

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Special Board Meeting

January 12, 2024 / 9:00am

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
J. S. Clark Administration Bldg. 2nd Floor
Baton Rouge, LA.

MINUTES

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by Board Chair Myron K. Lawson.

The invocation was given by Rev. Lorenzo T. Bennett, Pastor of Strangers Home B.C. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Miss Bayleigh Lewis and an honor roll student from Southern University Laboratory School.

Chairman Lawson acknowledge visitors in the audience (Former Board h. He ask that we proceed with the installation of 2024 Board Officers.

Proceed with the Installation of Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Installation of 2023 Board Officers

Ms. Gayle Horne Ray administered the oath of office to Mr. Myron K. Lawson Board Chair and to Dr. Rani Whitfield, the vice Chair.

Chairman Lawson thanked his brother, Mr. Huey Lawson who stood with him for all his support.

He is looking forward to the new year and the opportunity to serve and work with all the members.

Vice Chairman Dr. Rani Whitfield thanked his family for all their support. He thanked the board for all their support. He is looking forward to working with Chairman Lawson and with the members.

Board Chairman Atty Myron K. Lawson announced the convening of the Special Board Meeting. He asked for Special presentations.

AGENDA ITEM 4: SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Above and Beyond Award

Mrs. Desire' Honore Thomas introduced Ms. Robin Hill who works in the Building and Grounds Department for Southern University System. Ms. Robin thanked everyone for the award.

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(S)

A. Request Approval to Award Dr. Huey L Perry with the status of Professor Emeritus.

Dr. Albert Samuel and Atty Tony Clayton spoke on Dr. Huey Perry's behalf. There were other board members that expressed their interactions with Dr. Perry during his tenure. Dr. Perry came to the microphone and expressed his thanks to the board for the award.

Motion was made by Atty Tony Clayton and second by Atty Domoine Rutledge that Item A be approved.

Motion Approved

AGENDA ITEM 11: ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Dr. Rani Whitfield to adjourn the meeting.

SU LABORATORY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

(Following Special Meeting)

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
J. S. Clark Administration Bldg. 2nd Floor
Baton Rouge, LA.

AGENDA

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the SU Laboratory School Committee. Chair Dr. Rani Whitfield called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Dennis Shields

Present: Dr. Rani Whitfield - Chairman, Mrs. Ann Smith –Vice-Chair, Mrs. Christy Reeves, Rev. Dr. Samuel Tolbert and Mry Jyron Young and Mr. Myron K. Lawson - Ex Officio

Absent: Mr. Paul Matthews

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

There was a motion by Ms. Christy Reeves and second by Mrs. Ann Smith; the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion Approved.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s)

- A. Recognition of Student Athlete
Dr. Whitfield recognized Mr. Brister, who recognized Asia.
- B. Recognition of SULS Football Team
Dr. Whitfield recognized Coach Ashberry, who recognized and introduced the football team and key players in attendance.
- C. Recognition of SULS Media Team
Dr. Whitfield recognized Mr. Willie Scott, who recognized and introduced the students on the team.

There were comments made by several board members. Chairman Lawson ask that NIL be on the next month agenda.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Ann Smith to adjourn the meeting.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(Following SU Laboratory School Committee)

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
J. S. Clark Administration Bldg. 2nd Floor
Baton Rouge, LA.

AGENDA

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the Academic Affairs Committee. Member Mrs. Ann Smith called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Dennis Shields

Present: Atty Tony Clayton, Mrs. Maple Gaines, Mrs. Ann Smith, Dr Arlanda Williams, and Mr. Myron K. Lawson - Ex Officio

Absent: Dr. Leon Tarver – Chairman and Mr. Sam Gilliam – Vice Chairman

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

There was a motion by Mrs. Ann Smith and second by Mrs. Maple Gaines to adopt the agenda.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(s)

There was a motion by Atty Tony Clayton and second by Ms. Maple Gaines to approve action items 5A.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s)

- A. Update on Enrollment Management Onboarding for the 2024 Spring Semester (SUBR)
An update was presented by Dr. Anthony Jackson and Chancellor John Pierre. There were many questions and much deliberation and discussion from the board members around Enrollment Management. Per request from Atty Tony Clayton, he asks that the Enrollment Management team sit down with administration.
Atty Rutledge requests a presentation from the Enrollment Management team at least once a quarter. Also request a presentation at the March or April meeting which will include comprehensive recruiting strategies for all campuses. He mentioned that they may want to consider external expertise to assist with strategies. And he also would like to see the goals/outcomes.
- B. Update on the Collaboration between Southern University Alumni Federation Chapters and Top Jags Academy
Update presented by Mr. Eldred Jackson. He gave a thorough presentation on the Top Jags and their accomplishments. He answered any questions and left a handout for their review.

- C. Update on Cybersecurity Initiatives
Presentation by Chancellor Ammons and Chancellor Pierre.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Arlanda Williams to adjourn the meeting.

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

(Following Academic Affairs Committee)

Southern University System Board Meeting Room

J. S. Clark Administration Building 2nd Floor

Baton Rouge, LA 70813

MINUTES

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the Facilities and Property Committee. Vice Chair Atty Domoine Rutledge called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Shields

Present: Atty Domoine Rutledge – Vice Chair, Mr. Paul Mathews, Mrs. Ann Smith, Dr. Rani Whitfield, and Mr. Myron K. Lawson, - Ex Officio

Absent: Atty. Edwin Shorty – Chairman and Dr. Leon Tarver II

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Mr. Paul Mathews and second by Mrs. Ann Smith the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM:

A. Facilities Planning Project Updates (SUS)

Mr. Kenneth Dawson highlighted all projects on each campus. He noted that the details are in the report.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Rani Whitfield to adjourn the meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
(Following Facilities and Property Committee)
Southern University System Board Room
J. S. Clark Administration Building 2nd Floor
Baton Rouge, LA 70813

MINUTES

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the Finance Committee. Chair Dr. Arlanda Williams called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Shields

Present: Mrs. Arlanda Williams- Chairman, Mrs. Ann Smith -Vice-Chair, Mrs. Christy Reeves Atty. Domoine Rutledge, and Atty. Mr. Myron K. Lawson - Ex Officio

Absent: Mr. Sam Gilliam, and Dr. Leon Tarver II

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Ms. Christy Reeves and seconded by Atty Domoine Rutledge the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s):

- A. Financial Statement
- B. SUS Operating Budget Cycle

Mr. McClinton announced the detail information is in the packet. Mr. McClinton gave the budget hearing dates and he was requested to Send dates to the Board Members for this year.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS:

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Atty Domoine Rutledge to adjourn the meeting.

LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(Following Finance Committee)

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
J. S. Clark Administration Bldg. 2nd Floor
Baton Rouge, LA.

AGENDA

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the Legal Affairs Committee. Chair Atty Tony Clayton called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Shields

Present: Atty Tony Clayton - Chairman, Atty. Domoine Rutledge – Vice Chair, Mrs. Maple Gaines, Mrs. Christy Reeves, Mr. Jyron Young, and Atty. Mr. Myron K. Lawson - Ex Officio

Absent: Atty Edwin Shorty

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Atty Domoine Rutledge and seconded by Mr. Jyron Young the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(s)

There was a motion by Attorney Domoine Rutledge and seconded by Ms. Maple Gaines to approve action items 5A and 5B in global.

Motion approved.

A. Request Approval of Contracts, Amendments, Agreements, Grants, etc... Equal to or Greater than \$300,000.00.

Title	Description	Amount	Campus
1. Mississippi River Delta Transition Initiative (Subaward Agreement)	Awarded by the National Academies of Science to Collaborate with Miss Delta subteam to evaluate and broaden diversity regarding costal dialect issues in the Gulf of Mexico Region	\$78,883.00 <i>This Term</i> \$499,969.00 <i>Total 11/2023-10/2028</i>	SUBR/LSU Board of Supervisors
2. Immersive Community Leadership Emergency Readiness Training (Subaward Agreement)	Awarded to develop interactive and leadership training modules for the Scotlandville and SU Campus using virtual and augmented reality preparing "Crisis Ready" leaders for deployment of a disaster or pandemic	\$2,000,000.00	SUBR/ LA Dept. of Health Bureau Community Preparedness

- B. Request Approval of Second Amendment to the Employment Contract of Chancellor James H. Ammons. (SUNO)

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s):

A. Medical Marijuana Update

Update was presented by Chancellor McMeans and Dr. Janna Snowden

There was lengthy discussion and questions from the board members. They have been asked to revisit the negotiations.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS:

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Atty Domoine Rutledge to adjourn the meeting.

PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(Following Governance Committee)

Southern University System Board Room
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Baton Rouge, LA 70813

MINUTES

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the Personnel Affairs Committee. Vice-Chair Mrs. Christy Reeves called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Shields

Present: Mrs. Christy Reeves–Vice-Chair, Atty Tony Clayton, Ms. Zazell Dudley, Dr. Arlanda Williams and Mr. Myron Lawson - Ex Officio

Absent: Mr. Sam Gilliam – Chairman and Dr. Leon Tarver, II

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Ms. Zazell Dudley and seconded by Dr. Arlanda Williams the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

Chairman Lawson recognized Dean Andrews who was in the audience.

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(S)

Motion was made by Dr. Arlanda Williams and second by Ms. Zazell Dudley that Action Item 5(A-E) be approved in global.

Motion Approved

A. Request Approval of Personnel Action on Positions Equal to or Greater than \$60,000.00 (SUS)

Name	Position/Department	Description	Waived/Search	Salary		Funding Source
				Previous	Suggested	
1. Wynton Johnson	Assistant Director of Facilities Planning <i>Facilities Planning</i>	New Appointment New Position	<i>Search</i>	-	\$90,000.00	State/Federal

B. Request Approval of Personnel Action on Positions Equal to or Greater than \$60,000.00 (SUNO)

Name	Position/Department	Description	Waived/Search	Salary		Funding Source
				Previous	Suggested	
1. Bree Cook	Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs <i>Academic Affairs</i>	New Appointment Existing Position	<i>Search</i>	\$175,000.00	\$190,000.00	State

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2. Delwin Davis	Director of Facilities and Maintenance <i>Facilities and Maintenance</i>	New Appointment Existing Position	<i>Search</i>	\$63,442.00	\$90,000.00	State
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C. Request Approval of Personnel Action on Positions Equal to or Greater than \$60,000.00 (SUBR)

Name	Position/Department	Description	Waived/Search	Salary		Funding Source
				Previous	Suggested	
1. Brittany Hinyard	Accountability Coordinator <i>Curriculum and Instruction</i>	New Position	<i>Search</i>	\$64,271.00	\$70,000.00	State

D. Request Approval of Personnel Action on Positions Equal to or Greater than \$60,000.00 (SUAREC)

Name	Position/Department	Description	Waived/Search	Salary		Funding Source
				Previous	Suggested	
1. Stephanie Elwood	Specialist Horticulture <i>Cooperative Extension</i>	New Appointment New Position	<i>Waived</i>	\$56,160.00	\$68,000.00	State/Federal

E. Request Approval of Personnel Action on Positions Equal to or Greater than \$60,000.00 (SUSLA)

Name	Position/Department	Description	Waived/Search	Salary		Funding Source
				Previous	Suggested	
1. Veloria Nanze	Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration <i>Office of the Chancellor</i>	New Appointment Existing Position	<i>Search</i>	\$95,160.00	\$120,000.00	State
2. Vanessa White	Dean of Business Science Technology and Math <i>Office of the Chancellor</i>	New Appointment Existing Position	<i>Search</i>	\$66,570.00	\$75,000.00	State

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Atty Tony Clayton to adjourn the meeting.

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(Following Personnel Committee)

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MINUTES

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by Board Chair Myron Lawson

PRESENT

Atty Tony Clayton, Ms. Zazell Dudley, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Jr., Ms. Maple Gaines, Mr. Myron Lawson, Ms. Christy Reeves, Mr. Paul Matthews, Mrs. Christy Reeves, Atty Domoine Rutledge, Mrs. Ann Smith, Rev. Dr. Rani Whitfield, Dr. Arlanda Williams and Mr. Jyron Young

ABSENT

Mr. Sam Gilliam, Atty Edwin Shorty, Dr. Leon Tarver, II, and Dr. Samuel Tolbert

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Atty Domoine Rutledge request to add Approval of Committee Reports as Action Item B. Upon the motion by Dr. Rani Whitfield, and second by Mr. Jyron Young the agenda was recommended for adoption with amendment.

Motion passed with roll call vote.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: RESOLUTIONS

Dr. Allen Vital, Chief of Staff read resolutions for the following:

Resolutions

- Dr. Terrence Reese Family
- Ms. Marybell Gervin
- Mr. Leon D. Huderson
- Dr. Dorothy Pierre Thompson

Commendations

- Mrs. Glenda Cain – Retirement from Registrar’s office with 50 years of service.
- Atty Brandon Decuir – Appointed to Wildlife and Fisheries by Governor.

There was a motion by Dr. Rani Whitfield to approve the read resolutions and Mr. Paul Matthews second the motion.

Motion approved.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEM(s):

There was a motion by Atty Domoine Rutledge and Second by Mr. Paul Matthews to approve action item 6(A – E) in global.

Motion passed with roll call vote.

- A. Approval of Minutes of the December 14, 2023, SUS Board of Supervisors Meeting (SUS)
- B. Request Approval of Committee Reports**
- C. Request Approval of the Southern University System Mission Statement (SUS)
- D. Request Approval to Extend the Interim Executive Vice Chancellor’s Appointment until Chancellor selected (SUS)
- E. Chancellor’s Evaluations (SULC and SUAREC)¹

Motion was made and second to go into Executive session – approved and motion was made and second to come out of executive session – approved.

AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s):

- A. President’s Report
- B. Chancellor’s Reports

AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Lawson acknowledge Chairman Shorty and gave him a gift as well as a cake on behalf of the board.

AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Dr. Rani Whitfield to adjourn the meeting.

¹ Pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 42:17, executive session may be required.