

State of Louisiana

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

JIMMY D. LONG SR. LOUISIANA SCHOOL FOR MATH, SCIENCE, AND THE ARTS

December 3, 2018

The Board of Directors of the Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts met on Dec. 3, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. in the Jimmy D. Long Boardroom, LSMSA, in Natchitoches, LA. Mrs. Sharon Gahagan, Board Chair, called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Present

Representative Beryl Amedee
Jimmy D. Berry
Joseph E. Cain
Tony Davis
Sharon T. Gahagan
Ryan Jannise
Anne Reese Johnson
Denise Karamales
Jimmy D. Long, Jr.
Dr. Kimberly W. McAlister
Mike McGrath
Martha T. Smiley
Jamie G. Smith
Dr. Steve Horton (serving as secretary)

Absent

Hollis Conway
Raphael Curtis
Amy Deslattes
Representative Julie Emerson
Chanda Johnson
Marian Johnson
Dr. Kelli Joseph
Senator Dan Morrish
Paul W. Rainwater
Dr. Larry Tremblay

Guests

William Heitman, President, LSMSA SGO
John Allen, LSMSA
Dr. Kristi Key, LSMSA
Emily Shumate, LSMSA
Angela Robinson, LSMSA Foundation

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mrs. Gahagan welcomed members and guests to the quarterly Board meeting. She welcomed Will Heitman, SGO President.

AGENDA ITEM 1: APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2018, BOARD MINUTES

Mrs. Gahagan requested the Board's review of September 25, 2018, Board minutes and requested any corrections or changes.

Mr. Davis moved to approve the September 25, 2018, Board minutes. Rep. Amedee seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 2: CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Gahagan reported that she had no requests for public comment.

NO ACTION REQUIRED

AGENDA ITEM 3: INTRODUCTION OF NEW FACULTY AND STAFF

Dr. Key requested approval for the academic credentials of Dr. Olaseni Fadipe, who will join the mathematics faculty in January. His qualifications meet all SACS requirements for teaching.

Mr. McGrath moved to approve Dr. Fadipe’s credentials. Mr. Cain seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: APPROVAL TO PURSUE A REVISION OF RS 42:1111, SUBSECTION 3 (ETHICAL STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC SERVANTS)

Mr. Allen requested approval to pursue revision of the existing RS 42:1111, Subsection 3. This revision would align LSMSA with state universities and NOCCA to allow the LSMSA Foundation to provide direct reimbursement/compensation to all LSMSA employees without a pass-through via the School’s budgets. He referred members to a copy of the statute which included the proposed addition of LSMSA.

Mr. Jannise moved to approve the motion. Mr. Davis seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 5: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Dr. Horton updated the Board regarding the status of the residence hall funding. He said that the School had requested available dates from the Governor’s office and would align the Groundbreaking Ceremony with the Governor’s calendar. Once he knows a date he will share with the Board. Mrs. Gahagan added that she would hopefully be able to schedule the March Board meeting so that it coincided with the Ceremony.

Dr. Horton provide a general overview of several School initiatives and accomplishments, specifically the planning that is leading to the creation of Builders’ and Makers’ spaces on the campus. The LSMSA Foundation received a substantial gift from a donor who has requested that the gift be dedicated to such spaces. Members of the faculty visited ULL in November to get a better understanding of what was included in such spaces. Additionally, Dr. Horton said that several met with local contractors and also Doug Ashe, the project architect, to assess options for dealing with the old kitchen behind the gym. Discussion followed. Dr. Horton referred Board members to directors’ reports for additional details regarding this quarter’s School accomplishments.

NO ACTION REQUIRED

AGENDA ITEM 6: UPDATE ON THE RESIDENCE HALL PROJECT

Dr. Horton addressed the residence hall project in his Executive Director updates. He re-emphasized how grateful the faculty, staff, and student body were for the overwhelming support of funding the much-needed project.

NO ACTION REQUIRED

AGENDA ITEM 7: REPORT FROM THE FACULTY

Mr. McGrath provided a summary report of activities of the faculty during the past quarter. Faculty are actively engaged in conferences, paper presentations, recitals, and manuscripts. He answered questions from the Board.

NO ACTION REQUIRED

AGENDA ITEM 8: DIVISION REPORTS

Mrs. Gahagan introduced each of the four members of the senior administration and asked them to share their divisions' accomplishments for the quarter. Each referred Board members to his/her written reports, which included comprehensive information for the quarter and answered specific questions.

Dr. Key's overview focused on the School's annual College Board/ACT report and the recent Summer Recognition Ceremony. Mrs. Shumate provided data regarding the 2018-2019 recruiting season, including information about Exploration Days and middle school outreach. She also updated Board members on residential life activities, including professional development initiatives, student athletics, leadership/community service, student activities, and health and wellness programming. Mr. Allen overviewed the FY 20 operating and capital outlay budgets recently submitted to the State Budget Office and a grant awarded by the LSMSA Foundation for educational technology research. He said that the Business Office staff began the training component of the LaGov rollout, and he also said that the School is currently advertising to replace Benny Mobley, who will be retiring in December. Ms. Robinson reported that the Foundation has provided more than \$175,000 in direct support to LSMSA so far this fiscal year. Faculty have received grants from the Brown Fund for Faculty Advancement; the Praecellemus Fund has provided opportunities for students to engage with guest speakers, visiting artists and researchers; and she overviewed activities of the Foundation, Alumni Association, and Parents Council organizations this fall. Directors answered questions from Board members.

NO ACTION REQUIRED

AGENDA ITEM 9: OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

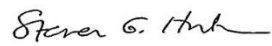
AGENDA ITEM 10: DATES FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

Mrs. Gahagan reminded Board members of the March 18 Board meeting date. However, since ground breaking ceremonies are planned to be held the week of March 18, she said that this Board meeting date may change so that members can attend the groundbreaking ceremonies. More information regarding groundbreaking will be forthcoming as it becomes available.

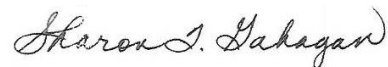
AGENDA ITEM 14: ADJOURNMENT

As there was no other business to come before the Board, Mr. McGrath moved to adjourn. Mr. Jannise seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. The Board adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



Steven G. Horton, PhD.
Secretary



Sharon T. Gahagan, EdS.
Chair