

**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

9:00 a.m.

Friday, November 25, 2011

Treme' Meeting Room

2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Hyatt Regency Hotel

New Orleans, Louisiana

**Minutes**

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Mr. Darren G. Mire. The invocation was given by Rev. Samuel Tolbert.

**PRESENT**

Mr. Darren G. Mire – Chair  
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr. – Vice Chair  
Mr. Patrick W. Bell  
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.  
Atty. Tony M. Clayton  
Atty. Walter C. Dumas  
Atty. Warren A. Forstall  
Atty. Randal L. Gaines  
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks  
Atty, Patrick O. Jefferson  
Dr. Eamon M. Kelly  
Mr. Myron K. Lawson  
Atty. Patrick D. Magee  
Mrs. Ann A. Smith  
Mr. Demetrius Sumner, Student Member  
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.

**ABSENT**

None

**UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.  
Evola Bates, Chief of Staff  
System Vice Presidents Kevin Appleton, and Tony Moore  
Chancellors Ray Belton (SUSLA), Freddie Pitcher (SULC),  
James Llorens (SUBR), Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), and  
Leodrey Williams (SUAREC)

**BOARD COUNSEL**

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

**AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Mr. Bell, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

SUBR Faculty Member Alonzo Johnson and Faculty Senate President Sudhir Trivedi offered comments opposing Items 5C-1 and 7H.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

The Board and Chancellors recognized Mr. Richard J. Caiton recognized for his services as a member of the Board from 1999 to 2011. Mr. Caiton tendered remarks of appreciation for having had an opportunity to serve on the Board of Supervisors.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6: ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2012**

##### **A. Chairman of the Board**

Mr. Darren G. Mire was nominated by Rev. Tolbert for Chairman of the Board for 2012. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Lawson.

On motion by Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Sumner, nominations for the office of Chairman of the Board were closed.

A roll call vote produced the following results on Mr. Mire's nomination for Board Chair: **14 yeas:** Mire, M. Bell, P. Bell, Braxton, Dumas, Forstall, Hendricks, Jefferson, Kelly, Lawson, Magee, Smith, Sumner and Tolbert; **2 abstentions:** Clayton and Gaines; **0 nays.**

Mr. Darren G. Mire was re-elected to the Office of Board Chair. He tendered remarks of appreciation to his colleagues.

##### **B. Vice Chairman of the Board**

Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr. was nominated by Atty. Magee for Vice Chairman of the Board for 2012. The nomination was seconded by seconded by Atty. Forstall.

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Atty. Magee, nominations for the office of Vice Chairman of the Board were closed.

A roll call vote produced the following results on Atty. Bell's nomination for Board Chairman: **15 yeas:** Mire, M. Bell, P. Bell, Braxton, Dumas, Forstall, Gaines, Hendricks, Jefferson, Kelly, Lawson, Magee, Smith, Sumner, and Tolbert; **1 abstention:** Clayton; **0 nays.**

Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr. was re-elected to the Office of Board Vice Chairman. He tendered remarks of appreciation to his colleagues.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 7: ACTION ITEMS**

##### **A. Minutes of the October 28, 2011 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors**

On motion of Atty. Jefferson, seconded by Atty. Dumas,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the minutes of the October 28, 2011 regular meeting of the Board be and they are hereby approved, as corrected.

Motion carried unanimously.

At the request of Atty. Dumas, the minutes will be corrected to reflect the successful election of Ms. Katrina Jackson of Monroe to the State House of Representatives during the October 22, 2011 primary.

##### **B. Candidate for Degrees, 2011 Fall Commencement**

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Atty. Forstall,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that Candidates for Degrees at the 2011 Commencement Exercises at Southern University University – Shreveport and Southern University – Baton Rouge, respectively, be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

##### **C. 2012-2013 Budget Requests for SU System Entities**

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Bell,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the 2012-2013 Budget Requests for SU System entities, as indicated below, be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 1.) Formula Units
  - a. Southern University and A&M College
  - b. Southern University at New Orleans
  - c. Southern University at Shreveport
  - d. Southern University Law Center
  
- 2.) Non-Formula Units
  - a. Southern University Board and System Administration
  - b. Southern University Agricultural Research Extension Center
  
- 3.) Information Technology Budget Requests
  - a. Southern University and A&M College
  - b. Southern University at New Orleans
  - c. Southern University at Shreveport
  - d. Southern University Law Center
  
- 4.) Operational or Expanded Need Budget Requests
  - a. Southern University and A&M College
  - b. Southern University at New Orleans
  - c. Southern University at Shreveport
  - d. Southern University Law Center
  
- 5.) Sunset Review Budget Requests
  - a. Southern University and A&M College
  - b. Southern University at New Orleans
  - c. Southern University at Shreveport
  - d. Southern University Law Center
  
- 6.) Workforce Development Budget Requests
  - a. Southern University at New Orleans
  - b. Southern University at Shreveport
  
- 7.) Operational Plan
  - a. Southern University and A&M College
  - b. Southern University at New Orleans
  - c. Southern University at Shreveport
  - d. Southern University Law Center

**D. Recommendation for Naming of Basketball Court at F.G. Clark Activity Center, SUBR**

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Atty. Forstall,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the Administration's request to name the Basketball Court at the F.G. Clark Activity Center the "Avery Johnson Court" be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lawson suggested that the Administration look into hanging the jersey of former SUBR Basketball Player Bob Love and other Southern University Athletes who have distinguished themselves in their respective sports.

The Board's Athletics Committee was requested by Atty. Dumas to look into this matter and make its recommendation to the Board.

**E.**

None.

**F. Interim Associate Provost/Interim Dean of the Honors College, SUBR**

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Atty. Dumas,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the appointment of Dr. Ella L. Kelly as Interim Associate Provost and Interim Dean of the Honors College at Southern University – Baton Rouge, effective November 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 at an annual pro-rated salary of \$102,297 be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**G. General Fund Budget Projections for the year ending June 30, 2012**

On motion of Rev. Tolbert, seconded by Atty. Forstall,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the General Fund Budget Projections for the year ending June 30, 2012 for Southern University System entities be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **H. Update and request for extension of Retrenchment Plan, SUBR**

On motion of Mr. Braxton, seconded by Atty. Jefferson,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the Administration's request be and it is hereby approved to extend the deadline for presenting the SUBR Retrenchment Plan at the December 2011 Board meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chancellor Llorens reported on the Administration's efforts to finalize the Retrenchment Plan for Board action in December. He advised that input on the Plan was being sought from the various constituencies within and outside the University.

#### **I. Resolutions**

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Atty. Bell, the following resolutions were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that commendations be and they are hereby extended to Dr. Katara Williams, System Director of Media Relations, who will leave the University to assume a position at the Louisiana Department of Education.

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#### **Commendations**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that commendations be and they are hereby extended to the following individuals.

- Board Member Randal Gaines, on his election to the La. House of Representatives
- Atty. Vincent Pierre, SULC Alum, on his election to the Louisiana Senate
- Atty. Winston DeCuir, Jr., on his recommendation by U.S. Senator Mary Landrieu to President Barack Obama to fill the vacancy on the Louisiana Middle District Court, occasioned by the death of Judge Ralph Tyson.

## Condolences

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that condolences be and they are hereby extended to the families listed below:

- Gwendolyn Rose Hollis
- Ivory J. Beloney
- James Wade
- Thomas Woods

## **AGENDA ITEM 8: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Informational items, listed below, were presented to the Board --

-Update on Capital Priority Projects, by Campus

-System and Campus Monthly Reports --

-The University has received official notice that its Moody's rating will not be downgraded.

-The College of Education at SUBR has been reaccredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

-The SUBR Department of Visual and Performing Arts will present its 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Musical Concert at the Baton Rouge River Center on Sunday, December 4.

-The estimated cost of \$3 million prohibits the asbestos removal and demolition and of old vacant dormitories on the SUBR Campus.

The Administration was requested to notify the State of its need to provide funding to Southern University for this project.

-Six SU Law Center Alums have been elected to judicial posts.

-Approval of the Agreement between the Southern University Foundation and D. Honore' Construction, LLC for building of the Intramural Sports Complex at SUBR

**AGENDA ITEM 9: OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Bell announced that the Louisiana Higher Education Governance Commission is scheduled to meet on Monday, and Tuesday, November 28-29. The body is expected to develop recommendations to be submitted to the State Legislature for approval.

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Board Members were encouraged to attend the many activities scheduled in connection with the Bayou Classic, beginning at noon on Friday, November 25 and continuing through Sunday, November 27 in New Orleans.

**AGENDA ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Atty. Forstall, seconded by Mr. Bell, the meeting was adjourned.

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