

Southern University Board of Supervisors
1:30 p.m.
Friday, December 12, 2014
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
J. S. Clark Administration Building, 2nd Floor
Southern University and A&M College System
Baton Rouge, LA

Minutes

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by Vice Chairman Joe Gant. The invocation was given by Rev. Samuel Tolbert.

PRESENT

Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr., Vice-Chairperson
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr.
Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Atty. Walter C. Dumas
Mr. Raymond M. Fondel, Jr.
Mr. Diangelo S. Frazer
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Mr. Darren G. Mire
Mr. Mike A. Small
Mrs. Ann A. Smith
Dr. Leon R. Tarver II
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.

Absent

Dr. Eamon Kelly
Mr. Willie E. Hendricks

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.
Chief of Staff, Evola Bates
System Vice Presidents Kevin Appleton and Tony Moore
Interim Chancellor Flandus McClinton (SUBR), Chancellors Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), Adell Brown (SUAREC) and Ray Belton (SUSLA)

BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Sr., Brandon DeCuir, and Tracie Woods

Vice Chairman Joe Gant asked President Mason read Chairlady Bridget Dinvaut's resignation letter.

The Chairlady's resignation created a vacant Chairman's position. The vacancy was automatically filled by Vice Chairman Gant.

Attorney DeCuir informed Chairperson Gant that according to the Board Bylaws, the Vice-Chairperson can be named from the body to fill the unexpired term of the Vice Chairman.

Chairman Gant opened the floor for nomination for Vice-Chairman. Dr. Tarver nominated Rev. Samuel Tolbert. Board Member Tony Clayton asked that the nomination be closed.

Rev. Gant and Rev. Tolbert were installed as Chairman and Vice-Chairman by Attorney Winston DeCuir, Sr.

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The following items were deleted from the agenda:

- Chairwoman's Report
- SU Lab Committee Report

On the motion of Board Member Lawson and seconded by Board Member Tolbert, the agenda was adopted as revised.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Dr. Diola Bagayoka discussed his concerns that the Board may not uphold the Louisiana Constitution by approving a budget that would allow campus money to fund the System Office. He encouraged the Board to consider this in their decision.
2. Chairman Gant recognized Louisiana State Representative and former SUBOS member Randal Gaines. State Representative Gaines made a presentation on behalf of the National SULC Board for assistance and participation in the march in Washington, DC this past summer to the following persons:
 - Dr. Ronald Mason
 - Dr. Ray Belton
 - Dr. Victor Ukpolo
 - Interim Chancellor Flandus McClinton accepted on behalf of SUBR.

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

5A. November 28, 2014 Board Minutes

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors that the minutes of the Board's regular November 28, 2014 Board meeting be and be hereby approved.

5B. Approval of FY 2015-2016 Budget Request

- Board & System
- Southern University Baton Rouge
- Southern University New Orleans
- Southern University Shreveport
- Southern University Law Center
- Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the request to approve the FY 2015-2016 Budgets be and be hereby approved.

5C. Approval to confer honorary degree of Arts & Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters for SUBR Fall Commencement Speaker, Bishop Joseph Walker, III.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors to confer an honorary degree of Arts & Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters to SUBR Fall Commencement Speaker, Bishop Joseph Walker, III of Nashville Tennessee be and be hereby approved.

5D. Resolutions

Board Member Clayton offered the following resolutions to:

Chairlady Bridget Dinvaux for her service as Chairlady of the Southern University Board of Supervisors; and

Senator Mary Landrieu as a friend of Southern University.

Board Member Clayton offered a motion that Southern University make a formal request to be the depository of former Senator Landrieu's legislative papers. Board Member Clayton requested that Dr. Mason write the formal request.

The motion was adopted by Board Member Tarver and seconded by Board Member Lawson.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 6A.** Interim Financial Report was deleted from the agenda.
- 6B.** President's Report – Dr. Mason did not have a formal report but did present gifts to the SUBOS Members.
- 6C. Campus Reports**
1. SUBR Interim Chancellor Flandus McClinton submitted his written report.
 2. SUNO Chancellor Victor Ukpolo submitted his written report but added a SUNO professor had a leading role contributing to efforts to cure Herpes. Dr. Ukpolo added that SUNO has become a leader in the local and national health community.
 3. SUSLA Chancellor Ray Belton submitted his written report and recognized Dr. Melva Williams as a recipient of Forty Under Forty Award. Dr. Williams was also selected among all of the recipients as the 2014 Professional of the Year. Dr. Belton also invited the SUBOS members to Chairman Gant's Annual Prayer Vigil for Southern University and Grambling State University at Calvary Baptist Church in Shreveport, LA. The Prayer Vigil was scheduled for December 30, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Chairman Gant mentioned that SUAF National President Preston Castille had confirmed he will attend.

AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Gant asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn was second by Board Member Lawson.

The meeting was adjourned.