

***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. Benjamin Kaszeta, Head Coach for Women's Volleyball, effective January 20, 2025.*

- F.8. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a First Restated and Amended Contract for Employment with Mr. Michael Desormeaux, Head Football Coach, effective July 2, 2025.

***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 First Restated and Amended Contract for Employment with Mr. Michael Desormeaux, Head Football Coach, effective July 2, 2025.*

- F.9. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Thomas Sevel, Head Men's Tennis Coach, effective February 27, 2025.

***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 Sevel, Head Men's Tennis Coach, effective February 27, 2025.*

- F.10. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of contracts of employment and amendments with various coaches, effective February 27, 2025.

***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 contracts of employment and amendments with: Mr. Dennis Thomas, Mr. James Neighbors, Mr. Jorge Munoz, Mr. Michael Guiliani, Mr. Matthew Bergeron, Mr. Tim Leger, Mr. George Barlow, Mr. Steven Farmer, and Mr. Timothy Scott Stoker, effective February 27, 2025.*

- F.11. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of amendments to the contract for Mr. Bryant Vincent, Head Football Coach, effective January 1, 2025.

***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 amendments to the contract for Mr. Bryant Vincent, Head Football Coach, effective January 1, 2025.*

G. **Audit Committee**

Mr. Peterson asked Mr. Janet to describe the items. Upon motion of Dr. Lethermon, seconded by Mr. Davison, the Board unanimously approved Item G.1.

- G.1. Nicholls State University's request for approval of an amended Annual Internal Audit Plan for Fiscal Year 2024-25.

***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 an amended Annual Internal Audit Plan for Fiscal Year 2024-25.*

- G.2. University of Louisiana System's report on internal and external audit activity for the period of November 15, 2024 to February 16, 2025.

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

H. **Facilities Planning Committee**

Committee Chair Steve Davison asked Mr. Janet to introduce the campus requests. Mr. Janet discussed Items H.1.-H.5. Upon motion of Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Busada, the Board unanimously voted to approve H.1.-H.5.

- H.1. Nicholls State University's request for approval to name the covered practice facility the "Gaubert Oil Practice Facility at Shaw Sports Turf/Manning Field."

***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 the covered practice facility the "Gaubert Oil Practice Facility at Shaw Sports Turf/Manning Field."*

- H.2. Northwestern State University's request for approval to name the Choral Rehearsal Room in the New Fine Arts Building the "Dr. Burt Allen Choral Rehearsal Room."

***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 Choral Rehearsal Room in the New Fine Arts Building the "Dr. Burt Allen Choral Rehearsal Room."*

- H.3. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for authorization to enter into an Act of Donation for the acquisition of land and buildings from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Foundation.

***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 an Act of Donation for the acquisition of land and buildings from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Foundation.*

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 the 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 acquisition of the Foundation Property at such times as deemed appropriate to facilitate the Act of Donation.

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

- H.4. University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s request for approval to name the following: the “Richard Daniel & Larry Ann Hereford Classroom,” “Hancock Whitney Premium Pavilion,” and “James & Ruth Moncus Premium Entry.”

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 the following: the “Richard Daniel & Larry Ann Hereford Classroom,” “Hancock Whitney Premium Pavilion,” and “James & Ruth Moncus Premium Entry.”

- H.5. University of Louisiana at Monroe’s request for approval to rename the Raymond Heard Tennis Stadium to “Raymond Heard Tennis Stadium at the Dwight D. Vines Tennis Complex.”

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 rename the Raymond Heard Tennis Stadium to “Raymond Heard Tennis Stadium at the Dwight D. Vines Tennis Complex.”

I. Finance Committee

Mr. Barry Busada asked Mr. Eddie Meche and Ms. Ashley McIntyre to describe the items listed under Finance. After discussion, Mr. Brown made a motion to individually consider Item I.3., seconded by Mr. Salim. A motion by Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Brown, was subsequently made to remove I.9 from the consent agenda.

Upon motion of Mr. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Brown, the Board voted unanimously to approve Items I.1., I.2., I.4., I.5., and I.8. Items I.6. and I.7. were reports only, with no Board action required.

- I.1. Grambling State University’s request for approval to extend the existing partnership with Southern University to continue the Bayou Classic through 2028.

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 extend the existing partnership with Southern University to continue the Bayou Classic through 2028.

- I.2. Nicholls State University's request for approval to assess a tuition rate of \$375 per credit hour for its undergraduate and \$475 per credit hour for its graduate online programs as allowed by Act 426 of the 2013 Regular Session.

***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 assess a tuition rate of \$375 per credit hour for its undergraduate and \$475 per credit hour for its graduate online programs as allowed by Act 426 of the 2013 Regular Session.*

Item I.3. was individually considered. It was approved unanimously after a motion by Mr. Brown and a second by Mr. Salim.

- I.3. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to allow for a student referendum to increase five student self-assessed fees.

***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 allow for a student referendum to increase five current student self-assessed fees.*

- I.4. University of Louisiana System's request for approval to establish LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorships, Endowed First Generation Scholarships, Endowed Superior Graduate Scholarships, and Endowed Chairs as follows:

Louisiana Tech University

- Doreen and Eric Griffith Endowed Professorship for the College of Engineering and Science, Mechanical Engineering
- Doreen and Eric Griffith Endowed Professorship for the College of Business, School of Accountancy

McNeese State University

- Bessie Jean Ruley and Desmond Kearns Professorship

Northwestern State University

- Lola Walker Dunahoe Endowed Chair in Interdisciplinary Studies
- Dr. Jack Russell Endowed Professorship
- Anne Barry Graves Endowed Superior Graduate Scholarship in Biological Sciences

Southeastern Louisiana University

- Joey Gautier Memorial Scholarship
- Gaylord M. Bickham First Generation Endowed Scholarship
- John Manzella First Generation Endowed Scholarship
- Dr. Mike Budden Endowed Professorship in Business
- Joyce Junghans College of Business Endowed Professorship

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

- Dr. Charles Perniciaro/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Biology
- Dr. Anne Bienvenu Broussard/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Nursing
- Juno and Alice Guedry/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Mechanical Engineering--HVAC Focus
- Duhon Family/BORSF Endowed Chair in Librarianship
- Rosemary Saucier Laborde/BORSF Endowed Chair in the College of Nursing
- McElligott/BORSF Endowed Eminent Scholar Chair for the Center of Innovation & Entrepreneurship

University of Louisiana at Monroe

- ULM Endowed Professorship in Health Sciences
- Louis J. St. Amant Endowed Professorship in Rehabilitative Sciences
- William F. Sherman First Generation Endowed Scholarship
- R.D. Farr First Generation Endowed Scholarship
- Deanie Baker Endowed Professorship of Distinction
- Lyn and James Moore Jr. Endowed Professorship of Distinction
- Marjorie S. Price Endowed Professorship in Physical Therapy

University of New Orleans

- Jim and Marisol Tucker 2020 Endowed First Generation Scholarship
- UNO International Alumni Association 2023 First Generation Endowed Scholarship
- UNO International Alumni Association 2024 First Generation Endowed Scholarship
- UNO International Alumni Association 2024-2 First Generation Endowed Scholarship
- UNO International Alumni Association 2024-3 First Generation Endowed Scholarship
- UNO International Alumni Association 2024-4 First Generation Endowed Scholarship
- Twenty-First Century Endowed First Generation Scholarship VIII
- Twenty-First Century Endowed First Generation Scholarship IX
- Twenty-First Century Endowed First Generation Scholarship X
- Twenty-First Century Endowed First Generation Scholarship XI
- Twenty-First Century Endowed First Generation Scholarship XII
- Twenty-First Century Endowed First Generation Scholarship XIII
- Twenty-First Century Endowed First Generation Scholarship XIV
- Twenty-First Century Endowed First Generation Scholarship XV
- Twenty-First Century Endowed First Generation Scholarship XVI
- Twenty-First Century Endowed First Generation Scholarship XVII
- Twenty-First Century Endowed First Generation Scholarship XVIII
- Twenty-First Century Endowed First Generation Scholarship XIX
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- Twenty-First Century Endowed First Generation Scholarship XXXVI

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, Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships, and Endowed Chairs noted above.

- I.5. University of Louisiana System’s recommendation to approve a contract extension for professional legal services with DeCuir, Clark & Adams, L.L.P.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the System’s recommendation for approval of the contract extension with DeCuir, Clark & Adams, L.L.P. for the year from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

- I.6. University of Louisiana System’s discussion of Fiscal Year 2024-25 second quarter financial reports and ongoing assurances.

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

- I.7. University of Louisiana System’s financial status of alternatively financed projects for six months ended December 31, 2024.

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

- I.8. 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 2024 in accordance with provisions 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 2024 in accordance with provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 17:3390(F).

- I.9. University of Louisiana System’s request for approval to authorize campuses to establish high cost program differential tuition and to increase student fees in accordance with Act 790 of 2024 and to have the Special Committee for Tuition and Fees review individual campus plans to ensure the plans are in compliance with the Act prior to implementation of increases.

Upon motion of Dr. Noble, seconded by Mr. Salter, the following motion was approved.
Mr. Dana Peterson was in opposition to the motion.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves authorizing campuses to establish high cost program differential tuition and to increase student fees in accordance with Act 790 of 2024 and to have the Special Committee on Tuition and Fees review individual campus plans to ensure that the plans are in compliance with the Act prior to implementation of increases.*

J. **Personnel Committee**

Mr. Salim asked Ms. Kecia Neal to present the items under consideration. Upon motion of Mr. Busada, seconded by Mr. Salter, the Board unanimously approved Items J.1.-J.4.

- J.1. Nicholls State University’s request for approval to appoint Dr. Kimberly Reynolds as Interim Dean of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences effective January 3, 2025.

***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. Kimberly Reynolds as Interim Dean of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences effective January 3, 2025.*

- J.2. Southeastern Louisiana University’s request for approval to appoint Dr. Jeffrey Wright as Dean of the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences effective January 2, 2025.

***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. Jeffrey Wright as Dean of the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences effective January 2, 2025.*

- J.3. University of New Orleans’ request for approval to appoint Dr. Steven Johnson as Interim Dean of the College of Sciences and the Robert A. Savoie College of Engineering effective January 1, 2025.

***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. Steven Johnson as Interim Dean of the College of Sciences and the Robert A. Savoie College of Engineering effective January 1, 2025.*

- J.4. University of New Orleans' request for approval to appoint Dr. Randy Kearns as Interim Dean of the Henry L. Bernstein College of Business Administration and the College of Liberal Arts and Education effective January 1, 2025.

***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. Randy Kearns as Interim Dean of the Henry L. Bernstein College of Business Administration and the College of Liberal Arts and Education effective January 1, 2025.*

K. **Special Committee on Tuition and Fees**

(There was no report as the Committee will meet upon adjournment of the Board meeting.)*

Item B. listed on the Special Committee Agenda:

University of Louisiana System's request for approval to authorize campuses to establish high cost program differential tuition and to increase student fees in accordance with Act 790 of 2024 and to have the Special Committee on Tuition and Fees review individual campus plans to ensure the plans are in compliance with the Act prior to implementation of increases.

* Subsequent to the Board meeting, the Special Committee on Tuition and Fees met in Room 155. Mr. Salim chaired the meeting, with members Brown, Busada, Pierre, and Stevens also in attendance. The Special Committee was presented the institutions' high cost program differential tuition and student fee plans by representatives from the campuses. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the balanced plans in accordance with Act 790 of 2024. The motion to approve was made by Mr. Brad Stevens, seconded by Mr. Drew Brown.

L. **System President's Business**

L.1. Personnel Actions

President Gallot reported that campus Personnel Actions had been reviewed by System staff and recommends approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Davison, seconded by Mr. Brown, the Board unanimously voted to approve the campus Personnel Actions.

L.2. System President's Report

ULM Presidential Search Update

President Gallot said that Mr. Romero had appointed the Search Committee earlier in the month. He stated that work had already begun, including a timeline, advertisement, and presidential profile. The Search Committee's first meeting will be held on ULM's campus on Tuesday, March 11.

Washington, D.C. – Student Delegation

President Gallot reported that Dr. Calais and a student delegation had traveled to Washington, D.C., taking the valuable opportunity to meet with the Louisiana legislators and other officials. As always, they represented their universities very well, showcasing the leadership of students across our System.

Upcoming Events

The System President said that Nicholls State University is hosting this year's **Academic Summit** on April 10-11. The yearly event highlights the academic excellence, research, and creative accomplishments of students and faculty.

President Gallot reported that the **8th Annual For Our Future Conference** is scheduled for March 26-28 at the Baton Rouge Capitol Hilton Center. The Pre-Conference focus is *Future Forward: State of the State*, concentrating on the future of the state and the role public postsecondary education can play in its success. The emphasis of the Conference is Teaching, Research, Service, and Talent Development. He encouraged Board members to attend.

Lastly, President Gallot announced the date of May 5 for **ULS Day at the Capitol**, which will be held at Capitol Park Museum. This is a time for the campuses to showcase their excellence in a variety of ways as well as to acknowledge the vital support from local legislators.

M. **Board Chair's Business**

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

Healthcare Task Force

Chair Romero thanked the Board members and staff who participated in the second ULS Healthcare Task Force meeting. He said that the Task Force members discussed a draft strategic plan to address the state's nursing crisis and healthcare workforce shortages. The Task Force is hoping to submit a final plan to Governor Landry by the end of March.

Annual Financial Disclosure Statements

Mr. Romero reminded the members that anyone who was on the Board during calendar year 2024 must complete and submit an Annual Financial Disclosure Statement to the Board of Ethics by May 15. He stated that the necessary forms and instructions will be emailed from the System office this week to help them complete the requirement.

N. **Other Business**

Chair Romero said that the next scheduled meeting is April 24 in Baton Rouge.

O. **Adjournment**

Mr. Romero reminded the Board that the Special Committee on Tuition and Fees would meet in Room 155 immediately after the conclusion of the Board meeting to consider campus plans. Mr. Salim is chairing the Committee, with Mr. Brown, Mr. Busada, Ms. Pierre, and Mr. Stevens also being members. (See page 12 of these minutes, **K. Special Committee on Tuition and Fees** for outcome of meeting.)

There being no other business, Mr. Romero asked for a motion to adjourn. At 10:40 a.m., upon motion of Mr. Salter, seconded by Mr. Brown, the Board adjourned.