



Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System Minutes - June 26, 2025

A. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Romero called the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System to order at 10:43 a.m. on Thursday, June 26, 2025. The meeting was held in D Vickers Hall, 1220 SGA Drive, Hammond, Louisiana on the campus of Southeastern Louisiana University.

Board Members Present:

Mr. Barry Busada	Mr. Mark Romero
Mr. Steve Davison	Mr. Robert Salim
Mr. Keith Myers	Mr. Brad Stevens
Ms. Maria Nechaeva	Ms. Julie Stokes
Ms. Elizabeth Pierre	

Board Members Absent:

Mr. Lee Jackson	Mr. Dana Peterson
Dr. Jo Lethermon	Ms. Kristine Russell
Dr. John Noble	Mr. Joe Salter
Mr. Alejandro Perkins	

Also in attendance were System President Rick Gallot, Campus Representatives, System Staff, Legal Counsel Brandon DeCuir and Linda Clark as well as members of the press.

B. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Romero asked System President Rick Gallot to present an invocation. Afterwards, Dr. William Wainwright led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Welcome by Southeastern Louisiana University President William Wainwright

Dr. Wainwright welcomed the Board to the campus in honor of Southeastern's 100th Anniversary. He gave a brief presentation on the history and the future of the University. In addition, representatives from the The American Legion Louisiana Boys State, who were being hosted by the University, made some comments about their program, which is a leadership development program for young men in the State.

D. Oath of Office Administration to new Student Board Member, Ms. Maria Nechaeva

Mr. Romero stated that Ms. Maria Nechaeva had been elected by her peers to serve as this year's Student Board Member. Additionally, Chair Romero welcomed Mr. Zachary Handlin, Ms. Kayla Edwards, and Ms. Emma Murphy who were in attendance to show their support for her.

Supervisor Brad Stevens was invited to administer the Oath of Office to Ms. Nechaeva. She said that she was honored and excited to become part of the Board and looked forward to the coming year.

E. Approval of Minutes of April 24, 2025 Regular and May 19, 2025 Special Meetings

Upon motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Ms. Pierre, the minutes of the April 24, 2025 Regular and May 19, 2025 Special Meetings were unanimously approved.

Additionally, upon motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Salim, the Board unanimously voted to conduct business as Committee of the Whole.

F. Proposed 2025-2030 Strategic Plan for the University of Louisiana System

Mr. Romero stated that representatives from Emergent Method were present to give a report of the Proposed Strategic Plan under consideration. President Gallot introduced Mr. John Snow and Ms. Anna Schilling, who provided a detailed presentation to the Board.

Upon motion of Ms. Stokes, seconded by Mr. Myers, the Board unanimously voted to approve the 2025-2030 Strategic Plan for the University of Louisiana System as presented.

G. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Ms. Pierre, Chair, asked Dr. Jeannine O'Rourke to discuss the campus requests. Upon motion of Mr. Davison, seconded by Mr. Salim, the Board unanimously approved Items G.1.-G.5.

1. Nicholls State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to Ms. Lanor Curole at the Fall 2025 Commencement Exercises.

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 award an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to Ms. Lanor Curole at the Fall 2025 Commencement Exercises.

2. Northwestern State University's request for approval to offer a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Creative Writing.

***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 Bachelor of Fine Arts in Creative Writing.*

3. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to offer a Master of Arts in Human Resource Management.

***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 Master of Arts in Human Resource Management.*

4. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to terminate the Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, effective September 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 to terminate the Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, effective September 2025.*

5. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Louisiana State University's Department of Chemistry.

***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 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Louisiana State University's Department of Chemistry.*

H. Athletic Committee

Mr. Davison, Chair of the Committee, asked Mr. Bruce Janet to describe the items on the agenda. Upon motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Ms. Pierre, the Board unanimously voted to approve Items H.1.-H.9.

1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of contractual amendments with Ms. Amy Sargeant, Women's Tennis Head Coach, effective May 29, 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 contractual amendments with Ms. Amy Sargeant, Women's Tennis Head Coach, effective May 29, 2025.

2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of contractual amendments with Mrs. Brooke Stoehr, Women's Basketball Head Coach, effective April 16, 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 contractual amendments with Mrs. Brooke Stoehr, Women's Basketball Head Coach, effective April 16, 2025.

3. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Matt Nantais, Women's Bowling Head Coach, effective May 1, 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 contract with Mr. Matt Nantais, Women's Bowling Head Coach, effective May 1, 2025.

4. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of contractual agreements between various Assistant Softball 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 contracts with Assistant Softball Coaches Ms. Chelsea Cohen-Krobetzky, Mr. Madie Green, and Mr. Tyler Krobetzky.

5. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of contractual agreements between various Assistant Men's Basketball 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 contracts with Assistant Men's Basketball Coaches Mr. Tyson Batiste, Mr. Kavin Gilder-Tilbury, Mr. Winston Hines, and Mr. Darshawn McClellan.

6. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of contractual agreements between various Assistant Women's Basketball 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 contracts with Assistant Women's Basketball Coaches Mr. Josh Ashley, Ms. Olivia Grayson, Mr. Caleb Livingston, and Mr. Scott Stoehr.

7. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Jason Hayes, Head Women's Tennis Coach, effective June 1, 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 of a contract with Mr. Jason Hayes, Head Women's Tennis Coach, effective June 1, 2025.

8. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract for Mr. Samuel Gregg, Assistant Football Coach, effective May 1, 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 of a contract with Mr. Samuel Gregg, Assistant Football Coach, effective May 1, 2025.

9. 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 Associate/Assistant Coaches Ms. Allison Byler, Mr. Jack Hartley, Mr. Cody McCoy, Mr. Andrew Riley, and Mr. Kyle Roane.

I. Audit Committee

Mr. Busada asked Mr. Janet to discuss the Audit Committee agenda items.

1. University of Louisiana System's report on internal and external audit activity for the period of April 8, 2025 through June 6, 2025.

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

J. Facilities Planning Committee

Mr. Davison asked Mr. Janet to give an overview of Facilities Items J.1.-J.12. Upon motion of Mr. Salim, seconded by Ms. Pierre, the Board unanimously approved Items J.1.-J.12. Item J.13. was for discussion only.

1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to execute an Act of Donation with the Louisiana Tech University Foundation for a parcel of land containing 0.3 acres located at 607 Tech Drive in Ruston, Louisiana.

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 execute an Act of Donation with the Louisiana Tech University Foundation for a parcel of land containing 0.3 acres located at 607 Tech Drive in Ruston, Louisiana.

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 and/or his designee are hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute the Act of Donation containing 0.3 acres located at 607 Tech Drive in Ruston, Louisiana.

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

2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to execute a Ground Lease to the Louisiana Tech University Foundation to make renovations and improvements to laboratory and circulation spaces and HVAC equipment in the basement of Bogard Hall.

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 execute a Ground Lease to the Louisiana Tech University Foundation to make renovations and improvements to laboratory and circulation spaces and HVAC equipment to approximately 13,000 square feet of space in the basement of Bogard Hall, pursuant to La. R.S. 17:3361.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Louisiana Tech 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 Louisiana Tech University and his or her designee are hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said Ground Lease by the University of Louisiana System on behalf of and for the use of Louisiana Tech University.

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

3. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to execute a Ground Lease to the Louisiana Tech University Foundation to create the Louisiana Tech Coaching Plaza to be located at Joe Aillet Stadium, 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 Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to execute a Ground Lease to the Louisiana Tech University Foundation to create the Louisiana Tech Coaching Plaza to be located at Joe Aillet Stadium, pursuant to La. R.S. 17:3361.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Louisiana Tech 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 Louisiana Tech University and his or her designee are hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said Ground Lease by the University of Louisiana System on behalf of and for the use of Louisiana Tech University.

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

4. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to execute a Ground Lease to the Louisiana Tech University Foundation to replace the artificial playing surface at Joe Aillet Stadium, 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 Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to execute a Ground Lease to the Louisiana Tech University Foundation to replace the artificial playing surface at Joe Aillet Stadium, pursuant to La. R.S. 17:3361.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Louisiana Tech 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 Louisiana Tech University and his or her designee are hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said Ground Lease by the University of Louisiana System on behalf of and for the use of Louisiana Tech University.

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

5. McNeese State University's request for approval to provide naming rights according to a gift agreement with W. Ryan Navarre and the McNeese State University Foundation, and authorize President Wade Rousse to approve the final version of the terms.

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 provide naming rights according to a gift agreement with W. Ryan Navarre and the McNeese State University Foundation, and authorize University President, Dr. Wade Rousse, to approve the final version of the terms.

6. Nicholls State University's request for approval to name the Maintenance Building the "Ronald J. Chatagnier Maintenance Facility" in honor of Electrical Foreman, Mr. Ronald J. Chatagnier.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Nicholls State University's request to name the Maintenance Building the "Ronald J. Chatagnier Maintenance Facility" in honor of Electrical Foreman, Mr. Ronald J. Chatagnier.

7. Northwestern State University's request for approval to enter into a Ground Lease/Lease Back Agreement, pursuant to La. R.S. 17:3361, with the Northwestern State University Demons Unlimited Foundation (DUF).

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 enter into a Ground Lease/Lease Back Agreement, pursuant to La. R.S. 17:3361, with the Northwestern State University Demons Unlimited Foundation (DUF) to resurface the Leon Johnson Track with a vulcanized rubber system, and replace Lighting at the Walter P. Ledet Track Complex.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Northwestern 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 Northwestern State University and his or her designee are hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said Ground Lease by the University of Louisiana System on behalf of and for the use of Northwestern State University.

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

8. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to name the president's conference room in Luther H. Dyson Hall the "John Manzella American Office Machines Conference Room."

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 name the president's conference room in Luther H. Dyson Hall the "John Manzella American Office Machines Conference Room."

9. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to name the football entrance tunnels set to be located on the west concourse at Our Lady of Lourdes Stadium the "Will & Sandra Mills North and South Tunnels."

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 entrance tunnels set to be located on the west concourse at Our Lady of Lourdes Stadium the "Will & Sandra Mills North and South Tunnels."

10. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for authorization to enter into an Act of Donation for the acquisition of land and buildings from Ragin' Cajun Facilities, Inc.

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 Ragin' Cajun Facilities, Inc.

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 acquisition of the RCFI 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.

11. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to accept a donation of Phase 2 of the short game practice area, located at the Wally Jones Golf Complex, from the University of Louisiana Monroe Facilities, Inc.

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 to accept donations of Phase 2 of the short game practice area from University of Louisiana Monroe Facilities, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ULS staff and legal counsel ensure that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of University of Louisiana at Monroe or his or her designee is hereby designated and authorized to sign any and all documents related to the donation.

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

12. University of New Orleans' request for approval to demolish Milneburg Hall.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of New Orleans' request to demolish Milneburg Hall.

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

13. Nicholls State University's report of a Property Development Lease with Nicholls Foundation for information only.

This item requires no Board action as it is for discussion only. Mr. Terry Braud and Dr. Jay Clune gave a report about beginning the process. Mr. Braud said that funding will be derived from foundation entities and no university funds will be used.

K. Finance Committee

Mr. Busada, Chair, asked Mr. Eddie Meche and Ms. Ashley McIntyre to present the Finance Committee items. Upon motion of Mr. Davison, seconded by Mr. Stevens, the Board unanimously voted to approve Items K.1.-K.3. and K.5. Item K.4. was removed by the University President.

1. Grambling State University's request for approval to extend the University's bookstore lease and management services agreement with Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, LLC for one year.

***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 University's bookstore lease and management services agreement with Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, LLC for one year.*

***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 Dr. 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.*

2. Grambling State University's request for approval of a Student-Assessed Fee Re-Allocation.

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 allow for a student referendum to re-allocate certain existing student self-assessed fees.

3. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to amend a lease with Aramark Educational Services, LLC.

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 Education Service, LLC.

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

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

4. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a contract with Kean Miller, LLP for performance of professional legal services relating to intellectual property.

Item K.4. was removed at the request of the University President.

5. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval for Jones Walker, LLC to represent the University in matters relating to University trademarks.

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 allow the University to be represented by Jones Walker, LLC in matters related to the University's trademarks for the period from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

6. University of Louisiana System's discussion of Fiscal Year 2024-25 third quarter financial reports and ongoing assurances.

Ms. Ashley McIntyre gave the report. No action was necessary.

Upon motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Ms. Pierre, the Board unanimously voted to consider Items K.7., K.8., and K.9. individually.

7. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval for a contract amendment for professional legal services with Oats and Marino.

Mr. Busada asked for a motion; there was no motion or second.

8. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a contract with Oats and Marino for performance of professional legal services relating to New Iberia Research Center.

Upon motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Salim, the Board unanimously voted not to approve the item.

9. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a contract with Oats and Marino for performance of professional legal services relating to general university matters.

Upon motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Salim, the Board unanimously voted not to approve the item.

10. Other Business

Ms. Stokes suggested tracking end dates for contracts.

Before proceeding, President Gallot asked for a point of personal privilege. He recognized Grambling State University Dean of Student Affairs, Mr. Terry Lilly. Additionally, he introduced and welcomed SGA President Amaya Moore, who is currently interning in Dallas at Fidelity Investments.

L. Legislation Committee

Ms. Stokes led the Legislation Committee. She asked Mr. Rich Vath to give a summary of the Legislative Session.

1. Recap of 2025 Regular Legislative Session

Mr. Vath first stated that the May 5 ULS Day at the Capitol was a success. It was well-represented by the nine universities and attended by legislators, students, business and industry leaders, and alumni.

He said that the Session had ended on June 12. The Governor and Legislature remained committed to higher education funding levels and additional appropriations were also secured. Instruments that were monitored over the past couple months include:

Act 147 - provides for a privacy waiver for mental health information.

Act 174 - requires postsecondary education students involved in student organizations to complete mandatory anti-hazing courses.

HCR37 - establishes the Hazing Prevention Task Force.

HB685 (did not move forward) - sought to eliminate diversity, equity, and inclusion programs in state agencies including higher education.

HB166 and HB168 (did not move forward) - sought to address NIL issues.

HR15 - creates an NIL Task Force with participation from our System.

HR320 - requests that DOE, BESE, BOR and the higher education management boards promote artificial intelligence education for students and encourage professional development for faculty and staff.

Act 47 - makes further adjustments to ORP in TRSL.

Act 88 - establishes a new project delivery method for deferred maintenance projects.

Act 298 - creates a new taxation level for online sports wagering and video poker, directing a portion of the proceeds toward higher education athletics programs.

HB77 - seeks to revise the TOPS program to add the Excellence Award up to \$12,000 per year (public university) and \$8,500 (eligible private university) for students.

M. Personnel Committee

On motion of Mr. Busada, seconded by Mr. Stevens, the Board approved Items K.1.-K.8. and K.10.-K.11.

1. Grambling State University's request for approval to appoint Mr. Marcus Kennedy as Interim Dean of Campus Life & Holistic Development effective April 11, 2025.

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. Marcus Kennedy as Interim Dean of Campus Life and Holistic Development effective April 11, 2025.

2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to appoint Ms. Lisa Bradley as Senior Vice President for Finance and CFO effective June 1, 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 to appoint Ms. Lisa Bradley as Senior Vice President for Finance and CFO effective June 1, 2025.

3. McNeese State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. C. Keagan LeJeune as Dean of the College of Liberal Arts effective April 10, 2025.

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. C. Keagan LeJeune as Dean of the College of Liberal Arts effective April 10, 2025.

4. McNeese State University's request for approval to appoint Ms. April Broussard as Vice President for Business Affairs effective July 1, 2025.

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. April Broussard as Vice President for Business Affairs effective July 1, 2025.

5. Nicholls State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Todd Keller as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs effective June 2, 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. Todd Keller as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs effective June 2, 2025.

6. Northwestern State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Mary Edith Stacy as Dean of the Graduate School effective April 14, 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 to appoint to Dr. Mary Edith Stacy as Dean of the Graduate School effective April 14, 2025.

7. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to appoint Dr. George E. Skipper as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs effective July 21, 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. George E. Skipper as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs effective July 21, 2025.

8. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to continue the appointment of Dr. Daniel McCarthy as Interim Dean of Research and Innovation effective June 30, 2025 and as Interim Dean of Science and Technology effective July 3, 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 continue the appointment of Dr. Daniel McCarthy as Interim Dean of Research and Innovation effective June 30, 2025 and as Interim Dean of Science and Technology effective July 3, 2025.

9. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to appoint Mr. Paul D. Thomas as Interim Vice President for Administration and Finance effective May 9, 2025.

Item I.9. was removed at the request of the University President.

10. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to appoint Dr. Michelle McEacharn as the Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs effective June 10, 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 to appoint Dr. Michelle McEacharn as the Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs effective June 10, 2025.

11. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to appoint Dr. Raymundo Arturo Rodriguez as Dean of the College of Business and Social Sciences effective June 11, 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 to appoint Dr. Raymundo Arturo Rodriguez as Dean of the College of Business and Social Sciences effective June 11, 2025.

President Rousse introduced Dr. Keagan LeJeune as Dean of the College of Liberal Arts at McNeese State University. Dr. LeJeune indicated that he was humbled to serve in this position. Additionally, Dr. Rousse introduced Ms. April Broussard as the new Vice President for Business Affairs.

Dr. Clune, President of Nicholls, introduced Dr. Todd Keller, who was grateful for being named Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. He said he had received great support during his 26 years at the campus.

President of Northwestern Genovese introduced Dr. Mary Edith Stacy as the new Dean of the Graduate School. Dr. Stacy has served in a variety of roles on campus for 30 years.

Dr. Castille, President of University of Louisiana at Monroe, introduced Dr. Michelle McEacharn as the Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. She said she had 35 years of experience. Dr. Castille lastly welcomed Dr. Raymundo Rodriguez as the new Dean of the College of Business and Social Sciences. Dr. Rodriguez said that he is excited for the opportunity to work at the University.

Mr. Salim requested a point of personal privilege. He wanted to make mention of legendary track and field coach at Northwestern Leon Johnson, who had passed away on June 17. Coach Johnson had served Northwestern for 31 years as Track and Field Head Coach before retiring in 2013.

N. System President's Business

1. Personnel Actions

President Gallot said that the campus Personnel Actions had been reviewed and staff recommend approval. Upon motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Davison, the Board unanimously approved the Personnel Actions.

2. Proposed Revision to Board Bylaw, Section XII. Board Self-Evaluation

President Gallot reported that in June 2018 the Board had approved a Bylaw regarding the Board's self-evaluation of its effectiveness. The reason was to comply with SACSCOC accreditation standards, and it required a self-evaluation at least every two years.

A proposed revision to Board Bylaw, Section XII. Board Self-Evaluation was included for Board review. This current change would allow for the self-evaluation to be completed annually to provide for additional and timely input from the members to improve effectiveness. He stated that the proposed revision would be included on the August agenda for consideration.

Also, President Gallot informed the Board that a survey regarding self-evaluation will be circulated in early July. He asked that the survey be completed and submitted by July 15.

3. President's Report

M&LI

President Gallot stated that prior to the beginning of the Board meeting, the 8th cohort of the Management & Leadership Institute (M&LI) had given its annual presentation. He thanked Dr. Caprice Ieyoub for her leadership for the past years.

He complimented the accomplishments of the alums of the program. Over the course of the years, 72 promotions have been given to participants, and 11 of those have become vice presidents and 17 have become deans. The upcoming class was also listed on the slide.

Organization Chart

President Gallot said that, in conjunction with the approved Strategic Plan, Emergent Method had helped develop a revised organizational structure of the System Office. The structure aligns with the goals and initiatives of the Plan. President Gallot asked that the new structure be considered for approval by the Board. Upon motion of Ms. Pierre, seconded by Mr. Stevens, the Board unanimously approved the July 1, 2025 Organizational Structure.

O. Board Chair's Business

1. Board Chair's Report

Chair Romero thanked President Wainwright and the campus administration and staff for hosting the Board. He said it was instructive for the Board to experience the renovations happening at D Vickers Hall and looked forward to enjoying the final product.

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

Mr. Romero stated that it was necessary to discuss personnel issues in Executive Session. He asked for a motion to enter Executive Session. Mr. Stevens made the motion, and Mr. Busada seconded the motion.

At 1:13 p.m., the Executive Committee adjourned to Executive Session. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Yeas: Mr. Busada, Mr. Davison, Mr. Myers, Ms. Nechaeva, Ms. Pierre,
Mr. Romero, Mr. Salim, Mr. Stevens, Ms. Stokes

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Jackson, Dr. Lethermon, Dr. Noble, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Peterson,
 Ms. Russell, Mr. Salter

At 2:25 p.m., upon motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Myers, the Board reconvened in Open Session by unanimous vote. While in Executive Session, no motions were made nor votes taken. Mr. Romero asked for comments.

Upon motion of Mr. Brad Stevens, seconded by Mr. Robert Salim, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System approves amending System President Rick Gallot's contract based on a successful evaluation and allowing the Board Chair to finalize the amendment with an increase in salary and setting new benchmarks and term to 6/30/28.

Further, upon motion of Mr. Brad Stevens, seconded by Mr. Steve Davison, the Board unanimously approved the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System approves amending Southeastern Louisiana University President William Wainwright's contract based on his successful evaluation and allowing the Board Chair to finalize the amendment with an increase in salary.

P. Other Business

Mr. Romero reminded the Board that the next Regular Meeting is set for August 28 in Baton Rouge.

Q. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 2:30 p.m.