

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM
October 22, 2010**

A. **Call to Order**

Mr. Winfred Sibille, Chair, called to order the special 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 9:11 a.m.

B. **Roll Call**

The roll was called, with all Board members present.

PRESENT

Mr. Winfred Sibille, Chair	Mr. E. Gerald Hebert
Mr. D. Wayne Parker, Vice Chair	Mr. Jeff Jenkins
Mr. Paul Aucoin	Ms. Renee Lapeyrolerie
Mrs. Elsie Burkhalter	Mr. Jimmy Long
Mr. Andre G. Coudrain	Mr. Russell Mosely
Mr. Edward Crawford III	Mr. Brook Sebren
Dr. Mildred G. Gallot	Mr. Carl Shetler

ABSENT

None

Also present for the meeting were the following: System President Randy Moffett, System staff, legal counsel, interested citizens, and representatives of the news media.

C. **Report of University of Louisiana at Monroe Presidential Search Committee**

Dr. Moffett commended Search Committee members for their willingness to serve during the search process and also thanked those non-Board members who had devoted their time to assist in the search. These members included: Dr. Anna Hill, UL Monroe faculty representative; Mr. Tex Kilpatrick, community member; and Monroe Mayor James Mayo. Dr. Hill and Mayor Mayo were present in the audience.

Dr. Moffett stated that the Committee had met on the UL Monroe campus from October 11-13, 2010. On Monday and Tuesday, October 11-12, the four semifinalists had been interviewed and each had been given several opportunities to participate in meetings with deans, department heads, faculty, student leaders, staff, and community members.

Dr. Moffett reported that the Search Committee had convened on Wednesday, October 13, to deliberate and selected three finalists for the Board's consideration: Dr. Nick Bruno, Vice President for Finance and Business-University of Louisiana System; Dr. Peter Fos, Provost and

Executive Vice President-University of Texas-Tyler; and Dr. Thomas Moore, Vice President for Academic Affairs-Winthrop University.

D. **Overview of Interview Procedures**

Mr. Sibille described the procedure for the interviews. He stated that each candidate would be given the opportunity to provide an opening statement, followed by questioning by Board members. Subsequent to each public interview, the Board would individually meet with the finalist in executive session. After the final interview and executive session, the Board planned to remain in executive session to deliberate. When the Board returned to open session, discussion and voting would follow.

E. **Public Comments**

Dr. Moffett asked for public comment from the audience prior to the interview process.

Ten individuals voiced comment to the Board. Those who spoke in favor of Dr. Thomas Moore included: Ms. Brooke Dugas, UL Monroe SGA officer; Ms. Maggie Warren, student and member of UL Monroe Campus Activities Board; Ms. Monica Zeno, student and member of the Campus Activities Board; and Ms. Robyn Jordan, UL Monroe alumna and staff member. Dr. Anna Hill, UL Monroe Faculty Senate member, spoke in favor of Drs. Moore and/or Fos. Strong words of support for Dr. Bruno were given by: Mr. Ralph Perlman, Baton Rouge community member; Dr. Loren Blanchard, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs-Xavier University; Dr. Charles McDonald, UL Monroe alumnus and former State Representative and UL Monroe administrator; Mr. Mike Vining, alumnus; and City of Monroe Mayor James Mayo.

Dr. Moffett thanked them for their input and interest in the selection of the next President of UL Monroe.

F. **Candidate Interviews**

Dr. Thomas Moore

Mr. Sibille introduced Dr. Thomas Moore, who has served as Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty at Winthrop University in South Carolina since July 2003. He has also held the roles of Chair of the Department of Chemistry and Physics and Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Prior to those positions, he began his career as an assistant chemistry professor at Georgia Southern College and later became director of the program. He received his Bachelor of Arts from Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Alabama, and earned his Ph.D. in Inorganic Chemistry at the University of South Carolina.

Dr. Moore made an introductory statement and said that it was an honor to have the opportunity to interview for the position as President of UL Monroe. Joining him at the table was his wife Marsha. Board members were given the opportunity to question Dr. Moore.

Mr. Sibille stated that the Board would meet in Executive Session pursuant to R.S. 42:6.1 to discuss personnel matters with Dr. Moore.

Upon motion of Mrs. Burkhalter, seconded by Mr. Shetler, the Board voted to convene in Executive Session. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Yeas: Mr. Aucoin, Mrs. Burkhalter, Mr. Coudrain, Mr. Crawford, Dr. Gallot, Mr. Hebert, Mr. Jenkins, Ms. Lapeyrolerie, Mr. Long, Mr. Mosely, Mr. Parker, Mr. Sebren, Mr. Shetler, Mr. Sibille

Nays: None

At 10:21 a.m., the Board met in Executive Session with Dr. Moore. 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.

At 10:52 a.m., the Board reconvened in Open Session. While in Executive Session, no motions were made nor votes taken.

Dr. Peter Fos

Mr. Sibille introduced Dr. Peter Fos as the second finalist. Dr. Fos currently serves as Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs at University of Texas-Tyler. He has served as Dean of the College of Health at the University of Southern Mississippi, Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Relations at Tulane University Health Sciences Center School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, Chair of the Department of Clinical Sciences at University of Nevada-Las Vegas School of Dental Medicine, and he practiced general dentistry in the Metropolitan New Orleans area. Dr. Fos received a D.D.S. from Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center School of Dentistry, a Ph.D. in Health Care Decision Analysis from Tulane University Graduate School, a Master of Public Health in Health Systems Management from Tulane University Health Sciences Center School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, and B.S. in Biological Sciences from University of New Orleans.

Dr. Fos made an opening statement and thanked the Board for being selected as a finalist. He said he appreciated the spirit that was evident on the campus when he visited. Joining him at the table was his wife Lori. Board members had an opportunity to question Dr. Fos.

Mr. Sibille stated that the Board would meet in Executive Session pursuant to R.S. 42:6.1 to discuss personnel matters with Dr. Fos.

Upon motion of Mrs. Burkhalter, seconded by Mr. Parker, the Board voted to convene in Executive Session. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Yeas: Mr. Aucoin, Mrs. Burkhalter, Mr. Coudrain, Mr. Crawford, Dr. Gallot,
Mr. Hebert, Mr. Jeff Jenkins, Ms. Lapeyrolerie, Mr. Long, Mr. Mosely,
Mr. Parker, Mr. Sebren, Mr. Shetler, Mr. Sibille

Nays: None

At 11:26 a.m., the Board met in Executive Session with Dr. Fos. 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.

At 12:01 p.m., the Board reconvened in Open Session. While in Executive Session, no motions were made nor votes taken.

Dr. Nick Bruno

Mr. Sibille introduced Dr. Nick Bruno as the third finalist. Dr. Bruno currently serves as Vice President for Business and Finance at the University of Louisiana System. Prior to that position, he held the position of Vice President for Business Affairs at University of Louisiana at Monroe; and Assistant Vice President for Special Initiatives, Director of Auxiliary Services, Director of Physical Plant Services, and Property Control Officer at Southeastern Louisiana University. Dr. Bruno received his undergraduate degree in Accounting and Master's of Business Administration from Southeastern Louisiana University, and a Ph.D. in Higher Education Leadership from the University of Mississippi.

Dr. Bruno made an opening statement and said it was an honor to be selected as a finalist. He stated his interest in the presidency, especially since he had enjoyed his tenure there in the past. Joining him at the table was his wife Linda. Board members had an opportunity to question Dr. Bruno.

Mr. Sibille stated that the Board would meet in Executive Session pursuant to R.S. 42:6.1 to discuss personnel matters with Dr. Bruno.

Upon motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mrs. Burkhalter, the Board voted to convene in Executive Session. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Yeas: Mr. Aucoin, Mrs. Burkhalter, Mr. Coudrain, Mr. Crawford, Dr. Gallot,
Mr. Hebert, Mr. Jeff Jenkins, Ms. Lapeyrolerie, Mr. Long, Mr. Mosely,
Mr. Parker, Mr. Sebren, Mr. Shetler, Mr. Sibille

Nays: None

At 12:35 p.m., the Board met in Executive Session with Dr. Bruno. 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.

At 1:48 p.m., the Board reconvened in Open Session. While in Executive Session, no motions were made nor votes taken.

F. **Selection of President of University of Louisiana at Monroe**

Mr. Sibille asked for comments or observations from the Board members. Mr. Long made the following motion, seconded by Mr. Hebert.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby appoints Dr. Nick Bruno as the next President of University of Louisiana at Monroe, with salary and related benefits to be determined by System President Randy Moffett, in consultation with the Board Chair and Vice Chair, and executed by a letter of appointment and in accordance with Board Rules.

The following roll call vote was recorded:

Yeas: Mr. Aucoin, Mrs. Burkhalter, Mr. Coudrain, Mr. Crawford, Dr. Gallot,
 Mr. Hebert, Mr. Jenkins, Ms. Lapeyrolierie, Mr. Long, Mr. Mosely, Mr.
 Parker, Mr. Shetler, Mr. Sibille

Nays: None

Abstention: Mr. Sebren

Absent: None

Mr. Sebren stated that, while his decision was to abstain from voting, he pledged to give Dr. Bruno his full support as President.

H. **Introduction of President of University of Louisiana at Monroe**

Dr. Bruno thanked the Board for approving his appointment and he said that he was proud and excited to return to UL Monroe as President.

Mr. Sibille and Dr. Moffett congratulated Dr. Bruno on being appointed President.

I. **Other Business**

Mr. Sibille reminded Board members that the next scheduled meeting will be held Thursday-Friday, December 2-3, 2010.

J. **Adjournment**

Upon motion of Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, the meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.