

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE  
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM  
January 5, 2023**

A. **Call to Order**

On Thursday, January 5, 2023, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met in Room 100, Louisiana Purchase Room, in the Claiborne Conference Center, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order by Chair Pierre at 10:18 a.m.

B. **Roll Call**

**PRESENT**

Mr. Barry Busada	Mr. Virgil Robinson
Dr. Jimmy Clarke*	Ms. Kristine Russell
Ms. Lola Dunahoe	Mr. Joe Salter
Mr. Alejandro “Al” Perkins	Mr. Brad Stevens
Ms. Elizabeth Pierre	Ms. Julie Stokes

*\*Arrived subsequent to roll call*

**ABSENT**

Dr. John Condos	Ms. Jo Lethermon
Mr. Steve Davison	Mr. Dana Peterson
Mr. Ethan Estis	Mr. Mark Romero

The roll was called, and a quorum was present. Also present were System President Jim Henderson, System staff, Nicholls President Jay Clune, and Attorneys Linda Clark and Michael Adams.

C. **Invocation**

Ms. Kristine Russell opened the meeting with an invocation.

D. **Approval of Minutes of December 6, 2022 Board Meeting**

Upon motion of Ms. Dunahoe, seconded by Mr. Salter, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the December 6, 2022 Board Meeting.

E. **Administration of Oath to Reappointed Board Members and Installation of 2023 Officers**

Mr. Michael Adams, System Attorney, administered the Oath of Office to four reappointed members: Ms. Lola Dunahoe, Mr. Alejandro “Al” Perkins, Ms. Elizabeth Pierre, and Ms. Julie Stokes. Following that, Ms. Elizabeth Pierre was given the Oath as Chair and Mr. Brad Stevens as Parliamentarian. Dr. Jimmy Clarke, Vice Chair, was also administered his Oath later in the meeting.

F. Discussion of Proposed University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors Audit Committee Charter

Dr. Henderson stated that a draft of the proposed Audit Committee Charter was included in Board member folders. He said that the document would give authority to provide oversight to the newly formed Committee, with Ms. Stokes as its Chair. He asked that the Board members review the proposal and provide feedback prior to the February meeting, and the charter would be included for final approval on that agenda.

Dr. Henderson thanked Mr. Bruce Janet for the work he has consistently performed in the area of audit, as well as the other duties he performs for the System. In addition, Ms. Stokes said she was pleased with the exit conference on the System and the report.

G. System President's Report

President Henderson congratulated those members who had been reappointed as well as the new officers. He also commended Governor Edwards for the appointments to numerous boards and commissions he has made. Dr. Henderson said that the Governor had chosen engaged and effective members.

*Economic Impact Study*

Dr. Henderson shared preliminary findings from a recent economic impact study. He reported that in 2021-22 the System had added \$17 billion to Louisiana's economy. Dr. Henderson said that additional findings from the study will be discussed at the Board Retreat.

H. Board Chair's Report

Ms. Pierre thanked the Board for her re-election as Chair and said she looks forward to the coming year of work together.

*Standing Committee Assignments*

Ms. Pierre announced the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Committees for 2023:

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Ms. Lola Dunahoe – Chair  
Mr. Dana Peterson – Vice Chair

Athletic Committee

Mr. Alejandro "Al" Perkins – Chair  
Mr. Brad Stevens – Vice Chair

Audit Committee

Ms. Julie Stokes – Chair  
Mr. Virgil Robinson – Vice Chair

Facilities Planning Committee

Ms. Kristine Russell – Chair  
Mr. Barry Busada – Vice Chair

Finance Committee

Mr. Mark Romero – Chair  
Mr. Barry Busada – Vice Chair

Grievance Committee

Ms. Lola Dunahoe – Chair  
Ms. Jo Lethermon – Vice Chair

Legislation Committee

Dr. Jimmy Clarke – Chair  
Ms. Julie Stokes – Vice Chair

Personnel Committee

Mr. Dana Peterson – Chair  
Mr. Steve Davison – Vice Chair

Ms. Pierre indicated that a copy of the Standing Committees listing was included in Board folders and also expressed her appreciation to those who have accepted leadership positions for the year.

*Next Meeting*

Ms. Pierre reported that the next meeting of the Board will be held on the morning of Thursday, February 23, followed by the Board Retreat until noon on Friday, February 24. The Board meeting will be held in Ruston at Louisiana Tech University. Final details will be forthcoming.

I. **Other Business/Adjournment**

Upon motion of Ms. Dunahoe, seconded by Mr. Busada, at 10:40 a.m., the Board voted to adjourn.