

Southern University Board of Supervisors

1:40 p.m.

December 13, 2013

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
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 Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.

PRESENT

Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut - Chairwoman

Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr. - Vice Chairman

Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.

Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.

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

Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.

ABSENT

Ms. Simone R. Bray

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.

Evola Bates, Chief of Staff

System Vice Presidents Kevin Appleton, Tony Moore and Monique Guillory-Winfield

Chancellors James Llorens (SUBR), Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), Freddie Pitcher (SULC),

and Vice Chancellor Adell Brown (representing Chancellor Leodrey Williams) (SUAREC)

BOARD COUNSEL

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Atty. Bell, the agenda was adopted as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes of the November 29, 2013 Board Meeting

On motion of Mr. Lawson and seconded by Mrs. Smith, the following resolution was approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the minutes of the November 29, 2013 regular meeting of the Board be and it is hereby approved.

B. System-wide Bookstore Recommendation

Mr. Kevin Appleton, System Vice President for Finance provided an overview of the process on the proposed contract for the System-wide Bookstore.

Mr. Lawson expressed concerns regarding the cost effectiveness for students when purchasing books.

Mr. Appleton reassured the Board, that every cost effectiveness is being taken to assist students to save money when purchasing new or used books.

On motion of Mr. Braxton and seconded by Atty. Clayton, the following resolution was approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that Follett Higher Education Group be awarded the contract for the operation of Bookstore services for the Southern University System.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract would include the projected financial return of over \$8.3 million during the term of the contract; operation of a new bookstore to be located on the SUNO campus; Operation of a satellite store in the Southern University Law Center to service the specific needs of Law students, faculty and staff; projected guaranteed commissions (rent) of \$3.7 million; projected additional commissions of \$3.8 million above the projected guaranteed amount; capital investments of \$620,000; and scholarships in the amount of \$200,000.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. System-wide Food Service Recommendation

Mr. Kevin Appleton, System Vice President for Finance provided an overview of the process on the proposed contract for the System-wide Food Service recommendation.

Several Board members expressed concerns regarding the condition of the proposed contract between Southern University System and Aramark.

Mr. Lawson posed a question about Aramark employing minority vendors if the proposed contract between Southern University and Aramark is approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Paul Butler, District Manager for Aramark for Higher Education, stated that Aramark would employ minority vendors.

Mr. Butler also introduced his colleagues who were in attendance, Mr. David Reynolds, Vice President for Operations for the Southwest Regions and Mrs. Dolores Brown, Food Service Director at SUBR.

On motion of Mr. Mire and seconded by Rev. Tolbert, the following resolution was approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that Atty. Bridget A. Dinvaut, Chairwoman of the Board of Supervisors and Dr. Ronald Mason, President of the Southern University System are authorized to negotiate and execute the agreement with Aramark, condition upon the following: (1) the financial terms and conditions shall be consistent or more favorable than their proposal; and (2) Aramark shall provide substantial participation for a minority business enterprise at the operations at Southern University at New Orleans and Southern University at Shreveport.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract would include total projected financial return of over \$31.5 million over the life of the contract; guaranteed commissions (rent) with an escalator so that Southern University System receives an increased amount each year; the total guaranteed commissions over the life of the term are projected at over \$21.7 million; unrestricted grants of \$1.75 million, in two components; a \$1 million payment upon execution of the agreement, with an additional \$750,000 in year six of the agreement; substantial investment in facilities with \$2.1 million in new capital investment and an additional \$100,000 in annual refurbishment/refresh accrual funding; the annual funding can be used each year for minor refreshes, or accumulated to fund major renovations or new food service concepts; prepay the first two years of guaranteed commissions in the amount of 2.233 million; an annual maintenance fund totaling \$965,000 over the term; in-kind catering worth \$690,000 over the term; and annual scholarships with a value of \$390,000 over the term.

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Resolutions

Board member Leon R. Tarver, President Emeritus of the Southern University System offered special recognition of condolences for former President Nelson Mandela, first black president of the Republic of South Africa.

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Mrs. Smith, the following resolution was approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the resolutions of condolences for former President Nelson Mandela be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the resolutions of condolences for Mr. Mack Henton be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Interim Financial Report, as of October 30, 2013, SU System entities

A status report was given by Mr. Kevin Appleton, System Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs.

B. System President's Report

Dr. Mason thanked the Board for all their support during this year.

Dr. Mason announced that he and Mrs. Mason will give a \$50 donation to the Faith-based Scholarship Fund in each Board Member's name.

C. Campus Reports

Monthly updates were given by the campus Chancellors. Details can be found on the Board's website and tape.

Chancellor James Llorens informed the Board that 5,000 students have enrolled at SUBR for the Spring 2014 semester and thirty-three percent has paid.

Chancellor Freddie Pitcher invited the Board members to a Hooding Ceremony on January 10, 2014 in the Cotillion Ballroom on the SUBR campus.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

Chairwoman Dinvaut took a point of personal privilege and congratulated Marvin Young on receiving his under graduate degree in Electronic Engineering Technology from Southern University and A&M College.

Vice Chairman Gant invited Board members, administrators and the entire Southern University and Grambling State University Families to his Annual end of the year Prayer Celebration at Calvary Baptist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana on December 30, from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Braxton, the meeting was adjourned.