

**Southern University and A&M College System**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor; J.S. Clark Administration Building**  
**Baton Rouge, Louisiana**  
**9 a.m.**  
**Friday, May 13, 2016**

**Minutes**

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Leon R. Tarver II. The invocation was given by Executive Vice President and Provost Dr. M. Christopher Brown.

**PRESENT**

Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr., Atty. Tony Clayton, Mr. Dominique Diamond, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Dr. Curman Gaines, Rev. Donald R. Henry, Mr. Richard Hilliard, Mr. Myron Lawson, Atty. Patrick Magee, Mr. Darren Mire, Mr. Michael Small and Dr. Rani Whitfield.

**ABSENT**

Rev. Joe R. Gant, Mrs. Ann Smith, and Rev. Samuel Tolbert

**UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

System President Ray Belton, Chief of Staff Robyn Merrick, Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost (EVPAAP) M. Christopher Brown, Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs Flandus McClinton, Chancellor Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), Interim Chancellor Adell Brown (SUAREC), Chancellor Rodney Ellis (SUSLA), and Chancellor John Pierre, (SULC).

**BOARD COUNSEL**

Attys. Winston Decuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

**Chairman Tarver announced that the Personnel Affairs Committee would convene.**

## **PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

9:00 a.m.

Friday, May 13, 2016

Southern University-Baton Rouge  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor; J. S. Clark Administration Building  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

### **Minutes**

**The Personnel Affairs Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Atty. Patrick Magee.**

#### **Roll Call**

Mr. Calvin Braxton, Sr., Atty. Tony Clayton, Mr. Myron K. Lawson, and Dr. Leon R. Tarver II

#### **AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Upon the motion of Mr. Calvin Braxton and seconded by Mr. Myron Lawson the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed unanimously.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

NONE

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS**

##### **A. Request Approval of Personnel Action on Positions greater than \$60,000**

Upon a motion by Mr. Calvin Braxton and seconded by Mr. Myron Lawson items A-1 through A-6 were recommended for approval.

Motion passed. Atty. Tony Clayton abstained.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6: ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the motion by Atty. Tony Clayton and seconded by Mr. Myron Lawson the Personnel Affairs Committee adjourned.

## **SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

*(Following the Personnel Affairs Committee)*

**Friday, May 13, 2016**

Southern University Board of Supervisors Meeting Room  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70813

### **MINUTES**

**The Board of Supervisors meeting was convened by Board Chair Dr. Leon R. Tarver II.**

#### **AGENDA ITEM 2: ROLL CALL**

##### **PRESENT**

Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr., Atty. Tony Clayton, Mr. Dominique Diamond, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Dr. Curman Gaines, Rev. Donald R. Henry, Mr. Richard Hilliard, Mr. Myron Lawson, Atty. Patrick Magee, Mr. Darren Mire, Mr. Michael Small and Dr. Rani Whitfield.

##### **ABSENT**

Rev. Joe R. Gant, Mrs. Ann Smith, and Rev. Samuel Tolbert

#### **AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Upon the motion of Atty. Patrick Magee and seconded by Atty. Tony Clayton the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion carried unanimously

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4: SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Mr. Ernest Williams, director of the Southern University Laboratory School Choir attended the meeting and stated that the SU Lab School Choir participated in the Louisiana Music Educators Association (LMEA) regional music competition in March and received superior ratings which allowed them to participate in the LMEA state choral music competition in Lake Charles where they received an overall excellent rating. Members of the choir were introduced. Board Member Dr. Rani Whitfield congratulated the choir and director for their achievement and presented certificates to the group.

Mr. Henry Combs, head coach, Southern University Laboratory School Boy's Track attended the meeting and introduced members of the track team. The team repeated their victory as Class 1A team champions during the second day of the Allstate Sugar Bowl/LHSAA Outdoor Track and Field meet in May.

SU Shreveport Chancellor Dr. Rodney Ellis introduced Men's Basketball Coach David Francis and informed Board members that Coach Francis was honored as Junior College Coach of the Year by the Louisiana Association of Basketball Coaches at the organization's 41st Annual Awards Banquet while team player D'Angelo McClinton was honored as the Louisiana Junior College Player of the Year. The team made it to the Miss-Lou Conference championship and to the semifinals of the NJCAA Region 23 Tournament.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public comments were made by Mr. Charlie Granger, chairman of the SU Hall of Fame Commission and introduced Mr. Renan Gilkes, native of Trinidad who was enshrined at the 2015 Hall of Fame Banquet.

Professor Frank Martin, Chair of the Department of Business and Professor of Economics at SUNO, addressed members of the Board and commended them for selecting Dr. Mims-Devezin to be interim chancellor at SUNO.

Dr. Chester Mills, Professor of English at SUNO, expressed support of Dr. Lisa Mims-Devezin as interim chancellor at

SUNO.

Former SGA President at SUNO Brian Alexander expressed support of Dr. Lisa Mims-Devezin as interim chancellor at SUNO and thanked Dr. Belton for the recommendation.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Minutes of the April 22, 2016, regular meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors**

On the motion of Mr. Myron K. Lawson and seconded by Mr. Michael Small the minutes of the April 22, 2016, meeting were presented for approval.

Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, that the minutes of the April 22, 2016, regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, be and it is hereby approved.

**B. Approval of Committee Reports and Recommendations**

On the motion of Atty. Patrick Magee and seconded by Dr. Curman Gaines the Personnel Affairs Committee report was recommended for approval.

Motion carried unanimously.

**1. PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, upon the recommendation of the Personnel Affairs Committee, that the Administration's recommendation for approval of positions with salaries greater than \$60,000 be and they are hereby approved.

Name	Title	Salary
1. Alencia C. Ellis	Associate Director, Student Health Center New Appointment, SUBR	\$95,000
2. Claudia Robin	Clinical Pharmacist Salary Adjustment, SUBR	\$92,074
3. Averil Sanders	Director, SU Laboratory School New Appointment, SUBR	\$90,000
4. Kent Smith	Small Business Development Center Director New Appointment, SUBR	\$82,000
5. Brandy Jacobsen	Interim Vice Chancellor for Finance & Administration Continuation, SUSLA	\$88,065
6. Carolyn Miller	Interim Director of Information Technology Continuation, SUSLA	\$78,795

**C. Appointment of Dr. Victor Ukpolo as Professor of Economics, SUNO**

On the motion of Atty. Tony Clayton and seconded by Mr. Calvin Braxton the appointment of Dr. Victor Ukpolo as Professor of Economics, SUNO, was recommended for approval.

Motion carried with one abstention from Atty. Patrick Magee.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the appointment of Dr. Victor Ukpolo as Professor of Economics, SUNO be and it hereby is approved.

- D. Appointment of Dr. Lisa Mims-Devezin as Interim Chancellor, SUNO**
- E. Approval of Distinguished Research Professor, SUBR**
- F. Ratification of Honorary Doctorate for Congressman Cedric Richmond, SUBR**
- G. Approval to Increase Summer School Tuition, SUSLA**
- H. Approval to Raise Out of State Tuition, SULC**
- I. Approval to Increase Student Success Fee, SULC**

On the motion of Mr. Myron Lawson and seconded by Mr. Richard Hilliard **Items D, E, F, G, H, and I were recommended for approval.**

Motion passed unanimously.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the appointment of Dr. Lisa Mims-Devezin as Interim Chancellor, SUNO be and it hereby is approved.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the approval of the Distinguished Research Professor, SUBR be and it hereby is approved.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the ratification of the Honorary Doctorate for Congressman Cedric Richmond, SUBR be and it hereby is approved.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the request to increase summer tuition, SUSLA, be and it hereby is approved.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the request to raise the out of state tuition, SULC be and it hereby is approved.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the request to increase the student success fee, SULC be and it hereby is approved.

- J. Acceptance of Donation of Artificial Turf Field for A.W. Mumford Stadium from Southern University System Foundation, SUBR**

With regard to the donation, Atty. Clayton asked if the donation was an unconditional donation. Atty. Domoine Rutledge stated that there were no additional conditions pertaining to the donation of the turf field. Atty. Clayton also asked if there were any financial conditions that would prohibit other entities from advertising in the stadium. Atty. Rutledge stated that there were not any other conditions that would prevent others from advertising. He also stated that the project would be complete by mid-July. President Belton thanked the SU Foundation for the donation and for supporting the University in this endeavor.

Upon the motion of Atty. Clayton and seconded by Mr. Fondel to accept the donation of the artificial turf field for the A.W. Mumford Stadium from the Southern University System Foundation.

Motion passed unanimously.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the acceptance of the donation of the artificial turf field for the A.W. Mumford Stadium from the Southern University System Foundation be and it hereby is approved.

**K. Natalie Ellison Settlement Agreement, SUSLA**

Upon a motion by Atty. Tony Clayton and seconded by Mr. Richard Hilliard to uphold the University's recommendation in the Natalie Ellison Settlement Agreement.

Motion passed unanimously.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that settlement agreement with Natalie Ellison, SUSLA be and it hereby is approved.

**L. BA-7 #9 Request for Mid-Year Budget Adjustment**

Vice President Flandus McClinton provided information regarding to the request for the mid-year adjustment.

Upon a motion by Mr. Myron Lawson and seconded by Mr. Michael Small to approve the BA-7 #9.

Motion passed unanimously.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the approval of BA-7 #9, SUS be and it hereby is approved.

**M. Interim Financial Report as of April 2016, SUS**

Vice President Flandus McClinton stated that all campuses are on schedule with expenditures and revenue. Upon the motion of Atty. Tony Clayton and seconded by Mr. Raymond Fondel the interim financial report was recommended for approval.

Motion passed unanimously.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the Interim Financial Report as of April, 2016, SUS be and it hereby is approved.

**N. Authorization to Resume Search for Chancellor of the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center and Dean of the College of Agriculture**

President-Chancellor Belton stated that the search process had been suspended for the Chancellor of the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center earlier this year in order to align the leadership of the SUAREC with that of the SUBR College of Agriculture. He requested Board approval to restart the search for the leader of the Agricultural Research and Extension Center and the College of Agriculture.

Upon the motion of Mr. Calvin Braxton and seconded by Dr. Rani Whitfield that the President be authorized to resume the search for Chancellor of the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center and Dean of the College of Agriculture.

Motion passed unanimously.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the authorization to resume the search for Chancellor of the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center and Dean of the College of Agriculture be and it hereby is approved.

**O. Request Authorization to Search for SUNO Chancellor**

Upon the motion of Atty. Tony Clayton and seconded by Mr. Myron Lawson that the authorization for a search be approved with the stipulation that Dr. Mims-Devezin relinquish the interim position to apply for the permanent position by waived so that she could apply, if so desired.

Motion passed unanimously.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the authorization to search for SUNO Chancellor be and it hereby is approved.

**P. Approval of Evaluation Instrument for President-Chancellor**

Upon the motion of Atty. Tony Clayton and seconded by Dr. Curman Gaines that the evaluation instrument be approved and the timeline be adjusted to December, 2016 instead of June, 2016.

Motion passed unanimously.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the evaluation instrument for President-Chancellor with the revised timeline, SUS be and it hereby is approved.

**Q. Resolutions**

**The Florence Aluko Family.** Mrs. Aluko a native of Nigeria and a 2011 graduate in Rehabilitation and Disability Studies at SUBR, passed away April 10.

**The Betty Lee Allen Family.** Mrs. Betty Lee Allen, native of New Orleans, LA and sister of Facilities Services Manager Athel Martin, passed away April 24.

**The Family of Thaddeus Jones.** Mr. Jones, grandson of Ms. Anna Jones, member of the Southern University System Foundation Board of Directors, passed away on May 8.

**The Family of Joshua J. Pitre.** Mr. Pitre a retired attorney, and a 1970 graduate of the SU Law Center and a 1963 graduate of SUBR, passed away Wednesday, May 4, 2016, in Opelousas, Louisiana, at the age of 75.

**The Family of Joycelyn Ann Rose Martin Mills.** Mrs. Mills is the mother of Ms. Stacey Armelin, Administrative Assistant to the Chancellor of the SU Law Center. Mrs. Mills passed away Saturday, September 19, 2015.

**Commendations:**

The Southern University Shreveport Men's Basketball Team were commended for their winning season and for Coach David Francis for being named Junior College Coach of the Year and David McClinton being named Junior College Player of the Year by the Louisiana Association of Basketball Coaches.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the resolutions be and they are hereby approved.

**6. Informational Items**

**A. Legislative Update**

Southern Strategy provided a written update regarding the Regular Session of the Legislature. Discussion followed on the status of the revised medical marijuana legislation.

**B. GRAD Act Report**

**C. System President's Report**

Dr. Belton provided updates to the Board regarding the search for Director of Athletics for SUBR and also introduced the new director of the Laboratory School, Mr. Averi Sanders. Mr. Sanders gave remarks.

**D. Campus Reports**

The campus chancellors for provided updates to their written reports that were included in the Board packet.

Dr. Victor Ukpolo gave remarks as he was attending his last Board meeting serving as chancellor of the New Orleans campus. Chairman Tarver, President Belton and several Board members shared well wishes on his departure.

**7. Other Business**

President Belton acknowledged Robyn Merrick's graduation with a Doctorate of Public Policy at the SUBR Commencement Exercises held earlier. Atty. Tony Clayton also recognized his son's graduation from SUBR.

**8. Adjournment**

Upon a motion by Mr. Myron Lawson and seconded by Mr. Calvin Braxton the meeting was adjourned.