

SPECIAL RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

April 19, 2024

Hilton Convention Center
104 Market Street
Shreveport, Louisiana 71101

MINUTES

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

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the Special Recognition Committee.

The invocation was given by Mr. Sam Gilliam. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by SUSLA Student

AGENDA ITEM 3: SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Check presentation by Care South

Mr. Darrin Dixon presented the check on behalf of Care South. Check was presented to Dr. Aubra Gantt in the amount of \$25K.

B. Check presentation by Capital One

Dr. Cheryl Taylor introduced Capitol One who presented a check to support young ladies in the amount of \$25K.

C. Polysomnography Technology program (by Colton Wiggins, Program Director)

Dr. Gantt introduced the director who was asked to come to the podium and give a summary of the program.

D. Caddo Parish School Board (on Newton Smith Center for Workforce Solutions by Superintendent Lamar Goree)

Ms. Dottie Bell introduced the Superintendent who came to the meeting to say hello and welcome the board members to Shreveport.

E. Above and Beyond Award

Dr. Gantt recognized Dr. Vance who awarded Mr. Bobby Rhines the Above and Beyond Award.

Recognition of Special Guests (Chairman Lawson)

Chairman Lawson recognized Dr. Ray Belton, Past President-Chancellor. He asked him to come to the podium to say hello.

Chairman Lawson recognized student with 4.75 GPA that will be attending SU in the fall.

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA - Omit

AGENDA ITEM 5: PUBLIC COMMENTS - Omit

AGENDA ITEM 6: ADJOURNMENT

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

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(Following Special Recognition Committee)

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AGENDA

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the Academic Affairs Committee. Member Dr. Leon Tarver called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by Dr. Allen Vital

Present: Dr. Leon Tarver – Chairman and Mr. Sam Gilliam – Vice Chairman, Atty Tony Clayton, Mrs. Maple Gaines, Mrs. Ann Smith, and Mr. Myron K. Lawson - Ex Officio

Absent: Dr. Arlanda Williams

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

There was a motion by Atty Tony Clayton 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 5 (A-D) in Global.

Motion passed.

- A. Request Approval of Spring Commencement Resolutions (SUNO, SUBR, SUSLA, SULC)
- B. Request Approval of Recommendations for the College of Humanities and Interdisciplinary Studies Curriculum Changes (SUBR)
- C. Request Approval of Degree Program Proposals (SUSLA)
 - 1. Construction Engineering Technology - CIP Code 15.1001
 - 2. Drone Engineering Technology - CIP Code 36.0207
 - 3. Engineering CIP Code - 14.0101
 - 4. Mechatronics CIP Code - 14.4201
 - 5. Alternative & Renewable Energy - CIP Code 15.0505
- D. Request Approval to Offer Existing Academic Program through Distance Learning Technologies -- *Associate of Applied Science in Polysomnographic Technology* (SUSLA)

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Atty Tony Clayton to adjourn the meeting.

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE
(Following Academic Affairs Committee)

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MINUTES

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the Athletics Committee. Member Atty Domoine Rutledge called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Shields

Present: Atty Domoine Rutledge – Chairman, Dr. Rani Whitfield – Vice Chairman, Mr. Paul Matthews, Mrs. Ann Smith, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Atty. Tony Clayton and Mr. Myron K. Lawson - Ex Officio

Absent: None

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

There was a motion by Mr. Raymond Fondel and second by Chairman Lawson to adopt the agenda.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(s)

There was a motion by Mr. Raymond Fondel and seconded by Mrs. Ann Smith to approve action item 5A.

Motion approved.

- A. Request Approval to Extend the Contract of Athletic Director Roman Banks (SUBR)

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Raymond Fondel to adjourn the meeting.

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

(Following Academic Affairs Committee)

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MINUTES

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the Facilities and Property Committee. Chair Atty Edwin Shorty called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Shields

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

Absent: NONE

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Atty Domoine Rutledge and second by Dr. Leon Tarver, II the agenda was recommended for adoption with amendment – Informational Item 5B – 5D) were added.

Motion passed with roll call vote.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM:

- A. Request Approval of Servitude Agreement between Baton Rouge Water Works Company and Southern University and A & M College (SUS/SUBR)
- B. Request Approval to supplement Funding of Act 959 Projects
- C. Request Approval to Move forward w/ Due diligence and preliminary planning.
- D. Request Authority to develop SIMS Mgmt Team appointed by President and approved by Chairman of Board of Supervisors.

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)

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MINUTES

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the Finance Committee. Vice Chair Mrs. Ann Smith called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Shields

Present: Mrs. Ann Smith -Vice-Chair, Mr. Sam Gilliam, Mrs. Christy Reeves, Atty. Domoine Rutledge, Dr. Leon Tarver II and Atty. Mr. Myron K. Lawson - Ex Officio

Absent: Mrs. Arlanda Williams- Chairman

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Mr. Sam Gilliam and seconded by Dr. Leon Tarver, II the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(s):

Dr. Carl Walton gave a summary of Action Item A. There was a lengthy discussion from board members.

The motion was made by Mr. Sam Gilliam and second by Dr. Leon Tarver, II

Motion approved.

A. Request Approval to Increase Residential Housing Fees (SUBR)

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS:

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Christy Reeves to adjourn the meeting.

LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(Following Finance Committee)

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AGENDA

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the Legal Affairs Committee. Chair 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, Atty Edwin Shorty, Mr. Jyron Young, and Atty. Mr. Myron K. Lawson - Ex Officio

Absent: NONE

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Mr. Jyron Young and seconded by Atty Edwin Shorty 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 Atty Edwin Shorty and seconded by Ms. Christy Reeves to approve action item 5A (1-6).

Motion approved.

1. Action Item(s)

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

Title	Description	Amount	Campus
1. Mobile Processing Trailers & Supply, LLC Purchase Agreement	The Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center will purchase one 2024 53' semi turnkey mobile processing trailer for the purpose of harvesting and processing live animals	\$356,000.00	SUS obo/ SUAREC
2. CLM Construction, LLC Contract	Bid Documents (Contract, Insurance and Bond Requirements, Affidavits, and General Terms & Conditions for the Restroom renovations at the Southern University Laboratory School.	\$522,622.00	SUS obo/ SULS

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3. Kingdom Builders Construction, LLC Contract	Bid Documents (Contract, Insurance and Bond Requirements, Affidavits, and General Terms & Conditions for the exterior windows renovations at the Southern University Laboratory School.	\$442,773.00	SUS obo/ SULS
4. Louisiana Public Service Commission Award Agreement	Award Agreement for renovations on the John B. Cade Library	\$518,057.00	LA Public Service Comm SUBR
5. Louisiana Public Service Commission Award Agreement	Award Agreement for renovations on the F. G. Clark Activity Center	\$957,000.00	LA Public Service Comm SUBR
6. Louisiana Department of Health (OBH) Contract	State’s Mental Health Promotion, Suicide Prevention Training g system for employees, contractors and other referrals from the Office of Behavioral Health (OBH)	\$807,876.00	
7. G. E. C., INC. Professional Service Contract	Contractor agrees to furnish services to the University as specified: 1. Review existing utility documents. 2. Geolocate and map utility assets across the main campus. 3. Categorize the existing utility conditions, helping prioritize necessary projects. 4. Assess current and prospective utility capacity for existing campus structures. 5. Determine future utility capacity and routing for planned campus expansions. Utility Systems within the project to include potable water, sanitary sewer, natural gas, drainage, electrical, exterior lighting, data and telecommunications	\$ 1, 300,000.00	SUS

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS:

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Atty Edwin Shorty to adjourn the meeting.

PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(Following Legal Affairs Committee)

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MINUTES

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the Personnel Affairs Committee. Chair Mr. Sam Gilliam called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Shields

Present: Mr. Sam Gilliam – Chairman, Mrs. Christy Reeves–Vice-Chair, Atty Tony Clayton, Ms. Zazell Dudley, Dr. Leon Tarver, II, and Mr. Myron Lawson - Ex Officio

Absent: Dr. Arlanda Williams

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Dr. Leon Tarver II and seconded by Ms. Zazell Dudley, the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tracey L. Washington, Esq. – Southern University Law Center – Agenda Item 5B

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(S)

The motion was made by Ms. Christy Reeves and second by Ms. Zazell Dudley that Action Item 5(A-D) be approved in global.

Motion Approved - One No Vote – Atty Clayton

A. 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. Monchielle Bolds	Instructor <i>School of Nursing</i>	New Position New Appointment	<i>Search</i>	-	\$75,000.00	Federal
2. Monique Hurst	Program Coordinator, Title IV-E <i>School of Social Work</i>	Existing Position Salary Adjustment	<i>N/A</i>	\$57,200.00	\$60,648.00	Federal
3. Ivan Johnson	Asst. Director <i>Financial Aid</i>	Existing Position New Appointment	<i>Search</i>	\$ 58,000.00	\$60,000.00	State
4. Shantel Lee-Hubbard	Chief Disbursement Officer <i>Comptroller</i>	Existing Position New Appointment	<i>Search</i>	\$59,987.00	\$ 62,000.00	State

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5. Courtney Smith	Director <i>Residential Life</i>	Existing Position New Appointment	Search	\$59,000.00	\$65,000.00	State
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B. 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. Bianca Lloyd	Staff Pharmacist <i>Student Health</i>	New Position New Appointment	Search	-	\$ 103,000.00	State

C. 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. D'Andrea Lee	Special Assistant for Stakeholder Engagement <i>Communications/External Relations</i>	New Position New Appointment	Waived	-	\$100,589.00	State

D. 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. Darren Dixon	Director of Alumni Affairs <i>Institutional Advancement</i>	Existing Position New Appointment	Waived	-	\$90,000.00	State

The motion was made by Atty Tony Clayton and second by Dr. Leon Tarver, II that Action Item 5(E – H) be approved in global.

Motion Approved

E. Request Approval of Leave of Absence for Deleso Alford, Director of the Off-Campus Instructional Site (SULC)

F. Request Approval of Leave of Absence for Dr. Joycelyn Harrison (SUBR)

G. Request Approval of Retirement Incentive Plan (SULC)

H. Request Approval of Flexible Summer Hours Work Plan (SUNO)

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

Atty Rutledge commended Mr. Darrin Dixon on his new appointment as the director of alumni affairs/executive director of alumni federation. Mr. Myron Lawson acknowledged Mr. Carlton Jones, president of Alumni Federation

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Zazell Dudley to adjourn the meeting.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

(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. Sam Gilliam, Mr. Myron Lawson, Ms. Christy Reeves, Mr. Paul Matthews, Mrs. Christy Reeves, Atty Domoine Rutledge, Atty Edwin Shorty, Mrs. Ann Smith, Dr. Leon Tarver, II, Dr. Samuel Tolbert, Rev. Dr. Rani Whitfield, Dr. Arlanda Williams and Mr. Jyron Young

ABSENT

Dr. Arlanda Williams

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Lawson amended the agenda to defer Action Item 6F to next month. Upon the motion by Mr. Paul Matthews and second by Atty Domoine Rutledge, the agenda was recommended for adoption with amendment.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tracy L. Washington, Esq – Southern University Law Center – Action Item 6C

AGENDA ITEM 5: RESOLUTIONS

Dr. Allen Vital read resolutions for the following:

Resolutions

- Jayrick Ja'voy Washington
- Donald Ray Watson Sr.
- Rev (Col) Joseph Martin, Jr.
- Charlie B. Granger
- Dr. Rose Duhon-Sells
- Richard H. Hawkins

Commendations

- Angela Proctor

Addition:

Randall Gaines – Chair of LA Democratic Party – he was a previous board member.

Dr. Allen Vital – Interviewing for President of McNeese (Final Four)

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

Motion approved.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEM(s):

There was a motion by Atty Tony Clayton and Second by Atty Domoine Rutledge to approve action item 6(A – D, G) in global.

Motion passed.

- A. Approval of Minutes of the March 15, 2024, SUS Board of Supervisors Meeting (SUS)
- B. Request Approval of Committee Reports and Recommendations (SUS)
- C. Request Approval to Rename and Restructure the Office of Equity and Inclusion and Title IX (SULC)
- D. Request Approval to Proceed with Litigation to Recover for Fire/Water Damage at Shreve Library (SULC)
- E. Request Approval of Second Amendment to Service Agreement with Advanced Biomedics, LLC and to Authorize the President with Chairman Approval to Send any Notices Deemed Necessary and Appropriate. (SUAREC)
- ~~F. Request Approval to Extend the Contract of DeCuir, Clark & Adams, LLP for Professional Legal Services (SUS)~~
- G. Request Approval of Chancellor Orlando McMeans' Contract (SUAREC)

There was lengthy discussion around Action Item 6E.

Motion to go to executive session Dr. Tarver and seconded Mr. Fondel

Motion approved.

Motion to come out of executive session Dr. Whitfield and seconded Atty Rutledge.

Motion approved.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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