

Southern University Board of Supervisors
(Special Board Meeting)
1:30 p.m.
Monday, February 24, 2014
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Southern University and A&M College
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Minutes

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors was convened by Chairwoman, Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut. The invocation was given by Vice Chairman, Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.

PRESENT

Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut - Chairwoman
Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr. - Vice Chairman
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.
Ms. Simone R. Bray
Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Atty. Walter C. Dumas
Mr. Raymond M. Fondel, Jr.
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly
Mr. Darren G. Mire
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Mr. Mike A. Small
Mrs. Ann A. Smith
Dr. Leon R. Tarver, II

ABSENT

Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.
Chief of Staff Evola Bates
System Vice Presidents Kevin Appleton and Monique Guillory-Winfield
Chancellor James Llorens (SUBR)

BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Ms. Bray, the agenda was adopted as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Thomas Miller, President SUBR Faculty Senate, attempted to present a resolution that did not address Action Item 5A.

Dr. Diola Bagayoko, SUBR Professor, attempted to present a resolution that did not address Item 5A.

Speaking in support to Board Item 5A: Action on the Renewal of Chancellor Llorens' Contract:

- Albert Samuel, Southern University Federation of Teachers
- Tony Jackson, Baton Rouge Staff Senate
- Sarah Martin, SGA Vice President
- Dennis Brown, Southern University Alumni Federation
- Ann Jones, Chair of Southern University Foundation
- Joseph Delbert, Vice President of Southern University Foundation Board
- Jerry W. Jones Jr., Southern University Alumni
- Marlon Young
- Gloria Spooner, 1951 Southern University Alumni
- Alonzo Johnson, Southern University Assistant Professor of Computer Science
- Alvin Sterling
- Everoline Jackson
- Shiri Neang, 1991 Southern University Alumni

Dr. Trivedi opposed the Renewal of Chancellor Llorens' Contract

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM

A. Action on the Renewal of Chancellor Llorens' Contract

On motion of Mrs. Smith and seconded by Dr. Tarver, the Board convened into executive session regarding the Renewal of Chancellor Llorens' Contract.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Roll Call: Dinvaut, Gant, Bell, Braxton, Bray, Clayton, Dumas, Fondel,
Hendricks, Kelly, Lawson, Mire, Small, Smith, and Tarver II

-EXECUTIVE SESSION-

-OPEN SESSION-

Chairwoman Dinvaut announced that the Board took no actions during its executive session.

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Mr. Hendricks, the Board reconvened into open session.

Roll Call: Dinvaut, Gant, Bell, Braxton, Bray, Clayton, Dumas, Fondel,
Hendricks, Kelly, Lawson, Mire, Small, Smith, and Tarver II

A motion was offered by Atty. Clayton and seconded by Mrs. Smith to extend Chancellor Llorens' Contract for one (1) year with the following benchmarks: (1) Continue to increase SUBR enrollment; (2) Continue to balance the SUBR budget; (3) Pass the GRAD Act; (4) Continue to develop resolution for the NCAA and SACS issues (5) Continue his efforts to bring the community and students together as a whole; (6) Work with Southern University System President in establishing timelines to meet the above mentioned benchmarks and meet the deadlines as originally recommended by the Southern University System President.

Several Board members expressed concerns regarding Atty. Clayton's motion.

On motion of Atty. Bell and seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board recessed regarding Atty. Clayton's motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

-RECESS-
-RECONVENTION-

On motion of Mr. Fondel, seconded by Mr. Braxton, the Board reconvened.

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University System President in establishing timelines to meet the above mentioned benchmarks and meet the deadlines as originally recommended by the Southern University System President.

A motion was offered by Atty. Bell and seconded by Dr. Kelly, to amend Atty. Clayton's recommendation and to add the original language of President Mason's February 7, 2014 recommendation.

A substitute motion was offered by Ms. Bray, seconded by Atty. Clayton, to extend Chancellor Llorens' Contract for one (1) year with the following benchmarks: (1) Continue to increase SUBR enrollment; (2) Continue to balance the SUBR budget; (3) Pass the GRAD ACT; (4) Continue to develop resolutions for the NCAA and SACS issues; (5) Work with Southern University System President in establishing timelines to meet the above mentioned benchmarks and deadlines as originally recommended by the Southern University System President.

Motion Failed. Roll call vote: 6 yeas: Braxton, Bray, Clayton, Dumas, Lawson, and Tarver II
9 nays: Dinvaut, Gant, Bell, Fondel, Hendricks, Kelly, Mire, Small, Smith; 0 abstention

The original amended motion offered by Atty. Bell, and seconded by Dr. Kelly, to extend Chancellor Llorens' Contract for one (1) year with the following benchmarks; (1) Continue to increase SUBR enrollment; (2) Continue to balance the SUBR budget; (3) Pass the GRAD ACT; (4) Continue to develop resolutions for the NCAA and SACS issues (5) Work with Southern University System President in establishing timelines to meet the above mentioned benchmarks and deadlines as originally recommended by the Southern University System President. Commencing on March 1, 2014: (1) the Chancellor assist the President and System staff in conducting an organizational assessment of the SUBR that must be completed by May 31, 2014; and (2) the Chancellor assist the President in making recommendations to the Board regarding necessary financial and organizational changes for SUBR no later than July 1, 2014.

Motion Failed: Roll call vote: 8 yeas: Bell, Braxton, Bray, Clayton, Lawson, Mire, Smith, and Tarver II 7 nays: Dinvaut, Gant, Dumas, Fondel, Hendricks, Kelly, and Small;
0 abstention

AGENDA ITEM 6: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Rev. Gant, the meeting was adjourned.