

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Friday, January 6, 2023

Southern University System Board Meeting Room

J. S. Clark Administration Building 2nd Floor

Baton Rouge, LA 70813

9:00 AM

MINUTES

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by Board Chair Attorney Edwin Shorty.

The invocation was given by Rev. Shelton Dixon pastor of The Greater Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Miss Hannah Brister from Southern University Laboratory School.

Chairman Shorty thanked the board for the opportunity to serve. He thanked President Shields and all the Chancellors for their hard work. He informed the chairman and vice chairman that they have his full support and cooperation and he look forward to following their leadership.”

Proceed with the Installation of Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Installation of 2023 Board Officers

Chancellor Pierre introduced Judge Guidry who administered the oath of office to Mr. Myron Lawson Board Chair and Atty Domoine Rutledge introduced Judge Smith who administered the oath of office to Dr. Rani Whitfield, the vice Chair.

Chairman Lawson thanked his wife and son for all their 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 Edwin Shorty announced the convening of the Academic Affairs Committee. Chair Mr. Sam Gilliam called the committee meeting to order.

Installation of New and Returning Members

Attorney Brandon Decuir administered the oath of office to the new members; Mr. Paul Matthews and Ms. Maple Gaines and returning members; Ms. Christy Reeves and Mrs. Ann Smith.

Roll Call by President Dennis Shields

Present: Mr. Sam Gilliam- Chairman, Dr. Leon Tarver–Vice-Chair, Ms. Arlanda Williams, Mrs. Ann Smith, Mr. Myron Lawson, Mrs. Christy Reeves and Atty. Edwin Shorty - Ex Officio

Absent: None

AGENDA ITEM 5: SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- A. SULLS
- B. SULLS
- ~~C. Check Presentation (SUSLA)~~
- ~~D. Coach Roger Cador~~

AGENDA ITEM 6: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Gilliam mention there are amendments to the agenda. Agenda Item 5 (C & D) will be deleted from the agenda. There was a motion by Ms. Christy Reeves and second by Dr. Arlanda Williams the agenda was recommended for adoption with amendments.

Motion Approved.

AGENDA ITEM 7: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ACTION ITEM(S)

- A. Request Approval of Dance Certificate Program - College of Humanities & Interdisciplinary Studies (SUBR)

Dr. Sahoo gave a summary of the program.

Motion was made by Dr. Arlanda Williams and second by Ms. Christy Reeves that Item A be approved.

Motion Approved

AGENDA ITEM 9: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

None

AGENDA ITEM 10: OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Whitfield and Mr. Brister recognized Ms. Seals. Chancellor Pierre made a SULC presentation. Other visitors in the audience was recognized.

AGENDA ITEM 11: ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Ms. Arlanda Williams 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 Mr. Sam Gilliam called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Shields

Present: Mr. Sam Gilliam- Chairman, Dr. Leon Tarver, Mr. Myron Lawson, Atty. Edwin Shorty - Ex Officio

Absent: None

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Atty Edwin Shorty and second by Dr. Leon Tarver the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS

- A. Request Approval of Act 959 Project Proposal for the Southern University Agriculture Research and Extension Center (SUS)

Act 959 of 2003 permits higher education institutions to initiate certain capital projects not exceeding \$5M that are funded with self-generated revenues, auxiliary income, grants, donations, local, or federal funds. In accordance with the provisions of Act 959, the Office of Facilities Planning (on behalf of Southern University Agricultural and Research Center) would like to request approval from the Facilities Committee of the Southern University System Board of Supervisors and the entire Board to submit the following project to the Louisiana Board of Regents, the Division of Administration, and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget for final approval.

The Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center proposes to renovate the Meat Processing Laboratory Facility with \$1.6 million in funding received from the USDA /National Institute of Agriculture. This funding will allow a renovation of the facility and increase its footprint by 4,517 square feet for a total resulting footprint of 9,649 square feet. The planned renovation will expand the classroom size from 15 to 50 students/participants, increase and update the harvest/processing space, and add a meat display area.

Mr. Kenneth Dawson introduced Chancellor Orlando McMeans who provided additional information on the action item. President Shields thanked Chancellor McMeans and his team for all their hard work.

Motion was made by Dr. Leon Tarver, II and second by Atty Edwin Shorty that Item A be approved.

Motion Approved

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM:

B. Facilities Planning Project Updates (SUS)

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

Mr. Fondel inquired about the Gateway Project. Mr. Dawson informed Mr. Fondel that the gateway project is included in the report, but he is working with DOTD/SEPAC – moving forward. They have a meeting on next week. Mr. Fondel thanked Mr. Dawson for report.

Miss Foster inquired about the parking on the campus. Mr. Dawson informed Miss Foster that they need funding, and they will be discussing later. Miss Foster thanked Mr. Dawson.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Dr. Leon Tarver, II to adjourn the meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
(Following Facilities and Property Committee)
Southern University System Board Room
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Baton Rouge, LA 70813

MINUTES

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

Roll Call by President Shields

Present: Mrs. Arlanda Williams- Chairman, Mr. Myron Lawson–Vice-Chair, Dr. Leon Tarver, Mrs. Christy Reeves, Atty. Domoine Rutledge, Mr. Sam Gilliam, and Atty. Edwin Shorty - Ex Officio

Absent: None

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s):

A. Interim Financial Reports

The detail information is in the packet.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS:

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Atty Edwin Shorty to adjourn the meeting.

PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(Following Governance Committee)

Southern University System Board Room
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MINUTES

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the Personnel Affairs Committee. Chair Dr. Leon Tarver, II called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Shields

Present: Dr. Leon Tarver - Chairman, Mrs. Christy Reeves–Vice-Chair, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Ms. Arlanda Williams, Atty. Jody Amedee, Rev. Samuel Tolbert and Atty. Edwin Shorty - Ex Officio

Absent: None

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Atty Edwin Shorty 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 Atty Edwin Shorty and second by Atty Domoine Rutledge 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 (SUS)

Name	Position/Campus	Salary	Funding Source
1. Antonius Pegues	IT Support Services Coordinator New Appointment	\$65,000.00	State
2. Eddron Scott	IT Helpdesk Manager New Appointment	\$65,000.00	State

B. Request Approval of Personnel Action on Positions equal to or greater than \$60,000 (SUNO)

Name	Position/Campus	Salary	Funding Source
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1. Alonda Gibson	Chief Disbursement Officer Additional Duties	\$61,880.00	State
2. Erica Severan-Webb	Director of Grants and Sponsored Programs New Appointment	\$75,500.00	State

C. Request Approval of Personnel Action on Positions equal to or greater than \$60,000
(SUBR)

Name	Position/Campus	Salary	Funding Source
1. Alexis Gosserand	Student Health Center Pharmacist New Position	\$115,000.00	State
2. Juliette Williams	Executive Assistant to the Dean/ Budget Logistics Manager and Certificate Programs	\$83,399.00	State

D. Request Approval of Personnel Action on Positions equal to or greater than \$60,000
(SUAREC)

Name	Position/Campus	Salary	Funding Source
1. Myra Campbell	Project Manager/Fiscal Coordinator New Appointment	\$67,000.00	Federal

E. Request Approval of Personnel Action on Positions equal to or greater than
\$60,000 (SULC)

Name	Position/Campus	Salary	Funding Source
1. Stacey Armelin	Office and Faculty Svc. Coordinator Salary Adjustment	\$60,000.00	State
2. Nadine Brown	Records and Registration Salary Adjustment	\$73,000.00	State
3. Eleanor Collins	Coordinator Salary Adjustment	\$ 61,692.00	State
4. Marla Dickerson	Vice Chancellor for Innovation and Strategic Partnerships and Initiatives Promotion	\$159,000.00	State
5. Aretha Green	Director of Academic Success New Appointment	\$103,500.00	State
6. Lena Johnson	Coordinator Adm/ Title IX Confidential Advisor Salary Adjustment	\$78,000.00	State
7. Mary Johnson	Executive Assistant to the Chancellor Salary Adjustment	\$123,400.00	State
8. Chiquita Kado	Coordinator of Records Additional Duties	\$66,000.00	State
9. Peter Kochenburger	Insurance and Risk Management Degree Program for SULC and SUBR College of Business/ Managing Fellow for Insurance Law and Policy Joint Appointment	\$155,000.00	State

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10. Angela Mason	Instructor/Professional Librarian New Appointment	\$91,728.00	State
11. Paula Matthews	Business Affairs Manager/ Title IX Confidential Advisor Salary Adjustment	\$92,000.00	State
12. Terri Mayes	Director of Office of Innovation / Strategic Partnerships and Initiatives	\$78,000.00	State
13. Alycia Grace O'Bear	Asst. Professor of Clinical Education/ Disaster Relief and Director of Hardship Institute	\$99,000.00	Federal
14. Sherman Pittman	Fellow for the Insurance Law and Policy Institute New Appointment	\$78,000.00	State
15. Tiffany Rainey	Executive Assistant/ Project Coordinator Salary Adjustment	\$63,000.00	State
16. Adrienne Shields	Instructor/ Professional Librarian New Position	\$104,832.00	State
17. Dorothy Straughter-Parker	Health Wellness and Disability Director Salary Adjustment	\$88,000.00	State
18. Toni Weaver-Meryer	Assistant VC for the Office of Innovation and Strategic Partnerships and Initiatives	\$108,000.00	State
19. Latonya Wright	Interim Director of Records and Registration Salary Adjustment	\$95,000.00	State

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

None

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Fondel acknowledged Dean Andrews for all his work.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mrs. Christy Reeves to adjourn the meeting.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

(Following Personnel Committee)

Southern University System Board Room
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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 Jody Amedee, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Jr. Miss Naudia Foster, Ms. Maple Gaines, Ms. Christy Reeves, Atty Domoine Rutledge, Atty Edwin Shorty, Mrs. Ann Smith, Dr. Leon Tarver, II, Rev. Samuel Tolbert, Dr. Arlanda Williams, Mr. Myron Lawson, and Dr. Rani Whitfield

ABSENT

Ms. Zazell Dudley and Mr. Paul Matthews

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Rev. Samuel Tolbert and second by Atty Rani Whitfield, the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: SPECIAL PRESENTATION

A. Above and Beyond Award

Above and Beyond Award was presented by Mrs. Tracie Abraham - Executive Director Student Services and Residential Life University Apartments. She presented the award to Rachelle Green - Residential Hall Director.

Dr. Whitfield recognized the three band students that were killed one month ago today. Today marks one month. He ask that everyone continue to pray for their families during these difficult times.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEM(s):

There was a motion by Dr. Arlanda Williams and Second by Dr. Rani Whitfield to approve action item 6(A – E) in global.

Motion passed.

- A. Approval of Minutes of the November 24, 2022, SUS Board of Supervisors Meeting
- B. Request Approval of the Internal Audit Charter (SUS)
- C. Request Approval of the Audit Plan (SUS)
- D. Request Approval of the Internal Audit Quality Assurance and Improvement Plan (SUS)
- E. Request Approval of the EAB Contract (SUS)
SUBR currently contracts with EAB for to assist in its marketing and enrollment efforts. This contract expands services to the other campuses.

Dr. Tracey Taylor-Jarrell, Coordinator of Board Relations read resolutions for the following:

- Mr. Joe Terell
- Dr. William “Bill” Arp III
- Mr. Dylan Morgan Young
- Mr. Tyrn Janeer Williams
- Mr. Broderick Moore
- Judge Fred Tinsley, Jr.

Atty Edwin Shorty recognized the New Police Chief in NOLA. For the first time in its 300-year history, the City of New Orleans has an African American female as its police chief. 31-year veteran **Michelle Woodfork**. She is a graduate of SUNO.

There was a motion by Atty Edwin Shorty to approve the read resolutions and Mrs. Ann Smith second the motion.

Motion approved.

AGENDA ITEM 8: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s):

A. President’s Report

President Shields congratulated Chairman Lawson and told him he is looking forward to working with him. He also thanked Atty Shorty for all his assistance since he’s been at the university. President Shields gave an update on the Chancellor Search – committee will bring 14 individuals to the SULSA Campus and interview them and they will choose three finalist to recommend to President Shields.

President Shields expressed his condolences to the students that we lost.

President Shields mentioned his legislative priorities. He mentioned his strong support to move the SU Lab School forward and supports the legislative item.

President Shields discussed the deferred maintenance – Wade house and Dr. Whitfield inquired about the scoreboard and speaker sound at FG Clark Center.

President Shields mentioned he met Ricky Weeks during his recognition.

President Shields recognized Chancellor Pierre.

B. Chancellor's Reports

(SUNO) Dr. Ammons congratulated Chairman and Vice Chairman. He mentioned the detail report is in the packet. He thanked Atty Shorty for his leadership.

(SUSLA) Dr. Appeaning congratulated Chairman and Vice Chairman. He mentioned the detail report is in the packet. He thanked Atty Shorty for his leadership.

(SUAREC) Dr. McMeans congratulated Chairman and Vice Chairman. He thanked Atty Shorty for his leadership and he thanked President Shields for his support. He mentioned the detail report is in the packet.

(SULC) Chancellor Pierre congratulated Chairman and Vice Chairman. He gave the date for the mid-year commencement, which is January 21, 2023 at 10am. He mentioned the detail report is in the packet.

(SUBR) Dr. Sahoo congratulated the Chairman and the Vice Chairman. He mentioned the detail report is in the packet.

AGENDA ITEM 9: OTHER BUSINESS

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

AGENDA ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT

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