

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM
April 27, 2023**

A. **Call to Order**

On Thursday, April 27, 2023, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met in Room 100, Louisiana Purchase Room, of the Claiborne Conference Center, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Clarke at 8:48 a.m.

B. **Roll Call**

The roll was called.

PRESENT

Mr. Barry Busada
Dr. Jimmy Clarke
Mr. Steve Davison
Ms. Lola Dunahoe
Mr. Ethan Estis
Ms. Jo Lethermon

Mr. Alejandro “Al” Perkins*
Mr. Dana Peterson
Mr. Mark Romero
Mr. Joe Salter
Mr. Brad Stevens
Ms. Julie Stokes

**Arrived after roll call*

ABSENT

Dr. John Condos
Ms. Elizabeth Pierre

Mr. Virgil Robinson
Ms. Kristine Russell

A quorum was established. Also present were System President Jim Henderson, System staff, University Presidents, and Attorneys Linda Clark and Brandon DeCuir.

C. **Invocation**

Mr. Steve Davison opened the meeting with an invocation.

Dr. Clarke asked for a motion to meet as a Committee of the Whole. On motion of Ms. Dunahoe, seconded by Mr. Busada, the Board unanimously approved a motion to conduct business as a Committee of the Whole.

D. **Approval of Minutes of February 23, 2023 Board Meeting**

Upon motion of Mr. Estis, seconded by Mr. Salter, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the February 23, 2023 Board Meeting.

E. **Report of Grievance Committee**

Dr. Clarke asked Ms. Dunahoe, Chair of the Grievance Committee, to give a report. Ms. Dunahoe said that the Grievance Committee had met on April 26 to consider a grievance from **Dr. Matthew Tarr, faculty member at University of New Orleans**. She reported that, after hearing from Dr. Tarr as well as a representative from the University during the Committee meeting, the Committee had voted to deny a further hearing to Dr. Tarr. Ms. Dunahoe made that recommendation to the Board, seconded by Mr. Romero. The following recommendation was approved.

It is the recommendation of the Grievance Committee that the process used by the University of New Orleans regarding the grievance of Dr. Matthew Tarr be upheld and that no further consideration be given to Dr. Tarr's appeal.

F. **Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

Ms. Dunahoe asked Dr. Jeannine Kahn to present the items under consideration. Dr. Kahn described Items F.1.-F.6. Upon motion of Mr. Romero, seconded by Mr. Stevens, the Board unanimously voted to approve Items F.1.-F.6.

- F.1. Grambling State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctor of Music to Mr. Earl Stevens at the Spring 2023 Commencement Exercises.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Grambling State University's request to award an Honorary Doctor of Music to Mr. Earl Stevens at the Spring 2023 Commencement Exercises.*

- F.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to offer the following four Undergraduate Certificates: (1) Professional Land Surveyor, (2) Health/Medical Physics, (3) Biological Visualization, and (4) Business Analytics; and the following two Graduate Certificates: (1) Health Sciences and (2) Business Data Analytics.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Louisiana Tech University's request to offer four new Undergraduate Certificates and two new Graduate Certificates as noted.*

- F.3. Nicholls State University's request to name its Accounting and Finance Department in the College of Business the "J.B. Falgoust Department of Accounting and Finance."

***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 name its Accounting and Finance Department in the College of Business the "J.B. Falgoust Department of Accounting and Finance."*

- F.4. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to offer an Undergraduate Certificate in Sales Leadership and a Graduate Certificate in Sport Management.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University's request to offer an Undergraduate Certificate in Sales Leadership and a Graduate Certificate in Sport Management.*

- F.5. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to offer a Post Master's Certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request to offer a Post Master's Certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner.*

- F.6. Request for approval to offer RN to BSN Programs: Louisiana Tech University and University of New Orleans.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves RN to BSN Programs for Louisiana Tech University and the University of New Orleans.*

Board members had several questions and comments about this item. Dr. Terry McConathy, Provost; Dr. Gary Kennedy, Dean of the College of Applied and Natural Sciences; and Dr. Sherry Peveto, Director of Nursing, were available to give details concerning Louisiana Tech University's program. Dr. Darrell Kruger, Provost, and Dr. Caroline Noyes, Associate Provost, were available to answer concerns about University of New Orleans' proposed program.

Dr. Henderson indicated that all campuses are working to address the nursing shortage, and the addition of the two RN to BSN programs is a part of the solution. Ms. Dunahoe asked about the buildout of an infrastructure in Shreveport for Northwestern State University's nursing program. He said he is committed to advocating for funding and prioritizing the buildout of the Shreveport infrastructure to complement the University's program.

G. **Athletic Committee**

Mr. Stevens asked Mr. Bruce Janet, System Director of Internal and External Audit, to present the items. Upon motion of Ms. Lethermon, seconded by Ms. Dunahoe, Items G.1.-G.13. were approved by the Board.

- G.1. Grambling State University's request for approval of a contract with Ms. Courtney Simmons, Head Women's Basketball Coach, effective May 1, 2023.

***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 of a contract with Ms. Courtney Simmons, Head Women's Basketball Coach, effective May 1, 2023.*

- G.2. Grambling State University's request for approval of a contract addendum with Dr. Trayvean Scott, Vice President of Intercollegiate Athletics/Athletic Director, effective July 1, 2023.

***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 of a contract addendum with Dr. Trayvean Scott, Vice President of Intercollegiate Athletics/Athletic Director, effective July 1, 2023.*

- G.3. Grambling State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Donte Jackson, Head Men's Basketball Coach, effective April 1, 2023.

***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 of a contract with Mr. Donte Jackson, Head Men's Basketball Coach, effective April 1, 2023.*

- G.4. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of contractual agreements between various Assistant Football Coaches/Strength Coach, 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 Football Coaches Jake Brown, Myles Carelock, Cortez Carter, Jacori Greer, Nate Johnson, Scott Parr, Scott Power, Dan Sharp, Teddy Veal, Nathan Young, and Strength Coach Dave Scholtz.*

- G.5. McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Frank William Wade, Head Men's Basketball Coach, effective March 10, 2023.

***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 of a contract with Mr. Frank William Wade, Head Men's Basketball Coach, effective March 10, 2023.*

- G.6. Nicholls State University's request for approval of a contract with Ms. Jonea Rima, Head Volleyball Coach, effective March 15, 2023.

***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 of a contract with Ms. Jonea Rima, Head Volleyball Coach, effective March 15, 2023.*

- G.7. Nicholls State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Justin Payne, Head Women's Basketball Coach, effective May 1, 2023.

***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 of a contract with Mr. Justin Payne, Head Women's Basketball Coach, effective May 1, 2023.*

- G.8. Northwestern State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Ian Brophy, Head Women's Soccer Coach, effective February 21, 2023.

***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 of a contract with Mr. Ian Brophy, Head Women's Soccer Coach, effective February 21, 2023.*

- G.9. Northwestern State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Rick Cabrera, Head Men's Basketball Coach, effective March 27, 2023.

***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 of a contract with Mr. Rick Cabrera, Head Men's Basketball Coach, effective March 27, 2023.*

- G.10. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of contractual agreements between various Assistant Coaches, Southeastern Louisiana University, and the Lion Athletic 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 approvals of contracts with the following Assistant Football Coaches: Billy D'Ottavio, Greg Stevens, Antonio Baker, Andrew Hopp, Ross Jenkins, Dustin Landry, Delphine Lee, Albert Poree, Thomas Rinaldi, and Anthony Scelfo.*

- G.11. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a contract with Mr. James J. Norrid, Assistant Football Coach, effective April 27, 2023.

***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 of a contract with Mr. James J. Norrid, Assistant Football Coach, effective April 27, 2023.*

- G.12. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of amended Contracts for Employment for various head coaches, effective April 27, 2023.

***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 of the amendments to the contracts of Robert Marlin, Head Men's Basketball Coach; Garry P. Brodhead, Head Women's Basketball Coach; Luc Godin, Head Men's Tennis Coach; Kristi Gray, Head Volleyball Coach; and Theodore Sliman, Head Golf Coach, effective April 27, 2023.*

- G.13. University of New Orleans' request for approval of a contract with Ms. Trelanne Moore Powell, Head Women's Basketball Coach, effective April 7, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of New Orleans' request for approval of a contract with Ms. Trelanne Moore Powell, Head Women's Basketball Coach, effective April 7, 2023.

H. **Audit Committee**

Ms. Stokes asked Mr. Janet to describe the agenda items. Upon motion of Mr. Romero, seconded by Mr. Estis, the Board unanimously voted to approve H.1.

- H.1. University of Louisiana System's request for acceptance of a revised Internal Audit Charter for the University of Louisiana System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana System's request for acceptance of a revised Internal Audit Charter for the University of Louisiana System.

- H.2. University of Louisiana System's report on internal and external audit activity for the period of February 20 through April 23, 2023.

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

I. **Facilities Planning Committee**

Mr. Barry Busada asked Mr. Janet to discuss the items listed on the agenda. After discussion, upon motion of Mr. Salter, seconded by Mr. Romero, the Board voted to approve Items I.1.-I.9.

- I.1. Grambling State University's request to start negotiations for property acquisition in Grambling, Louisiana.

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 start negotiations with property owners for the acquisition of properties in Grambling, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that prior to execution of final documents Grambling State University shall: (a) Provide evidence to UL System staff and legal counsel from agencies/parties with transaction process oversight that all transactional and administrative requirements have been satisfied; (b) Obtain final review and approval for UL System staff; and (c) Obtain approval from legal counsel that all necessary actions and approvals have been obtained and that documents are in appropriate order for execution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of Grambling State University and his or her designee is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary for property acquisitions in Grambling, Louisiana.

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

- I.2. Grambling State University's request for approval to become the Facility Planning and Control delegated authority allowing the University to oversee and manage construction of the Property and Receiving Warehouse to be located on the campus of Grambling State University.

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 become the Facility Planning and Control delegated authority allowing the University to oversee and manage the Property and Receiving Warehouse Construction Project located on the campus of Grambling State University.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that prior to execution of final documents Grambling State University shall: (a) Provide evidence to UL System staff and legal counsel from agencies/parties with transaction process oversight that all transactional and administrative requirements have been satisfied; (b) Obtain final review and approval from UL System staff; and (c) Obtain approval from legal counsel that all necessary actions and approvals have been obtained and that documents are in appropriate order for execution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of Grambling State University and his or her designee is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to manage the project.

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

- I.3. Nicholls State University's request for approval to name the Student Union common student gathering/social space inside the Donald G. Bollinger Memorial Student Union the "Boysie Bollinger Commons."

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 name the Student Union common student gathering/social space inside the Donald G. Bollinger Memorial Student Union the "Boysie Bollinger Commons."

- I.4. Nicholls State University's request for approval to amend its Five-Year Capital Outlay submission to include a new Women's Student Athlete Performance Center.

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 amend its Five-Year Capital Outlay submission to include a new Women's Student Athlete Performance Center.

- I.5. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to amend its Five-Year Capital Outlay submission to include adjustments to the following request and the addition of Planning & Construction for one project.

***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 amend its Five-Year Capital Outlay submission to include Planning & Construction for the Ira Nelson Horticulture Center.*

- I.6. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to demolish the former Oncology Building 601A St. Mary that has exceeded its useful lifespan and is to be replaced by a new building.

***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 demolish the Oncology Building 601A St. Mary (formerly Our Lady of Lourdes).*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the President of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and his or her designee are hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said demolitions.*

***AND FURTHER,** that the University of Louisiana at Lafayette will provide System office with copies of approvals.*

- I.7. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to enter into a Ground Lease with Ragin' Cajun Facilities, Inc. of the property previously acquired from Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center, Inc. and the Society of the Roman Catholic Church of the Diocese of Lafayette for development into the University's Health Sciences Campus, as authorized by La. R.S. 17:3361, and a related Partial Assignment and Assumption of Leases to assign the preexisting leases of space in the property to RCFI.

***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 enter into a Ground Lease with Ragin' Cajun Facilities, Inc. of the property previously acquired from Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center, Inc. and the Society of the Roman Catholic Church of the Diocese of Lafayette for development into the University's Health Sciences Campus, as authorized by La. R.S. 17:3361, and a related Partial Assignment and Assumption of Leases to assign the preexisting leases of space in the property to RCFI.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request to assign preexisting leases of portions of the property to RCFI.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that University of Louisiana at Lafayette shall obtain final review from UL System staff and legal counsel, and shall secure all 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 his or her designee are hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said Building Lease by the University of Louisiana System on behalf of and for the use of University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

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

- I.8. University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s request for approval to enter into a three-month extension of the Second Intergovernmental Contract (IG) regarding control and operation of the Cajundome with the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government.

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 enter into a three-month extension of the Second Intergovernmental Contract regarding control and operation of the Cajundome with the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government.

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

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

- I.9. University of New Orleans’ request for approval to name the University of New Orleans International Center Room #112 the “Rosemary and Brunswick Deutsch Seminar Room.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of New Orleans’ request for approval to name the University of New Orleans International Center Room #112 the “Rosemary and Brunswick Deutsch Seminar Room.”

Dr. Clarke asked for the status of Grambling’s library. Dr. Henderson said that the library remains unoccupied. In addition, Facility Planning & Control is undertaking water testing. He stated that the Board will continue to be updated.

J. **Finance Committee**

Mr. Mark Romero asked staff to present the campus requests. Mr. Eddie Meche, System Vice President for Business and Finance, discussed Items J.1.-J.4. and Ms. Ashley McIntyre, Director of Financial Reporting and Analysis, presented Item J.5.

Upon motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Busada, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Items J.1.-J.5.

J.1. Grambling State University's request for approval to establish LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorships and Endowed Scholarships.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Grambling State University's request to establish LEQSF (8g) Endowed Professorships and Endowed Scholarships as follows:

- a. *Dr. Neri F. Warner Endowed Student Scholarship*
- b. *Dallas Alumni Chapter of GSU Endowed Professorship in the College of Business*
- c. *Arlynn Lake Cheers Endowed Professorship in the College of Education*
- d. *Reverend E. Edward Jones, Sr. & Mrs. Leslie A. Jones Endowed Student Scholarship*
- e. *Dr. Joseph B. Johnson - Kappa Alpha Psi/Gamma Psi Endowed Professorship*
- f. *Clayton A. Wiley and Viola E. Wiley Endowed Professorship for the Department of Engineering Technology in the College of Arts and Sciences*
- g. *Delta Sigma Theta-Delta Iota Endowed Scholarship*
- h. *Ruston Alumni Chapter Family of Coach James Wick's Duncan Sr. Scholarship*
- i. *SGA Centennial Campaign Endowed Scholarship*

J.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to amend its food service lease agreement 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 to amend its agreement with Aramark Educational Services, LLC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of Louisiana Tech University is hereby authorized to execute the amendment described herein and any and all documents necessary.

J.3. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to enter into a fifteen- (15) year lease agreement for the University's food service operations and facilities with Aramark Educational Services, LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University's request to enter into a fifteen-year lease agreement for the University's food service operations and facilities with Aramark Educational Services, LLC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Southeastern Louisiana 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 Southeastern Louisiana University is hereby designated and authorized to execute this agreement and any amendments hereto.

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

- J.4. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to charge a \$4,000 per semester professional fee for its Doctor of Physical Therapy Program.

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 a \$4,000 per semester professional fee for students enrolled in the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program, pending approval by both Houses of the Legislature.

- J.5. University of Louisiana System's recommendation to approve Campus Housing and Meal Plan Rates, Auxiliary Rates, Energy Surcharge and Non-Governmental Charges for Academic Year 2023-24.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of Louisiana System's recommendation for Campus Housing and Meal Plan Rates, Auxiliary Rates, Energy Surcharge, and Non-Governmental Charges for Academic Year 2023-24.

- J.6. University of Louisiana System's report of LEQSF Endowments

Mr. Meche gave an update of the unmatched LEQSF Endowments as of June 30, 2022. The value of these is \$2,480,000. This was a report only with no action necessary by the Board.

K. Personnel Committee

Mr. Dana Peterson asked Ms. Kecia Neal to describe the items on the agenda. Upon motion of Ms. Dunahoe, seconded by Ms. Stokes, the Board voted unanimously to approve Items K.1.-K.4.

- K.1. Grambling State University's request for approval to appoint Mr. Brandon Logan as Interim Vice President for University Advancement and Innovation effective February 23, 2023.

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. Brandon Logan as Interim Vice President for University Advancement and Innovation effective February 23, 2023.

- K.2. Northwestern State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. William Drake Owens as Executive Vice President of External Affairs effective March 27, 2023.

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 Dr. William Drake Owens as Executive Vice President of External Affairs effective March 27, 2023.

President Marcus Jones introduced Dr. Owens and indicated that he was instrumental in strengthening relationships with alumni, community, and legislators. Dr. Owens said he was thankful to have the opportunity to work for his alma mater and to continue to be involved in the growth of the University.

- K.3. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to appoint Mr. Daryl J. Moore as Dean of the College of the Arts effective February 1, 2023.

***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 appoint Mr. Daryl J. Moore as Dean of the College of the Arts effective February 1, 2023.*

Dr. Jaimie Hebert, Provost, introduced Mr. Moore, who stated that he was delighted to join the ULL community.

- K.4. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to appoint Mr. John Hartwell as Director of Athletics effective February 27, 2023.

***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 Mr. John Hartwell as Director of Athletics effective February 27, 2023.*

President Ron Berry introduced Mr. Hartwell. Mr. Hartwell thanked the Board for approving his appointment and said he looked forward to his tenure with the program.

L. **Legislation Committee**

Dr. Clarke asked Ms. Cami Geisman, System Vice President for External Affairs/Chief of Staff, to give a report.

- L.1. Update of 2023 Regular Legislative Session

Ms. Geisman reported that ULS Day at the Capitol on April 26 had been a success, with great food and a high level of participation. She thanked the campuses and staff for preparing and offering compelling interactive displays that showcased their campuses.

In addition, Ms. Geisman reported on the legislative activity, including the budget. She said 50 bills are being monitored, including TOPS, nursing shortages, veteran benefits, campus safety, pay for campus police, etc. Also, she mentioned the maritime academy bill that the UL System is supporting.

M. **System President's Business**

- M.1. Personnel Actions and Summer School Pay Schedules

President Henderson said that System staff had reviewed the personnel action requests and Summer Pay Plan Schedules and recommends approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Salter, seconded by Mr. Davison, the Board unanimously voted to approve the System personnel actions and Summer School Pay Schedules.

M.2. System President's Report

Board Rule Revision

Dr. Henderson told members that included in their folders was a copy of a proposed revision to Chapter II. Students, Section II. Transfer Admission, A-C. He indicated that the revision would be included for approval on the June agenda.

Transcript Audit

Dr. Henderson gave an update of a request to all campuses for a review of transfer students admitted to each university for the period of January 2021 to March 2023. The number of transcripts reviewed was greater than 20,000. Dr. Henderson thanked Mr. Bruce Janet for heading up the review, as well as the campus counterparts who devoted numerous hours to this effort.

University of New Orleans Presidential Search

Dr. Henderson thanked Dr. John Nicklow for his leadership as President of University of New Orleans over the past several years. Effective June 30, Dr. Nicklow will be transitioning to Florida as President of the Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne.

President Henderson indicated that Chair Pierre is finalizing her appointments to the Search Committee, and the Committee will hold its inaugural meeting soon.

Management & Leadership Institute

Dr. Henderson reported that the sixth class of the Management & Leadership Institute headed by Dr. Caprice Ieyoub will be presenting its annual report to the Board at the June 22 meeting. The seventh class will begin in the Fall.

President Henderson also took a few moments to offer condolences and prayers to Dr. Ieyoub upon the recent death of her husband, Richard Ieyoub, who has had a great impact on the State of Louisiana.

Academic Summit

President Henderson thanked Northwestern for hosting this year's Academic Summit. The Summit showcased visual arts, performing arts, research and service learning of the faculty and students in the System institutions. The event was successful and well-attended.

Resolution

Dr. Henderson discussed a resolution passed by the Louisiana Republican State Central Committee concerning diversity, equity, and inclusion in colleges and universities.

Reginald F. Lewis Scholars

Dr. Henderson said that the second cohort of Reginald F. Lewis Scholars were recently offered the opportunity to go to Paris, France; and it was a remarkable experience for them. A video was presented, including a list of sponsors who helped to finance the trip and the program. Dr. Henderson particularly called out Sodexo, which hosted a dinner cruise on the Seine River as well as a luncheon at the Eiffel Tower.

The third cohort of Scholars will be introduced at the June 21-22 Black Male Summit in New Orleans.

N. **Board Chair's Business**

N.1. **Board Chair's Report**

Student Member

Dr. Clarke announced that it was Mr. Ethan Estis' final meeting as Student Board Member. He congratulated him for his advocacy for students of the System as well as his extensive participation in events across the campuses. Dr. Clarke also stated that Ethan had brought awareness about the importance of the student voice. Mr. Stevens and Ms. Lethermon described Ethan as having a bright future; Ms. Stokes remarked that he is a professional and a leader.

Mr. Estis was recognized with an award for his service. He said that he was thankful for the experience and was grateful for the knowledge he had gained from the other members. In addition, Ethan repeated that the student voice is so meaningful.

Personal Financial Disclosure Statements

Dr. Clarke reminded members to complete and finalize their individual Personal Financial Disclosure Statements by May 15, which is their annual requirement.

O.-P. **Other Business/Adjournment**

The next Board meeting will be held in New Orleans on June 22.

There being no other business, upon motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Salter, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 11:05 a.m.