

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM
AUGUST 27, 2010**

A. **Call to Order**

Mr. Winfred Sibille called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System in Room 100, the "Louisiana Purchase Room," Claiborne Conference Center, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana at 10:18 a.m.

B. **Roll Call**

The roll was called.

PRESENT

Mrs. Elsie Burkhalter	Mr. Russell Mosely
Mr. Andre Coudrain	Mr. D. Wayne Parker
Mr. Edward Crawford III	Mr. Brook Sebren
Mr. E. Gerald Hebert	Mr. Carl Shetler
Ms. Renee Lapeyrolerie	Mr. Winfred F. Sibille
Mr. Jimmy D. Long, Sr.	

ABSENT

Mr. Paul Aucoin
Dr. Mildred G. Gallot
Mr. Jeff Jenkins

Also present for the meeting were the following: System President Randy Moffett, System staff, administrators and faculty representatives from System campuses, Attorneys Winston DeCuir, Jr., Linda Clark, interested citizens, and representatives of the news media.

C. **Invocation**

Mr. Wayne Parker gave the invocation.

D. **Approval of Minutes of June 25, 2010 Meeting**

Upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Ms. Lapeyrolerie, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of June 25, 2010 meeting.

E. **Report of Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

Ms. Lapeyrolerie, Chair, presented the Committee report.

Upon motion of Ms. Lapeyrolerie, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the following resolutions (E.1-E.4).

- E.1. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to eliminate the Associate of Arts degree program in Criminal Justice.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University's request to eliminate the Associate of Arts degree program in Criminal Justice.*

- E.2. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to reorganize academic departments in two of its Colleges.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University's request to reorganize academic departments in two of its Colleges.*

- E.3. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of System Universities' 2010-11 Promotions in Faculty Rank and Recommendations for Tenure.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves System Universities' 2010-11 Promotions in Faculty Rank and Recommendations for Tenure.*

- E.4. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of a revision to Board Rule, Chapter II. Students, Section VIII. Baccalaureate Degrees Requirements.

***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 approval of a revision to Board Rule, Chapter II. Students, Section VIII. Baccalaureate Degrees Requirements.*

Upon motion of Ms. Lapeyrolerie, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board voted unanimously to **defer** adoption of the following item:

- E.5. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of revisions to Board Rule, Chapter III. Faculty and Staff, Section XI. Tenure; and Board Rule, Chapter III. Faculty and Staff, Section XV. Termination in association with proposed changes to Policy and Procedures Memorandum (PPM) Academic Program Reduction and/or Discontinuance, FS-III.XV.B-1a.

F. **Report of Joint Athletic and Audit Committee**

Mr. Shetler, Chair of the Athletic Committee, presented the Joint Committee report.

Upon motion of Mr. Shetler, seconded by Mr. Mosely, the Board voted unanimously to approve the adoption of Agenda Item F.2. Items F.1. and F.3. are reports only.

F.1. University of Louisiana System's report on significant athletic activities for the period of June 12 to August 13, 2010.

Mr. Robbie Robinson, Director of Internal and External Audit, presented this report. No official Board action is required.

F.2. University of Louisiana System's request for acceptance of Fiscal Year 2009-10 Financial and Compliance Representation Letters.

- a. Grambling State University
- b. McNeese State University
- c. Southeastern Louisiana University
- d. University of Louisiana at Lafayette
- e. University of Louisiana at Monroe

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby accepts Fiscal Year 2009-10 Financial and Compliance Representation Letters for Grambling State University, McNeese State University, Southeastern Louisiana University, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and University of Louisiana at Monroe.*

F.3. University of Louisiana System's report on internal and external audits submitted for the period June 15 to August 13, 2010.

Mr. Robbie Robinson, Director of Internal and External Audit, presented this report. No official Board action is required.

G. **Report of Facilities Planning Committee**

Mr. Crawford, Chair, gave the Committee report.

Upon motion of Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board voted unanimously to add one item of other business.

Upon motion of Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the following resolutions as amended.

G.1. McNeese State University's request for approval to enter into a Settlement Agreement with the United States Department of Justice to become in compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve McNeese State University's request to enter into a Settlement Agreement with the United States Department of Justice to become in compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of McNeese State University is authorized to sign the final agreement following negotiations by staff and legal counsel for final agreement with the United States Department of Justice.

- G.2. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of Fiscal Year 2011-12 Capital Outlay Budget Request and Institutions' Five-Year Capital Outlay Plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Capital Outlay Budget Request and Institutions' Five-Year Capital Outlay Plans.

**Other Business
Grambling State University**

Grambling State University's request to petition to the State Interim Emergency Board to address repairs to A.C. Lewis Library.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Grambling State University's request to petition to the State Interim Emergency Board to address repairs to A.C. Lewis Library.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of Grambling State University is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said action by the University of Louisiana System.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Grambling State University shall obtain final reviews from UL System staff, legal counsel, and all other appropriate agencies/parties, of processes, documents, and administrative requirements.

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

H. **Report of Finance Committee**

Mr. Coudrain, Chair, presented the Committee report.

Upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Sebren, the Board voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the following resolutions, including H.2. and H.3. Agenda Item H.1. is a report only.

- H.1. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's update on privatized housing.

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

- H.2. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of Fiscal Year 2010-11 Operating Budgets, including organizational charts, undergraduate/graduate mandatory attendance fees, and scholarships.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Fiscal Year 2010-11 Operating Budgets, including organizational charts, undergraduate/graduate mandatory attendance fees, and scholarships.

- H.3. University of Louisiana System's request for ratification of nonresident fee increases at University of Louisiana System institutions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby ratify the nonresident fee increases at University of Louisiana System institutions.

I. **Report of Personnel Committee**

Vice Chair Hebert presented the Committee report.

Upon motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Shetler, the Board voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the following resolutions.

- I.1. Grambling State University's request for approval to appoint Mr. Leon Sanders as Interim Vice President for Finance and Administration effective July 22, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Grambling State University's request for approval to appoint Mr. Leon Sanders as Interim Vice President for Finance and Administration effective July 22, 2010.

- I.2. Nicholls State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. J. Steven Welsh as Acting Dean of the College of Education effective July 1, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve Nicholls State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. J. Steven Welsh as Acting Dean of the College of Education effective July 1, 2010.

- I.3. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to appoint Dr. Robert Twilley as Vice President for Research effective August 15, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to appoint Dr. Robert Twilley as Vice President for Research effective August 15, 2010.

- I.4. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to continue the appointment of Mr. Kenneth Ardoin as Interim Vice President for University Advancement effective July 1, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request to continue the interim appointment of Mr. Kenneth Ardoin as Interim Vice President for University Advancement effective July 1, 2010.

- I.5. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to appoint Dr. Eric Pani as Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs effective August 1, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System does hereby approve University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to appoint Dr. Eric Pani as Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs effective August 1, 2010.

J. **System President's Business**

J.1. **Personnel Actions**

Dr. Randy Moffett, System President, reported that System staff reviewed the personnel actions and staff recommends approval as amended.

Upon motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Long, the Board voted unanimously to approve the System personnel actions as amended.

Dr. Moffett reported that the System Office staff has been decreased by five employees and the office has been restructured to cover their responsibilities. Also, remaining staff have begun to take furlough days.

J.2. **System President's Report**

Incentivized Retirements

Dr. Moffett reported that a Policy and Procedures Memorandum (PPM) titled *Tenured Faculty-Strategic Reduction Initiative* was included in their folders for their information. He said that the policy was a revision to the December 2009 PPM that authorized retirement and resignation incentives for tenured faculty. Dr. Moffett stated that Northwestern, Southeastern, and UL-Monroe had implemented incentives the previous year, and Grambling and McNeese are considering incentives for 2010-11.

Teacher/Principal of the Year Awards

Dr. Moffett announced and commended eight teacher/principal/superintendent of the year award recipients who were recently recognized by the Louisiana Department of Education. Without exception, the honorees had connections with the University of Louisiana System – most often being graduates of UL System institutions.

Project Win/Win

Dr. Moffett updated the Board on the progress of Project Win/Win. He said that McNeese, Northwestern, Southeastern, and UL-Lafayette are each being awarded a \$15,000 grant to continue the work on this worthy initiative.

University of Louisiana-Monroe Presidential Search

Dr. Moffett reported that the Search Committee had met on July 8 in Monroe for its initial meeting and public forum. At that time, the charge, advertisement, and tentative timeline had been approved. Since that meeting, Mayor of Monroe Jamie Mayo has also been invited to serve as an advisory member of the committee.

Dr. Moffett reiterated that the application priority date is September 24, 2010, and that semifinalist interviews will be held in mid-October and possible selection of a new president at the October 2010 meeting of the Board.

J.3. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of LA GRAD Act Performance Agreements and associated campus autonomies.

Dr. Moffett said that Dr. Beatrice Baldwin had provided a comprehensive overview of the LA GRAD Act during the Board Development session on August 26. He also thanked Drs. Bruno, Litolff, and O'Hara for collaborating with the campuses to implement this recent legislation.

Upon motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Shetler, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the LA GRAD Act Performance Agreements and associated campus autonomies.

Upon motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Sibille, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, given the ongoing requirements associated the LA GRAD Act, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby authorizes the System President to implement any related actions on behalf of the Board.

J.4. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of 2010-11 Shared Cost Schedule.

President Moffett informed members of the Board that Act 11 of the 2010 Legislature requires that the System obtain approval from the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget to proceed with the authorized Inter-Agency Transfer of shared costs of \$2,061,905, which represents .22% of campus budgets. Included in their folders was a copy of the letter from Dr. Moffett to Representative James Fannin requesting authority to proceed with the transfer as well as justification for the assessments.

Upon motion of Mr. Coudrain, seconded by Mr. Mosely, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following resolution as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System approves the 2010-11 Shared Cost Schedule.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the UL System implement the Shared Cost Schedule and present it to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget for approval.

Dr. Dan Reneau, President of Louisiana Tech University, and Dr. Stephen Hulbert, President of Nicholls State University, each gave words of support for the assessments. Dr. Reneau urged passage because of campuses' reliance on support from the System office. Dr. Hulbert informed the Board that such allocations are a common practice in other states as well.

J.5. Other Business

Dr. Moffett invited former President of McNeese State University, Dr. Robert Hebert, and his wife Lilly Ann to come to the table. A brief powerpoint highlighting him was shown while Dr. Moffett commented on Dr. Hebert's tenure as President of McNeese.

After Dr. Moffett's remarks, upon motion of Mr. Shetler, and a unanimous second, the Board voted to approve the following resolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves awarding the title of President Emeritus of McNeese State University to Dr. Robert Hebert.

Dr. Hebert thanked the Board and expressed his gratitude for the honor.

K. Board Chair's Business

K.1. Board Chair's Report

- Mr. Sibille recognized Mrs. Elsie Burkhalter for having been given a Living Legacy Award by the American Federation of Teachers at its annual conference.
- Mr. Sibille reported that he was able to participate in the Service-Learning Conference held on August 9. He said that attendance from campuses was over 100, including faculty, staff, and students. As well as several sessions provided by campus representatives, there were two out-of-state plenary guest speakers, and Presidents Hulbert, Webb, and Williams served on a panel discussion during the conference. Mr. Sibille congratulated the campuses for their continued emphasis on service-learning.

K.2. Executive Session, pursuant to R.S. 42:6.1, to discuss the following: *Jerry Lee Baldwin vs. Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, et al., 19th District Judicial Court, East Baton Rouge Parish, State of Louisiana.*

Mr. Sibille asked for a motion to meet in Executive Session, pursuant to R.S. 42:6.1, to discuss the following: *Jerry Lee Baldwin vs. Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, et al., 19th District Judicial Court, East Baton Rouge Parish, State of Louisiana.*

While in Executive Session, the Board may meet with its staff, legal counsel, or other persons it deems necessary. No motions may be made nor votes taken.

Upon motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Long, at 10:54 a.m., the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System convened in Executive Session.

The following roll call vote was recorded:

Yeas: Elsie Burkhalter, Andre Coudrain, Edward Crawford, E. Gerald Hebert, Jimmy Long, Russell Mosely, Wayne Parker, Brook Sebren, Carl Shetler, Winfred Sibille

Nays: None

Absent: Paul Aucoin, Mildred Gallot, Jeff Jenkins, Renee Lapeyrolerie (left prior to Executive Session)

Upon motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System reconvened in Open Session at 11:27 a.m.

Mr. Sibille stated that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System had met in Executive Session, pursuant to R.S. 42:6.1, and that no motions had been made nor votes taken.

Mr. Sibille announced that the next Board meeting will be held in Baton Rouge on Thursday and Friday, October 21-22, 2010.

N. **Other Business/Adjournment**

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.