

SU LABORATORY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

March 22, 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 SU Laboratory School Committee. Chair Dr. Rani Whitfield called the committee meeting to order.

The invocation was given by Dr. Mary Whitley Moss. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brian Hilton an exceptional student at Southern University Laboratory School.

AGENDA ITEM 3: SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Above and Beyond Award

Ms. Tashieka Davis introduced Ms. Oretha Lee; Financial Aid - Southern University Baton Rouge (SUBR)
Ms. Lee thanked everyone for the award.

B. Esports Trade Association Presentation

Presentation done via zoom – Christopher Turner

Recognition of Special Guests (Chairman Lawson)

AGENDA ITEM 4: 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 5: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

There was a motion by Ms. Christy Reeves and second by Rev. Dr. Samuel Tolbert; the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion Approved.

AGENDA ITEM 6: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s)

A. Update on SULLS Academic Performance

Mr. Brister gave an update on Southern University Laboratory School's Performance.

SULS Concert Choir was in attendance and provided a song selection.

There were comments and accolades given by several board members.

AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJUORNMENT

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

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(Following SU Laboratory School Committee)

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
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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 Dennis Shields

Present: Dr. Leon Tarver – Chairman and 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 Mr. Sam Gilliam and second by Mrs. Ann Smith 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 & B in Global.

Motion passed.

- A. Request Approval to Award Dr. Demetria McJulien-Lassiter as Chair Emeritus of the Department of Social Work. (SUBR)
- B. Request Approval to Restore Endowed Professorships in the College of Business for the 2024-2026 Period

ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP	RECOMMENDED INDIVIDUAL
Tolor E. White Professorship	Dr. Sasib Ahmed
SU Business & Industry Cluster Professorship	Dr. Latfu Sagbansua
Lincoln J. Harrison/ Coca-Cola Professorship	Dr. Tesfalidet Tukue
Leon Netterville/Kellogg Professorship	Dr. Donald R. Andrews

and Appoint the Following Four Professors who were Selected by the Committee Based on Performance (SUBR.

- C. Request Approval to Host Separate Commencement Ceremonies for Undergraduate and Graduate Students. (SUBR)

Chancellor Pierre gave a summary of Item 5C. There was lengthy discussion among the board members who were concerned about the research and logic behind the request. Chancellor Pierre explained to the board members. Atty Clayton made a motion to defer this request for at least 30 in order to get the student input whether it be through a survey or necessary tool, but the students' input is important. The board member agreed.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Ann Smith 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. 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 Dr. Rani Whitfield and second by Dr. Leon Tarver, II the agenda was recommended for adoption with amendment – Informational Item 5A was moved to SULS Committee.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM:

- A. Update from Public Services Commissioner, Mr. Davante Lewis
- B. Global Gateway Village Southern University Development Concept (SUS)
- C. Facilities Update (SUS)

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, Mr. Sam Gilliam, Mrs. Christy Reeves, Atty. Domoine Rutledge, Dr. Leon Tarver II and Atty. Mr. Myron K. Lawson - Ex Officio

Absent: NONE

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Whitley Parker – Student Bar Association – Agenda 5B

Increasing the non-resident fee will greatly impact the students: more debt – the ability to remain at the law center and the ability to afford law school.

Angela Kilgore – SULC – Agenda 5B

Due to continuing inflation & such, there are financial restraints causing a burden upon students.

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(s):

Chancellor Pierre gave a summary of Action Items A & B. There were comments from board members.

The motion was made and approved.

A. Request Approval to Establish an Academic Cloud-Based Systems Fee (SULC)

B. Request Approval to Increase Non-Resident Fees for the 2024-2025 Academic Year (SULC)

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS:

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Atty Domoine Rutledge 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. Chairman Rev Dr. Samuel Tolbert called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Shields

Present: Rev. Dr. Samuel Tolbert - Chairman, Dr. Rani Whitfield – Vice-Chair, Dr. Leon Tarver, Ms. Christy Reeves, Mr. Jyron Young, Atty. Edwin Shorty and Mr. Myron K. Lawson - Ex Officio

Absent: None

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Dr. Rani Whitfield 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)

- A. Request Approval of the Updated Naming Policy (SUS)
Atty Corinne Blache gave a summary. Chairman Lawson moved for further discussion.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS:

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Chairman Myron K. Lawson 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. Vice Chair Atty Domoine Rutledge called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Shields

Present: 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: Atty Tony Clayton - Chairman

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Mrs. Christy Reeves 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.

Motion approved.

1. Action Item(s)

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

Title	Description	Amount	Campus
1. LAMAR Company Contract (LDH Essence/COVID-19 Campaign)	This campaign serves as a crucial component of the Ag Center’s initiative to enhance public health through increased awareness of COVID-19 vaccinations and immunizations. LAMAR is tasked with outdoor advertising to include digital advertising featuring images, photographs, graphics, text, data, or other such media.	\$398,814.00	SUAREC

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS:

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Maple Gaines to adjourn the meeting.

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(Following Legal Affairs Committee)

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
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Baton Rouge, LA.

AGENDA

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the Student Affairs Committee. Chair Dr. Rani Whitfield called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Shields

Present: Dr. Rani Whitfield – Chair, Mr. Raymond Fondel – Vice Chair, Mrs. Ann Smith, Mr. Jyron Young, and Ms. Maple Gaines, and Mr. Myron K. Lawson - Ex Officio

Absent: Ms. Zazell Dudley,

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Chairman Myron K. Lawson and seconded by Mr. Raymond Fondel the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)

A. Enrollment Updates

There will be a deeper dive in Enrollment at the Board Retreat.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Myron K. Lawson to adjourn the meeting.

PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(Following Student Affairs 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 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, Dr. Leon Tarver, II, Dr. Arlanda Williams and Mr. Myron Lawson - Ex Officio

Absent: Ms. Zazell Dudley

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Sam Gilliam mentioned the amendment to the agenda for Action Item 5D (5) and 5E (1) Upon the motion by Dr. Arlanda Williams and seconded by Dr. Leon Tarver II the agenda was recommended for adoption with amendment.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(S)

Motion was made by Dr. Leon Tarver, II and second by Dr. Arlanda Williams that Action Item 5(A-G) be approved in global.

Motion Approved

- A. 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. Janel Green	Comptroller <i>Office of the Comptroller</i>	New Appointment Existing Position	<i>Search</i>	\$100,000.00	\$ 105,000.00	State

- D. 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. Latrinka Cook	Asst to the Associate Dean/MBA Director <i>Malveaux Master of Business Admin</i>	New Appointment Existing Position	<i>Search</i>	N/A	\$60,000.00	State

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2. Kamilla Fair	Assistant Registrar <i>Academic Affairs</i>	New Appointment Existing Position	<i>Search</i>	\$69,628.00	\$68,000.00	State
3. Opeyemi P. Ojauni	Post-Doctoral Research Manager <i>Graduate School</i>	New Appointment New Position	<i>Search</i>	N/A	\$75,000.00	State/Federal
4. Sherman Pittman	Program Director <i>Dept of Accounting, Finance & Econ</i>	New Appointment Temp Position	<i>N/A</i>	N/A	\$72,929.00	Grant
5. Ashley Sensley	Director of Development <i>College of Humanities & Interdisciplinary Studies</i>	New Appointment New Position	<i>Search</i>	N/A	\$85,000.00 \$90,000.00	State
6. Barbara Woods	SU Online Technology Director <i>Academic Affairs</i>	New Appointment New Position	<i>Search</i>	N/A	\$85,000.00	State

E. 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. Marlin Ford	Asst Research Professor/ Urban Ag Specialist/Farm Superintendant <i>Research Extension</i>	Salary Adjustment	<i>N/A</i>	\$ 93,600.00	\$ 105,000.00	Federal
2. Tamika Porter	Comptroller <i>Finance</i>	New Appointment Existing Position	<i>Waived</i>	\$100,628.00	\$91,00.00	State

F. 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. Kenneth Lee	Chief of Police <i>University Police</i>	New Appointment Existing Position	<i>Search</i>	\$66,040.00	\$85,000.00	State

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

Name	Position/Department	Description	Waived/Search	Salary		Funding Source
				Previous	Suggested	
1. Angela Gaines	Facilities Director/ ADA Coordinator <i>Institutional Support</i>	Rehire Additional Duties Existing Position	<i>N/A</i>	\$113,400.00	\$113,400.00	State

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s)

A. Update on employee Evaluations from each Campus (SUS)

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Chairman Myron Lawson to adjourn the meeting.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

(Following Personnel Committee)

Southern University System Board Room
J. S. Clark Administration Building 2nd Floor
Baton Rouge, LA 70813

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

Atty Tony Clayton,

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Ms. Christy Reeves, and second by Ms. Ann Smith, the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments provided by the following individuals in support of Action Item 6J

- **Thomas Miller – SUBR Faculty Senate**
- **Albert Samuels - SUBR**
- **Anthony Igiede – SUBR Faculty Senate**
- **Oswald D’Auvergne – SUBR Faculty Senate**
- **Jaclyn Hotard – Parish President – St. John Parish**

AGENDA ITEM 5: RESOLUTIONS

Dr. Allen Vital read resolutions for the following:

Resolutions

- Gladys Washington Cunningham
- Sally Mae Young Jackson
- Gwendolyn Fae Perkins
- Robert Russelles Perry, Jr.
- Troy O’Brien Green Sr.
- James Jessie Monroe
- Oscar Lavonia Williams, Jr.
- George Rogers Jr.

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 – I) in global.

Motion passed.

- A. Approval of Minutes of the February 16, 2024, SUS Board of Supervisors Meeting (SUS)
- B. Approval of Committee Reports and Recommendations (SUS)
- C. Request Approval to Grant an Honorary Degree to Arlana Miller at the May 2024 Commencement Ceremony (SUBR)
- D. Request Approval to Grant an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters in Social Sciences at the May 2024 Commencement Ceremony (SUNO)
- E. Request Approval to Rename the SUMA Cultural and Heritage Center the Dr. Leon R. Tarver, II Cultural and Heritage Center.
- F. Request Approval of the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement Application (SUBR)
- G. Request Approval to Modify the Organizational Structure of the Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO)
- H. Request Approval for the Lease Agreement for SUSLA Aerospace Technology Center (SUSLA)
- I. Request Approval to Rename and Restructure the Office of Equity and Inclusion and Title IX (SULC)
- J. Request Approval for the Recommendation of Chancellor (SUBR)
There was a motion by Atty Tony Clayton and Second by Ms. Ann Smith to approve action item 6J.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s):

- A. Legislative Update - See written Update that was provided.
- B. President's Report

C. Chancellor's Reports – See written updates that was provided in packet.

AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

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