

MINUTES
LSU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
Noland/Laborde Hall, Lod Cook Alumni Center
3838 W. Lakeshore Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808
Saturday, April 10, 2021 | Time: 9:30 a.m. CT

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Robert Dampf, Chair, called to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College on April 10, 2021.

Present

Mr. Robert Dampf, Chair
Mr. Rémy Voisin Starns, Chair-elect
Ms. Mary Leach Werner, Past Chair
Mr. Laurie Aronson
Mr. Glenn Armentor
Mr. Stone Cox
Mr. Wayne Brown
Ms. Valencia Sarpy Jones
Mr. Lee Mallett
Mr. Randy Morris
Mr. Patrick C. Morrow
Mr. Collis Temple Jr.
Mr. James Williams
Mr. Jimmie Woods
Mr. Richard Zuschlag

Absent

Mr. Jay Blossman

Also participating in the meeting were the following: Mr. Thomas Galligan, Interim President of LSU; Mr. Winston DeCuir, General Counsel for LSU; University officer and administrators of the campuses; faculty and staff representatives; interested citizens and representatives of the news media.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was offered by Chancellor Coreil.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Starns.

Mr. Morrow offered a moment of silence to honor missing LSU student Kori Gauthier.

III. Oath of Office for Laurie Lipsey Aronson

Chairman Dampf administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Aronson.

IV. Public Comment

There were no individuals registered for public comment.

V. Discussion of Personnel Matter

Motion by Mr. Dampf, seconded by Mr. Zuschlag, to enter in executive session to discuss a personnel matter. A roll call vote was conducted to enter executive session. Without objection, the Board entered executive session.

Mr. Dampf called for a motion to request in the next 30 days, the President prepare a policy for consideration by the Board, regarding national searches. Motion by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Armentor. A roll call vote was conducted. Without objection, the motion is approved.

Motion by Mr. Woods, seconded by Ms. Aronson to exit executive session and return to an open meeting.

VI. Committees

Mr. Dampf adjourned the regular meeting to convene the committee meetings.

6.A. **Special Committee on Title IX**

Present for the Special Committee on Title IX were Ms. Werner, Ms. Jones, Mr. Armentor, Mr. Cox, Mr. Morris, Mr. Starns, and Mr. Woods.

6.A.1. Presentation on LSU Action Plan and Title IX Compliance

Dr. Jane Cassidy provided the report.

Motion to reconvene the Board meeting by Mr. Mallett, seconded by Ms. Jones.

Motion take up the litigation item and move into execution by Mr. Mallett, seconded by Ms. Aronson. A roll call vote was conducted. Without objection, the Board entered executive session to discuss Lewis v. LSU Board of Supervisors et al., Litigation, Docket No. 21-00197, U.S. District Court, Middle District of Louisiana

By a roll call vote, the Board voted unanimously to enter executive session.

Motion by Mr. Zuschlag to exit executive session and convene the Committee meetings. Seconded by Mr. Brown.

6.B. **Academic & Research Committee**

Present for the committee meeting were Ms. Jones, Mr. Armentor, Ms. Aronson, Mr. Cox, Mr. Starns, Ms. Werner, and Mr. Williams.

Ms. Jones presented several accolades the University received.

6.B.1. Request from LSU Alexandria to Establish the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Upon motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Starns, the motion was adopted without objection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the request from LSU Alexandria to establish the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science.

- 6.B.2. Request from LSU Eunice to Merge the Divisions of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Mathematics to Create the Division of Arts and Sciences

Upon motion by Ms. Werner, seconded by Mr. Cox, the motion was adopted without objection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the request from LSU Eunice to merge the Divisions of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Mathematics to create the Division of Arts and Sciences.

- 6.B.3. Recommendation to Approve Conferral of Degrees at the 2021 Summer Commencement Exercises

Upon motion by Ms. Aronson, seconded by Mr. Armentor, the motion was adopted without objection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the degrees to be conferred on candidates meeting degree requirements for graduation from the campuses of the University at 2021 summer commencement exercises on or after August 1, 2021.

- 6.B.4. **Consent Agenda**

a. Request from LSU Alexandria to Change the Title of the Current Bachelor of Arts in World Religions to the Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies

b. Request from LSU Health Sciences Center - Shreveport to Change the Date of Spring 2021 Commencement Exercises

Upon motion by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Ms. Werner, the motion was adopted without objection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the degrees to be conferred on or after May 19, 2021 to candidates meeting degree requirements for graduation from the LSU Health Sciences Center Shreveport.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the request from LSU Alexandria to change the title of the current Bachelor of Arts in World Religions to the Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies.

- 6.C. **Finance Committee**

Present for the committee meeting were Mr. Brown, Mr. Woods, Ms. Aronson, Mr. Mallett, Mr. Zuschlag.

- 6.C.1. Update on the LSU Research Foundation

Update given by Ms. Donna Torres.

- 6.C.2. Update on the Utility Modernization Initiative

Update given by Ms. Donna Torres.

6.C.3. Update on LSU Health Plan Solicitation for Plan Administrator and Retiree Insurance

Update given by Ms. Donna Torres.

6.C.4. Request to Amend the Board Regulations Providing Approval of Reimbursement from Affiliated Organizations and Delegation of Authority

Upon motion by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Brown, the motion was adopted without objection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College (the "Board") does hereby amend Article VIII of the Regulations to add this provision:

Section 3. Transactions Related to Employees

Pursuant to La. R.S. 17:3390F and while it remains in effect, the Board of Supervisors delegates to the Chair and the President the authority to approve transactions under the provisions of the referenced statute. The Chair may delegate the authority to other persons for the approval of transactions for the duration of their term. The transactions related to the President and other authorized persons must be approved by the Chair of the Board. Delegations of authority may be revoked by the Board Chair, and in that event, the Board Chair is delegated the authority to approve transactions unless the Board resolves otherwise. It shall not be construed that any employee may approve their own reimbursements. An informational report on the approved transactions shall be submitted to the Board quarterly.

6.D. **Property & Facilities Committee**

Present for the committee meetings were Mr. Woods, Mr. Brown, Mr. Armentor, Mr. Mallett, and Mr. Morris.

6.D.1. Request from LSU Alexandria to Amend the 2021-22 Capital Outlay Request and Propose an Emergency Project

Upon motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Mallett, the motion was adopted without objection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College that the FY 2021-2022 Five-Year Capital Outlay Budget Request and First Year Prioritized Categories for Louisiana State University be amended to modify the project listed below:

Louisiana State University at Alexandria

Student Success Center Existing Authorization:	\$0
New Funding:	<u>\$10,000,000</u> (\$5,000,000 Private; \$5,000,000 GOB)
Total:	\$10,000,000

6.D.2. Request from LSU A&M to Approve Schematic Design for Interdisciplinary Science Building

Upon motion by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Brown, the motion was adopted without objection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the schematic design for the Interdisciplinary Science Building on the LSU A&M campus.

- 6.D.3. Request from LSU Agricultural Center to Approve a Revision to a Prior Authorization to Enter into a Cooperative Agreement and Lease with the La. Dept. of Agriculture & Forestry

Upon motion by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Mr. Brown, the motion was adopted without objection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby authorize the President of Louisiana State University, or designee, to execute amendments to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

- 6.D.4. Request from LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans for Acknowledgement and Approval of a Qualified Assignee for Brookfield District Energy, USA

Upon motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Armentor, the action was adopted without objection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby authorize the Interim President of LSU, or his or her designee, acting on behalf and in the name of the Board, and in consultation with general counsel, to execute and deliver an Acknowledgment Regarding Transaction and Approval of Qualified Assignee related to the proposed sale of Enwave from Brookfield to Raptor Bid Co. I as required by the terms of the First Amendment to Cooperative Endeavor Agreement dated March 1, 2013, and to provide any other approvals or authorizations necessary for the proposed sale.

6.E. **Healthcare & Medical Education Committee**

Present for the committee meeting were Mr. Morris, Mr. Armentor, Mr. Brown, Mr. Morrow, Mr. Starns, Mr. Woods, and Mr. Zuschlag.

- 6.E.1. Request to Revise the Committee Recommendation on the Addition of an Ex Officio Member to the Ochsner/LSU Health Shreveport (OLHS) Board of Directors and Selection of Member

Upon motion by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Zuschlag, the motion was adopted without objection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College (the "Board") does hereby request the Ochsner/LSU Health Shreveport System of North Louisiana to amend its bylaws to add an ex officio position to be filled by a member of the Board of Supervisors.

- 6.E.2. Request to Establish the Selection Process for Board Representatives to Serve on Hospital Oversight Boards of Directors

Upon motion by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Morrow, the motion was adopted without objection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College (the "Board") does hereby require that one of its members shall serve on the board of directors of University Medical Center Management Corporation and

one of its members shall serve on the board of directors of the Ochsner/LSU Health Shreveport Health System of North Louisiana in a capacity accorded by those organizations' bylaws; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board member serving as chair of the Board's Committee on Healthcare and Medical Education, or its successor committee, or the vice chair should the chair not be available, shall serve as the Board of Supervisors representative on the Ochsner/LSU Health Shreveport Health System of North Louisiana in accordance with that board's bylaws; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that when the instance shall arise that neither the chair or vice chair of the Board's Committee on Healthcare and Medical Education shall not be available to serve on the OLHS board of directors, the Chair of the Board may appoint a person from the membership of the LSU Board of Supervisors; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the President, in consultation with the Chair of the Board and chair of the Healthcare and Medical Education Committee, shall designate one member of the Board of Supervisors to serve on the board of directors of University Medical Center Management Corporation.

VIII. Report on the Presidential Search

Mr. Starns provided a timeline on the remainder of the presidential search process.

IX. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

Upon motion by Mr. Zuschlag, seconded by Mr. Woods, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the March 5, 2021 Board meeting.

X. Approved of Personnel Actions Requiring Board Approval

Upon motion by Ms. Werner, seconded by Mr. Starns, the Board voted unanimously to approve the personnel actions.

XI. Reports from Council of Staff Advisors and Council of Faculty Advisors

The Staff Advisors provided a written report to the Board prior to the meeting.

Dr. Jim Robinson provided the Faculty Advisors report.

XII. Approval of Committee Reports

Upon motion by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Armentor, the Board unanimously voted to approve the recommended committee reports.

XIII. Reports to the Board

Upon motion by Mr. Woods, seconded by Ms. Werner, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following report: LSU FY 2020-2021 Metric Data.

XIV. President's Report

President Galligan provided an informative report.

XV. Chair's Report

Mr. Dampf moved to add to the agenda a resolution to honor Stone Cox's service to the Board and LSU. Without objection, the following resolution was added:

WHEREAS, Stone Cox graduated from Sam Houston High School in Moss Bluff, La., and chose to attend Louisiana State University to pursue a degree in engineering; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Stone Cox was elected student body president of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College, along with his running mate Hannah Barrios on the "Reach" ticket; and

WHEREAS, Stone Cox was elected to the LSU Board of Supervisors from among the student body presidents in the LSU family to represent the students' interests; and,

WHEREAS, upon the death of George Floyd and the subsequent protests for justice, Cox was a consistent presence among students of color promoting the cause of equitable treatment and equal opportunity as should be afforded to all Americans; and,

WHEREAS, Cox has been an active voice among the Board of Supervisors for issues affecting students, such as Title IX, commencement exercises, and COVID including a leadership role in adjusting the spring academic calendar; and,

WHEREAS, Cox has used uncommon discretion and insight during the debates and deliberation with the Board of Supervisors in making long-term decisions that will affect the employees and the students for decades into the future such as the utilities modernization initiative; and,

WHEREAS, Cox used his position as both Student Government President and Board of Supervisors member to champion student causes and make sure the voice of LSU students was always well-represented; and

WHEREAS, Cox was appointed by the LSU President to serve on the Building Name Review Committee to consider facilities titles and making the campus a more welcoming environment to Louisianians while appropriately honoring people; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College (the "Board") does hereby express its deep appreciation and gratitude for the service of Stone Cox, and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

XVI. Adjournment

Without further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.