

SPECIAL RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

June 21, 2024

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.

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

The invocation was given by Pastor Marlon Henderson of the Greater Mt. Calvary B.C. of Geismar La. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Rani Whitfield.

AGENDA ITEM 3: SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- A. Recognition of New Student Board Member - Chairman Lawson recognized new student member Dana Bailey who has signed her oath and will be presented next month in NOLA .
- B. Above and Beyond Award
Chancellor Pierre recognized Alexandra Bertrand Coordinator of Library Affairs and Research Analyst.

Chairman Lawson recognized Mr. Tim Hardy, the new chairman of La Community College Board. Mr. Hardy gave brief comments.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ADJUORNMENT

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

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(Following Special Recognition 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 Dr. Leon Tarver called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Shields

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

Absent: None

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

There was a motion by Dr. Arlanda Williams and second by Mrs. Ann Smith to adopt the agenda.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(s)

Chancellor Pierre gave summary of Action Item 5A and There was lengthy discussion around the action item and the committee was asked to come back to the board next month with all details around technology, program logistics, etc. a motion by Dr. Arlanda Williams and second by Atty Tony Clayton to allow committee members to do additional assessment and report back to the board next month.

Motion passed.

- A. Request Approval of Separating Commencement Exercises for Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degree Candidates from Commencement Exercises for Bachelor's Degree Candidates beginning in December 2024 at Southern University and A&M College (SUBR)

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s)

- A. Academic Exchange Partnership between Southern University Baton Rouge and Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology (KNUST) School of Business, Ghana, Africa

Ms. Ann Smith introduced Dean Andrews and MBA students who traveled to Ghana, Africa. They gave a presentation on their trip and their experience while being in Ghana.

B. International Department Update – Dr. Barbara Carpenter – Dean of International Affairs

Dr. Carpenter introduced her team and the students that traveled abroad. They discussed their experiences while traveling abroad.

C. Expansion for MSW Program to Southern University and A&M College (SUBR/SUNO)

Chancellor Pierre and Chancellor Ammons gave a summary of the program which also involved Dean Ejigiri and Dr Charmaine Williams.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

(Following Academic Affairs Committee)
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
J. S. Clark Administration Bldg. 2nd Floor
Baton Rouge, LA.

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, Mr. Paul Mathews, Mrs. Ann Smith, Dr. Leon Tarver II, Dr. Rani Whitfield, and Mr. Myron K. Lawson, - Ex Officio

Absent: Atty Domoine Rutledge – Vice Chair

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Dr. Rani Whitfield and second by Mr. Paul Matthews the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM:

A. Facilities Update (SUS)

Legislative Session Update was provided by Mr. Kenneth Dawson and Ms. Simmone Whitmore. They gave an update on all projects and the funding for each. There were questions from the board members. Mr. Dawson was given the task of providing the list of shovel-ready projects to the board next month. He was also asked to provide the deferred maintenance project from all chancellors for their respective campus.

B. Housing Needs for Southern University and A&M College (SUBR)

Chancellor Pierre and President Shields gave update on housing needs at SUBR. There was lengthy discussion amongst the board members and President Shields.

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

MINUTES

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

Roll Call by President Shields

Present: Dr. Arlanda Williams- Chairman, Mrs. Ann Smith -Vice-Chair, Mr. Sam Gilliam, Dr. Leon Tarver II and Mr. Myron K. Lawson - Ex Officio

Absent Mrs. Christy Reeves and Atty. Domoine Rutledge

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Mr. Sam Gilliam and seconded by Mrs. Ann Smith the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(s):

A motion was made by Dr. Arlanda Williams and seconded by Mrs. Ann Smith to approve Action Item 5A.

Motion approved

A. Request Approval of Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget Adjustment
(BA-7) #1 for the Southern University System:

1. Southern University Board of Supervisors
2. Southern University Baton Rouge (SUBR)
3. Southern University Law Center (SULC)
4. Southern University New Orleans (SUNO)
5. Southern University Shreveport (SUSLA)
6. Southern University Agricultural Extension and Research Center (SUAREC)

A motion was made by Mrs. Ann Smith and seconded by Mr. Sam Gilliam to approve Action Item 5B.

Motion approved

B. Request Approval of Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget Adjustment (BA-7) #2 for the Southern University System:

1. Southern University Board of Supervisors
2. Southern University Baton Rouge (SUBR)
3. Southern University Law Center (SULC)
4. Southern University New Orleans (SUNO)
5. Southern University Shreveport (SUSLA)
6. Southern University Agricultural Extension and Research Center (SUAREC)

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s)

A. Interim Financial Report

The Interim Financial Report details is in the packet. Mr. McClinton and the CFO's will be meeting with The Finance Committee for the budget hearing on June 26, 2024, at 1pm.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS:

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Sam Gilliam to adjourn the meeting.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

(Following Finance Committee)

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

MINUTES

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the Governance Committee. Vice Chairman Dr. Rani Whitfield called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Shields

Present: Dr. Rani Whitfield, Vice Chairman, Miss Dana Bailey, Atty Edwin Shorty, Dr. Leon Tarver II, and Mr. Myron K. Lawson - Ex Officio

Absent: Rev. Dr. Samuel Tolbert – Chairman and Mrs. Christy Reeves

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Miss Dana Bailey and seconded by Chairman Myron Lawson, the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(s):

A. Request Approval of Revised Policy on Policies (SUS)

There was a motion by Atty Edwin Shorty and seconded by Miss Dana Bailey.

Motion approved.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS:

Atty Shorty asked the staff to add a short explanation to the action items going forth.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(Following Governance 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 Tony Clayton called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Shields

Present: Atty Tony Clayton - Chairman, Miss Dana Bailey, Mrs. Maple Gaines, Atty Edwin Shorty, and Atty. Mr. Myron K. Lawson - Ex Officio

Absent: Atty. Domoine Rutledge – Vice Chair and Mrs. Christy Reeves

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Miss Dana Bailey 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 Mr. Myron Lawson to approve action item 5A (1-2, 4-5) in global.

Motion approved.

1. Action Item(s)

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

Title	Description	Amount	Campus
1. Ellucian Company LLC	Ellucian is a cloud-based software provider that offers solutions university departments such as Finance, IT, Student Services, Human Resources, Recruiting and Admissions. This 3-year renewal agreement will grant Southern University System Software Support Services, Renewal of Subscription and Cloud Software. Funding is through pool costs.	\$2,653,231.00	SUS

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2. Corporate Mechanical Contractors, Inc	The contractor agrees to replace 3 unrepairable air handlers and replace 3 existing Air Handling Units for the F. G. Clark Activity Center. Funding is from deferred maintenance.	\$484,000.00	SUBR
3. Honore Companies, LLC	The Contractor agrees to furnish all labor, material tools, equipment, and all things necessary to perform all work associated with the construction of the Financial Unit Addition at the SU Ag Center. Funding is secured with federal funds.	\$439,250.00	SUAREC
4. Stricklin & Porter Construction, LLC	The Contractor agrees to furnish all labor, material tools, equipment, and all things necessary to perform all work associated with the construction of a Demonstration Farm at the SU Ag Center. Funding is federal funds (USDA)	\$410,770.97	SUAREC
5. Oracle America, Inc.	Oracle agrees to provide its database enterprise, diagnostic pack, tuning pack and internet application server along with software update License and support for up to 5,000 users. Funding is through pool costs.	\$609,999.00	SUS

There was a motion by Atty Edwin Shorty and seconded by Mr. Myron Lawson to approve action item 5A-3.

Motion approved.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Informational Item(s)¹

- A. NCAA Class Action Lawsuit Settlement, and the Potential Impact of Athletes at Southern University and A&M College (SUBR)

Chancellor Pierre and President Shields gave update and summary.

- B. Request Authority to Retain Outside Counsel and to Initiate Action Against Advanced Biomedics (SUS) – *EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY BE REQUIRED.*

Per Chairman Atty Tony Clayton, no executive session required, he will allow general counsel to Handle.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS:

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

¹ Executive Session may be Required.

PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(Following Legal Affairs Committee)

Board of Supervisors’ Meeting Room
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Baton Rouge, LA.

MINUTES

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

Roll Call by President Shields

Present: Mr. Sam Gilliam – Chairman, Atty Tony Clayton, Dr. Leon Tarver, II, Dr. Arlanda Williams and Mr. Myron Lawson - Ex Officio

Absent: Mrs. Christy Reeves–Vice-Chair, and Ms. Zazell Dudley

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Atty Tony Clayton and seconded by Dr. Leon Tarver II, the agenda was recommended for adoption with the mentioned amendments to Action Item 5A-7 - Change in salary 5C-1 & 5 Defer to later date, 5E-2, Defer to next month.

Motion passed with roll call vote.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr, Anthony Igiede – Faculty Senate – Comment on Personnel Action Item 5A-7 – In support of title change.

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(S)

The motion was made by Atty Tony Clayton and second by Dr. Leon Tarver that Action Item 5(A-E) be approved in global. With the mentioned amendments

Motion Approved

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

Name	Position/Department	Personnel Action	Waived/Search	Salary		Funding Source
				Previous	Suggested	
1. Lucretia Jenkins	Institutional Research Assistant Director	Salary Adjustment	N/A	\$64,219.00	\$75,000.00	Federal
2. Jason Ordogne	Senior Banner Systems Analyst	Salary Adjustment	N/A	\$80,000.00	\$90,000.00	Federal
3. Berdikul Qushim	Senior Planning and Assessment Analyst	Salary Adjustment	N/A	\$64,219.00	\$75,000.00	State
4. Christopher Ruffin	Research and Data Analyst	Salary Adjustment	N/A	\$56,238.00	\$69,000.00	Federal

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5.	Heather Tanner	Call Center Liaison	New Appointment Existing Position	<i>Waived</i>	\$70,000.00	\$65,000.00	Federal
6.	GiGi Weaver-Myer	Asst. VC for Academic Innovation	New Appointment	<i>Waived</i>	\$40,500 5/months	\$108,000.00 12 Months	State
7.	Luria Young	Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs	Title Change Remove the word interim	<i>Waived</i>	\$177,000.00	\$186,000.00 \$208,000.00	State

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

Name	Position/Department	Personnel Action	Waived/Search	Salary		Funding Source
				Previous	Suggested	
1. Alvin Watts	Regional Youth Agent for Orleans Parish <i>SU-CEP</i>	New Position	Search	-	\$63,000.00	Federal

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

Name	Position/Department	Personnel Action	Waived/Search	Salary		Funding Source
				Previous	Suggested	
1. Patricia Alexander	Assistant Director of Human Resources	New Position Retention-Promotion	N/A	\$61,000.00	\$70,000.00	State
2. William Belisle	Director of Grants and Sponsored Program	Existing Position New Appointment	<i>Search</i>	\$75,000.00	\$90,000.00	Federal
3. Kimberly Echols	Registrar	Existing Position New Appointment	<i>Search</i>	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	State
4. Cynthia Roussel	Budget Manager Post Award	Existing Position Retention Adjustment	<i>N/A</i>	\$50,00.00	\$60,00.00	Federal
5. T. Bernette Taylor	Director of Human Resources	Existing Position Salary Adjustment	N/A	\$75,000.00	\$95,000.00	State

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

Name	Position/Department	Personnel Action	Waived/Search	Salary		Funding Source
				Previous	Suggested	
1. Lisa Green	Program Manager for ERPP SULC Institutional Support	New Position New Appointment	<i>Waived</i>	\$60,900.00	\$72,000.00	Federal
2. Jasmine Hunter	Director of Communications and External Affairs SULC	Title Change ONLY	<i>N/A</i>	-	\$85,176.00	State
3. Orriel Moore	Branding and Creative Services Manager	Title Change ONLY	<i>N/A</i>	-	\$62,244.00	State
4. Willmai Rivera-Perez	Full Professor	Promoted from Associate to Full Professor 6% Salary Adjustment	<i>N/A</i>	\$127,764.00	\$135,430.00	State
5. Gregory Speyrer	Dir/Chief Data/Analytics Cloud-Based Sys Off Restructuring of IT	New Position Title Change ONLY	<i>N/A</i>	-	\$108,000.00	State

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6.	Tisha Walker	Associate Dean of Graduate Enrollment and Budget Operations	New Position - Promotion	<i>Waived</i>		\$125,000.00	Federal
7.	Tramelle Williams	Dir/Chief Information Officer Restructuring of IT	New Position Title Change ONLY	<i>N/A</i>	-	\$108,000.00	State

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

	Name	Position/Department	Personnel Action	Waived/Search	Salary		Funding Source
					Previous	Suggested	
1.	Tyquencia Parker	Director of SU College Connect	Existing Position New Appointment	<i>Search</i>	\$58,065.00	\$62,500.00	State
2.	Sherlynn Hall	VC for Academic Affairs & Workforce Dev	Existing Position New Appointment	<i>Search</i>	-	\$125,000.00	State
3.	Dometrius Hill	VC of Student Affairs & Enrollment Management	Existing Position New Appointment	<i>Search</i>	-	\$120,000.00	State
4.	Cody Snellgrove	Director of Facilities & Risk Management	Existing Position New Appointment	<i>Search</i>	-	\$65,000.00	State
5.	Karina Heard	Bursar/Director of Student Accounts	Existing Position New Appointment	<i>Search</i>	-	\$66,500.00	State

F. Request Approval of Sabbatical Leave for Dr. Wesley Gray (SUBR)

The motion was made by Dr. Arlanda Williams and second by Dr. Leon Tarver, II to approve Action Item 5F.

Motion Approved

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

(Following Personnel Committee)

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 Lawson

PRESENT

Miss Dana Bailey, Atty Tony Clayton, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Jr., Ms. Maple Gaines, Mr. Sam Gilliam, Mr. Myron Lawson, Mr. Paul Matthews, Atty Edwin Shorty, Mrs. Ann Smith, Dr. Leon Tarver, II, Dr. Rani Whitfield and Dr. Arlanda Williams

ABSENT

Ms. Zazell Dudley, Mrs. Christy Reeves Atty Domoine Rutledge, and Rev. Dr. Samuel Tolbert

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Miss Dana Bailey and seconded by Atty Edwin Shorty the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: RESOLUTIONS

Dr. Allen Vital read resolutions for the following:

Resolutions

- Sidney Wesley Hall
- Clarence Stewart
- D'Juan Miguel Hernandez
- Sandra Ann Williams

Commendations

- Chancellor Mills

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

Motion approved.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s):

- A. Legislative Updates
Updates were given by Dr. Robyn Merrick and President Shields
- B. Presidential Report
President Shields gave his report and informed the board that the Search committee for SULC Chancellor consists of 11 members and Joshua Hollins and Al Perkins are the chairs for the committee.
- C. Chancellor's Reports
All Chancellor's gave their reports and deferred to the reports in the packet for detailed information.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ACTION ITEM(s):

There was a motion by Mr. Paul Matthews and Second by Miss Dana Bailey to approve action item 7A.

Motion passed.

- A. Request Approval of Minutes of the May 16, 2024, SUS Board of Supervisors Meeting

There was a motion by Dr. Rani Whitfield and Second by Mr. Raymond Fondel to approve action item 7B.

Motion passed. (Atty Shorty didn't vote on this item)

- B. Request Approval of Committee Reports and Recommendations

There was discussion around Action Item C and D and the board ask that they layover both items until next month.

- C. Request Approval Articulation Agreement between Southern University at New Orleans and the Honoré Center (SUNO)
- D. Request to Authority to Sell Property to the Foundation (SUS)

AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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