

**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**10:00 A.M.**  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 1992**  
**BOARD ROOM, J.S. CLARK ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**  
**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY - BATON ROUGE**

**MINUTES**

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Mr. Frank Williams, Jr. The invocation was given by Rev. Joe R. Gant.

**PRESENT**

Mr. Frank Williams, Jr. - Chairman	Mr. Bobby D. Higginbotham
Mr. Curley M. Dossman, Vice Chairman	Mrs. Nina H. Marchand
Mr. Mack Abraham	Dr. James Meza, Jr.
Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr.	Mr. Roscoe J. Moore
Atty. Edselle Cunningham	Mr. Franklin Owens
Mrs. Pearlle Elloie	Dr. Jenny D. Phillips
Mr. Patrick Fontenot	Mr. Willie T. Sensley, Sr.
Rev. Joe R. Gant	Mr. Kent Smith, Jr.
Mr. Allen J. Hamilton	Dr. Jesse N. Stone

**ABSENT**

NONE

**UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

President Dolores R. Spikes, Secretary to the Board

Vice President Tolor E. White

Chancellors B.K. Agnihotri, Robert Gex, Robert Smith, and Marvin Yates

Vice Chancellors M. Bartley, C. Cunningham, T. Jones, W. Moore, and J. Robinson (SUBR)

Mrs. Gloria Thompson; Messrs. T. Butler, C. Lewis, L. McGhee, and D. Wade

**AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**AMENDMENTS:**

Item 4a: Statement from the Chairman of the Board  
regarding the Bayou Classic

Item 4b: Reports from the Chancellors and the President

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Item 5e: Report of the Student Affairs Committee

Item 5f: Presidential Evaluation Committee (Executive Session)

Item 7: Request for approval of major repairs projects, S.U. System

Item 10h: SUBR: Form 61

Item 10i: SUSBO: Forms 62 and 63

On motion of Mr. Dossman, seconded by Mr. Higginbotham, the agenda was adopted, as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 22, 1992 BOARD MEETING**

On motion of Mrs. Elloie, seconded by Dr. Phillips, the minutes of the February 22, 1992 Board meeting were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 4A: STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIRMAN REGARDING THE BAYOU CLASSIC**

Chairman Williams announced that the four Board members named below will be involved in the negotiations of the Bayou Classic and all information in regards thereto should be forwarded to them.

Mrs. Nina H. Marchand  
Mr. Curley M. Dossman  
Mr. Patrick Fontenot  
Rev. Joe R. Gant

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**AGENDA ITEM 4B: REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLORS**

Informational reports were provided by the Chancellors of the campuses and the Law Center. Copies were made available to Board members and a copy is on file in the Board's Office.

Chancellor Smith advised the Board of the donation of training equipment, worth \$250,000 from the U.S. Air Force for SUSBO's Aerospace Technology Program.

The Board recognized Dean Janet Rami of the School of Nursing for the 100% passage rate of nursing students who recently took the Licensure Examination.

**AGENDA ITEM 5: COMMITTEE REPORTS**

■ Academic and Faculty Affairs/Personnel Policy Committee

The Committee's report was presented by the Chairman, Dr. Jesse N. Stone, Jr.

On motion of Dr. Stone, seconded by Atty. Cunningham, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and authorized Southern University - Baton Rouge campus to award the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree to Mr. Melvin Carnel Blount at the 1992 Spring Commencement.

Motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Dr. Stone, seconded by Dr. Meza, the Board approved Chancellor Yates' request to delay action on the proposal to restructure and rename the College of Agriculture and Home Economics on the Baton Rouge Campus.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Dr. Stone, seconded by Mrs. Elloie, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved the name change of the School of Nursing to the College of Nursing and Health Sciences on the Baton Rouge Campus.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Dr. Stone, seconded by Mrs. Marchand, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved the modification to the curriculum of the Master of Public Administration (MPA) Program in the School of Public Policy on the Baton Rouge Campus.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Dr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Fontenot, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and denied the request of Ms. Ray Helen Jones for a hearing before the full Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Dr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Dossman, the Board approved the report of the Academic and Faculty Affairs/Personnel Policy Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

■ Finance and Business Affairs Committee

The Committee's report was presented by the Chairman, Dr. Jenny D. Phillips.

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On motion of Dr. Phillips, seconded by Mrs. Marchand, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved the 1992 Spring Registration Tuition Discounts for SUNO employees/dependents/spouses.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Dr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Higginbotham, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and authorized Chancellor Robert Gex to sign all contracts relative to agreements between SUNO and outside agencies named below.

Motion carried unanimously.

- Louisiana Department of Transportation
- Small Business Development Center
- Basic Elderly Crisis Counseling Intervention
- U.S. Federal Aviation Administration
- Title III
- National Science Foundation
- National Youth Sports Program
- Council on Aging
- Urban League
- Housing and Urban Development
- U.S. Census Bureau
- Rockefeller Foundation
- Project Alert
- U.S. Department of Education
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Louisiana Department of Vocational Education
- Louisiana Department of Social Services
- Louisiana Division of Mental Health
- Louisiana Education Quality Support Fund

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On motion of Dr. Phillips, seconded by Rev. Gant, the Board received the report on Southern University's 1991-92 budget reductions mandated by Executive Order EWE 92-18.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Dr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Hamilton, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved BA-7s required to bring into the budget the adjusted amount for Teachers and State Retirement, BA-7 to accommodate reductions by functional categories, where necessary, and the BA-7 to bring in the \$75,000 approved by the Interim Emergency Board as emergency planning money for the elevators that are to be replaced in Jones and Boley Halls.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Dr. Phillips, seconded by Rev. Gant, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved the Financial and Compliance Representation Letter which covers the period ending June 30, 1991.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Dr. Phillips, seconded by Rev. Gant, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and received the report on the 1992-93 Executive Budget Summary.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Dr. Meza, seconded by Mr. Dossman, a resolution shall be submitted from the Board to the Governor and the Legislature strongly encouraging them to look into the possibility of protecting or dedicating funds for higher education during the Constitutional Convention.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Dr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Higginbotham, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and gave approval to Southern University - Baton Rouge to submit applications to the U.S. Department of Education's Facilities Loan Program for low interest loans to fund the renovation/reconstruction of the Junior/Senior dormitories and the Married Student Apartments.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Dr. Phillips, seconded by Rev. Gant, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved Forms 1 - 5 for NASA Personnel on the Baton Rouge Campus.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Dr. Phillips, seconded by Rev. Gant, the Board approved the report of the Finance and Business Affairs Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

■ Alumni and Public Relations Committee

On motion of Mr. Dossman, seconded by Mr. Fontenot, the Board received the report of the Alumni and Public Relations Committee.

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Motion carried unanimously.

■ Law Center Committee

The Committee's report was presented by the Chairman, Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr.

On motion of Rev. Bilberry, seconded by Mr. Higginbotham, the Board accepted the Committee's recommendation and affirmed the Administration's response to the ABA's concerns regarding the Law Center.

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On motion of Rev. Bilberry, seconded by Mr. Dossman, the Board approved the report of the Law Center Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

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On motion of Mr. Sensley, seconded by Rev. Gant, the Board authorized the Board Chairman to accompany the System President and Law Center Chancellor to the ABA hearings in Indianapolis to express the Board's support. The Board further authorized the Board Chairman to appoint another Board members to attend the hearings, if in the Chairman's opinion, there is a need for additional Board representation.

Motion carried unanimously.

■ Student Affairs Committee

On motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Marchand, the Board accepted the report of the Student Affairs Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.



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**AGENDA ITEMS 5F: PRESIDENTIAL EVALUATION  
6: PRESIDENT'S EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT**

On motion of Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Fontenot, the Board convened into an executive session to receive the report on the evaluation of Dr. Dolores R. Spikes in her capacity as System President and to discuss her contract as System President that had an impact upon her evaluation or performance.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 18 yeas, 0 nays.

Mr. Scott Dyer of the Morning Advocate newspaper asked to have his objection to the Executive Session recorded in the minutes.

- EXECUTIVE SESSION -

- OPEN SESSION -

On motion of Mr. Moore, seconded Rev. Bilberry, the Board reconvened into open session.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Williams announced that in the executive session, the Board received the results of the evaluation of President Dolores R. Spikes and discussed her contract as System President but only as it related to the evaluation of her and her performance.

Mr. Williams stated that the results of Dr. Spikes' evaluation as System President were very positive.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: MAJOR REPAIRS PROJECTS, S.U. SYSTEM**

On motion of Mr. Fontenot, seconded by Atty. Cunningham, the Board approved the major repairs projects for the Southern University System.

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Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Larry McGhee reported that last year, the Board approved a list of Deferred Maintenance Projects that are this year being referred to as major repairs projects. This is in consideration of \$30 million that the State had anticipated for Deferred Maintenance Projects. This year, \$10 million is being requested by the Board of Regents and the Division of Administrative for inclusion in the Capital Outlay Bill. The University has been asked to reduce its list to the System's pro rata share in consideration of the \$10 million. The pro rata share comes to \$960,566. The Board was asked to authorize the Administration to adjust the original list approved by the Board last year in order to reach the University's pro rata share. A 10% adjustment is included for contingency.

The list will be prepared and submitted to the Board of Regents and included for the Board of Supervisors' action at its April meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM 8: RECOMMENDATION FOR CHANGE IN THE BYLAWS OF THE BOARD**

Mr. Bobby Higginbotham proposed the following change in the Bylaws of the Board:

All Board members shall have the right to attend meetings of the Board's Committees; however, voting shall be limited to those members who are appointed to the Committee. A Board member temporarily appointed to a Committee to effect a quorum shall have the right to vote until the arrival of the standing Committee member in whose place he is acting.

Mr. Higginbotham explained that the intent of the proposed amendment was to bring the Board's operating procedures in line with those of other governmental bodies and in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

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Several member spoke in opposition to the amendment.

A roll call on the motion by Mr. Higginbotham to approve the amendment produced the following vote: 11 nays, 6 yeas.

The motion failed.

Dr. Meza proposed action by the Board to clarify voting on Ad Hoc Committee composed on Board members and Non-Board members.

On motion of Dr. Meza, seconded by Rev. Gant, the Board approved the following voting procedure for existing Ad Hoc Committees:

On Ad Hoc Committees which consist of Board members and Non-Board members, voting shall be limited to the membership of that Committee.

Roll call vote: 12 yeas, 4 nays.

**AGENDA ITEM 9: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CODE OF ETHICS FOR BOARD MEMBERS**

A motion was offered by Dr. Meza, seconded by Dr. Phillips for the Board to adopt the Code of Ethics as developed by the Governance Committee.

Several Board members spoke to indicate the adverse publicity this action would produce as well as the absence of a need for the Board to adopt a Code of Ethics.

Following these comments, Dr. Meza offered a motion to defer action of the Code of Ethics. The motion was seconded by Rev. Gant.

Motion carried unanimously.

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**AGENDA ITEM 10: PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS**

On motion of Mr. Dossman, seconded by Rev. Gant, the Board approved the following personnel recommendations.

Motion carried unanimously.

- S.U. Board/System: Forms 1 and 2
- SUBR: Forms 3 - 22; 38 - 42; and 61
- SUNO: Forms 23 - 29; 43 - 49
- SUSBO: Forms 50 - 60; 62 and 63

**AGENDA ITEM 11: RESOLUTION**

On motion of Mr. Moore, seconded by Rev. Gant, the Board approved the following resolutions.

Motion carried unanimously.

Condolences

- The Pearl Johnson Family
- The Clara Tatum Family

Commendations

- Basketball Coach Ben Jobe on having won his 400th game at S.U.
- SUSBO Male Ensemble, under the direction of Mr. Bobby Wiggins.
- Executive Vice-Chancellor Juanita Robinson, SUBR

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**AGENDA ITEM 12: OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Fontenot reported on his visit to Washington, D.C. along with Dr. Leodrey Williams, the Director of the Southern University Cooperative Extension Service in connection with 1890 Land-Grant Colleges and Universities.

Mr. Sensley offered commendations to the Administration on the Beautification Project on the Baton Rouge Campus.

**AGENDA ITEM 13: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mr. Dossman, seconded by Mr. Moore, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

  
Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors