



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

**NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA  
9:00 a.m., Thursday, February 27, 2025\*\*  
Claiborne Conference Center  
Room 100, "Louisiana Purchase Room"  
1201 North Third Street  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

- A. Call to Order/Roll Call
- B. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Administration of Oath of Office to Dr. John Noble, Jr., Reappointed Member
- D. Approval of Minutes of the January 16, 2025 Meeting
- E. **ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**
  - 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.
  - 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.
  - 3. **Nicholls State University's** request for approval to offer a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work.
  - 4. **Nicholls State University's** request for approval to offer a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology.
  - 5. **Northwestern State University's** request for revalidation of the University's Mission, Vision, and Core Values Statements.
  - 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.

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.
8. **University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s** request for approval to offer a Bachelor of Arts in Recording Arts.
9. **University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s** request for approval to offer a Bachelor of Science in Cardiopulmonary Science.
10. **University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s** request for approval to offer a Doctor of Philosophy in Applied Computing and Information Sciences.
11. Other Business

F. **ATHLETIC COMMITTEE**

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.
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.
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.
4. **Louisiana Tech University’s** request for approval of contractual agreements between various Assistant Football Coaches, Louisiana Tech University, and Louisiana Tech University Foundation.
5. **McNeese State University’s** request for approval of a contract with Mr. Bernard “Matt” Viator, Head Football Coach, effective December 2, 2024.
6. **Nicholls State University’s** request for approval of a contract with Mr. Thomas Rybacki, Head Football Coach, effective January 6, 2025.
7. **Northwestern State University’s** request for approval of a contract with Mr. Benjamin Kaszeta, Head Coach for Women’s Volleyball, effective January 20, 2025.

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.
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.
10. **University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s** request for approval of contracts of employment and amendments with various coaches, effective February 27, 2025.
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.
12. Other Business

**G. AUDIT COMMITTEE**

1. **Nicholls State University’s** request for approval of an amended Annual Internal Audit Plan for Fiscal Year 2024-25.
2. **University of Louisiana System’s** report on internal and external audit activity for the period of November 15, 2024 to February 16, 2025.
3. Other Business

**H. FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE**

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.”
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.”
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.
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.”

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.”
6. Other Business

**I. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

1. **Grambling State University’s** request for approval to extend the existing partnership with Southern University to continue the Bayou Classic through 2028.
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.
3. **University of Louisiana at Monroe’s** request for approval to allow for a student referendum to increase five current student self-assessed fees.
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
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  - Twenty-First Century Endowed First Generation Scholarship XXXVI
5. **University of Louisiana System’s** recommendation to approve a contract extension for professional legal services with DeCuir, Clark & Adams, L.L.P.
  6. **University of Louisiana System’s** discussion of Fiscal Year 2024-25 second quarter financial reports and ongoing assurances.
  7. **University of Louisiana System’s** financial status of alternatively financed projects for the six months ended December 31, 2024.
  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).

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 on Tuition and Fees review individual campus plans to ensure that the plans are in compliance with the Act prior to implementation of increases.

10. Other Business

**J. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

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.
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.
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.
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.
5. Other Business

**K. SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON TUITION AND FEES**

*No report; the Committee will meet following today’s meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System to consider tuition and fee increases at each campus.*

**L. SYSTEM PRESIDENT’S BUSINESS**

1. Personnel Actions
2. System President’s Report
3. Other Business

M. **BOARD CHAIR’S BUSINESS**

1. Board Chair’s Report

2. Other Business

N. Other Business

O. Adjournment