

Southern University Board of Supervisors  
10:00 A.M.  
Friday, February 19, 1993  
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. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Frank Williams, Jr. - Chairman  
Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr.  
Mrs. Etta P. Brew  
Mr. Warren Chretien  
Atty. Edselle Cunningham  
Mrs. Pearl H. Elloie  
Mr. Patrick Fontenot  
Rev. Joe R. Gant

Mr. Allen J. Hamilton  
Mrs. Emma P. Hartley  
Mr. Bobby D. Higginbotham  
Mrs. Nina H. Marchand  
Dr. James Meza, Jr.  
Mr. Willie T. Sensley, Sr.  
Dr. Jesse N. Stone, Jr.  
Mr. Keenon Wilborn

**UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

President Dolores R. Spikes, Secretary to the Board  
Vice President Tolor E. White  
Chancellors B.K. Agnihotri, Robert Gex, and Robert Smith  
Executive Vice Chancellor J. Robinson  
Vice Chancellors C. Cunningham, P. Honore', S. Gilliam, W. Moore  
Messrs. C. Lewis, L. McGhee and D. Wade, Dr. I. Hines

**SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

The oath of office was administered by Atty. Winston DeCuir to the new Board members whose names appear below.

- Mrs. Etta H. Brew	-	7th Congressional District
- Mr. Warren Chretien	-	7th Congressional District
- Mrs. Emma P. Hartley	-	1st Congressional District

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**AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Dr. Stone, the agenda was adopted, as amended.

Motion carried. Nay: Mr. Higginbotham

**AMENDMENTS:**

- Change Item 6 to 6a
- 6B: Point of Personal Privilege - Rev. Gant
- Change Item 11 to 6c
- Change 13 to 13a
- 13B: Authorization to Chancellor Gex to negotiate contract(s) with La. Department of Health and Hospitals (School of Social Work, SUNO)
- 13C: Request for approval to use Act 971 funds for library acquisitions, SULC
- 14E: SUNO: Form 73
- 14F: SUSBO: Form 74
- Change 16 to 16a
- 16B: Point of Personal Privilege - Dr. Stone

A motion was offered by Mr. Higginbotham, seconded by Mrs. Marchand to defer Item 5: Election of a Vice Chairman until the Board meeting in March, 1993.

The motion failed. Roll call vote: 7 yeas, 7 nays, 0 abstentions.

Yeas: Bilberry, Brew, Chretien, Elloie, Hartley, Higginbotham, and Marchand  
Nays: Fontenot, Gant, Hamilton, Sensley, Stone, Wilborn, and Williams

**AGENDA ITEM 5: ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD**

In response to concerns expressed by Mrs. Elloie and Mrs. Marchand, Chairman Williams indicated measures would be taken to insure that Board members are timely notified when the appointments of members are not renewed.



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Atty. DeCuir reported on Attorney General's opinion 93-116 which emanated from his inquiry regarding the present makeup of the Board of Supervisors and the number of votes now required for official action.

Atty. DeCuir advised that the Board is currently made up of seventeen members and now functions under a nine-vote rule as determined by the Louisiana Revised Statutes which require, for official action, an affirmative vote of a majority of Board members. Opinion 93-116 advised that the Board's Bylaws which require ten votes for official action are superceded by the Louisiana Revised Statutes and should be amended to conform with the statutes.

In responding to inquiries from Mrs. Elloie and Mr. Higginbotham, Atty. DeCuir indicated that the Attorney General's opinion is not law, rather it is advisory. The Board is now required to abide by the opinions from the Attorney General, however, they represent the most official interpretations of the Statutes.

The Chair ruled that the Board would abide by the advice of its counsel regarding the number of votes required for official action. The Chairman also indicated that he would, at a later date, appoint several members of the Board to look at this issue.

**AGENDA ITEM 5: ELECTION OF A VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD**

Chairman Williams opened the floor for nominations for the position of Board Vice Chairman.

Mr. Allen Hamilton nominated Mr. Patrick Fontenot.

Mrs. Pearl H. Elloie nominated Mr. Bobby D. Higginbotham.

Mr. Hamilton and Mrs. Elloie offered brief statements in support of their nominees.

On motion of Dr. Stone, seconded by Rev. Gant, nominations for the position of Vice Chairman were closed.

Motion carried unanimously.



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Roll call vote on the nominations:

FONTENOT - 7 votes: Chretien, Fontenot, Gant, Hamilton, Stone, Wilborn and Williams  
HIGGINBOTHAM - 3 votes: Elloie, Higginbotham, Sensley  
Abstentions - 5 votes: Bilberry, Brew, Hartley, Marchand, Meza

The election of a Vice Chairman will be held again at the March 1993 Board meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM 6A: MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 9 AND 14, 1993 BOARD MEETINGS; INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON SPECIAL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 6, 1993**

On motion of Rev. Bilberry, seconded by Mrs. Elloie, the minutes of the January 9 and 14, 1993 Board meetings and the informational report on the special meeting on February 6, 1993 were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 6B: POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE - REV. GANT**

Rev. Gant expressed concern for the manner in which Mr. Curley Dossman was notified of the end of his term as a member of the Board. Rev. Gant urged the Board to go on record in stating to the Governor its displeasure over the manner in which this matter was handled.

**AGENDA ITEM 6C: RIGHT OF WAY GRANTS WITH EXXON PIPELINE COMPANY**

On motion of Mr. Higginbotham, seconded by Mr. Sensley, the Board approved a resolution authorizing the System President to execute right of way grants in favor of Exxon Pipeline Company on behalf of the Board with terms and conditions that are contained in the right of way documents as amended to reflect changes and recommendations of the Board's legal counsel.

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Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: DISCUSSION OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
DESEGREGATION CASE, U.S. VERSUS STATE OF  
LOUISIANA, NUMBER 80-3300, USDC, EASTERN  
DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA (EXECUTIVE SESSION)**

On motion of Dr. Stone, seconded by Rev. Gant, the Board convened into executive session to discuss U.S. versus State of Louisiana, number 80-3300, USDC, Eastern District of Louisiana.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 16 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

**- OPEN SESSION -**

On motion of Mr. Sensley, seconded by Atty. Cunningham, the Board reconvened into open session.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman announced that no discussion or actions were taken during the executive session.

**AGENDA ITEM 7A: REPORTS FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CHANCELLORS**

The President's report was deferred until the March Board meeting.

Updates from each campus and the Law Center were received orally or in writing from the Chancellors. Details are on tape.



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**AGENDA ITEM 8: TUITION DISCOUNTS**

On motion of Mr. Higginbotham, seconded by Atty. Cunningham, the Board approved 1993 Spring Tuition Discounts for employees and/or dependents at SUBR.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 9: BA-7, SUBR**

On motion of Mr. Sensley, seconded by Rev. Gant, the Board approved BA-7 #5 reflecting the incorporation of funds into the SUBR budget for use in building a parking lot adjacent to the Clark Hall Administration Annex, SUBR.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 10: 1993-94 BUDGET REDUCTIONS**

Dr. Spikes reported there were no changes in the anticipated reductions to the budgets of the Southern University System since a report was made to the Board on February 6, 1993.

**AGENDA ITEM 12: DEPARTMENT OF ARMY, CORPS OF ENGINEERS'  
REQUEST**

On motion of Mr. Higginbotham, seconded by Mrs. Elloie, the Board approved the Department of Army, Corps of Engineers' request for a permit for surveys and possible revetment stone bank and/or articulated concrete mattress repair work at SUBR.

Motion carried unanimously.

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**AGENDA ITEM 13A: EXTENSION ADMINISTRATOR'S TEMPORARY  
ASSIGNMENT**

On motion of Mr. Fontenot, seconded by Mr. Sensley, the Board approved the temporary assignment of Dr. Leodrey Williams to the U.S. Department of Agriculture as the IPA 1890 Program Coordinator.

Motion carried unanimously.

The period of this assignment is April 21, 1993 to October 14 1993.

**AGENDA ITEM 13B: AUTHORIZATION TO CHANCELLOR GEX TO  
NEGOTIATE CONTRACT(S) WITH LDHH**

On motion of Mr. Higginbotham, seconded by Mrs. Elloie, the Board authorized Chancellor Robert Gex to negotiate a contract(s) with the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals relative to the School of Social Work at SUNO.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 13C: ACT 971 FUNDS, LAW CENTER**

On motion of Atty. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Higginbotham, the Board approved the Law Center's request to use Act 971 funds for library acquisitions.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 14: PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS**

On motion of Mr. Higginbotham, seconded by Mr. Sensley, the Board approved the following personnel recommendations.



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Motion carried unanimously.

SUBR: Forms 1 - 24 and 52 - 59

SUNO: Forms 25, 60 and 61

SULC: Forms 26 - 49 and 73

SUSBO: Forms 50 - 51; 62 - 72 and 74

**AGENDA ITEM 15: RESOLUTIONS**

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Commendations

- Former Board Members:

Messrs. Mack Abraham, Curley M. Dossman and Roscoe J. Moore

- National Vocational Week Observance

Condolences

- The Australian Cunningham Family
- The Ruth W. James Family
- The Ida Johnson Family
- The Milton Becnel Family
- The Carolyn Weddle Family
- The Leisia Williams Family
- The Corrine Williams Gannt Family
- The Scott Dorsey, Sr. Family
- The Andrew Leonard Family

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Remarks of appreciation were given by Atty. Cunningham for the expressions of sympathy to his family following the death of his father, Mr. Australian Cunningham.



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On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Mr. Fontenot, the Board authorized the Administration to sue Kaiser Aluminum to halt its construction on the banks below the University's bluff and to move its pipeline.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 16: NATIONAL SICKLE CELL ANEMIA RESEARCH CENTER**

Attention was directed to the written report included in the Board members' materials.

**AGENDA ITEM 16B: POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE - DR. STONE**

Deleted.

**AGENDA ITEM 17: REPORT ON THE 1993 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**

A report on the feasibility and financial impact of playing a football game in A.W. Mumford Stadium as opposed to playing in Shreveport during the 1993 season was given by Athletic Director Marino Casem.

The report prompted discussion regarding the University's participation in the Shreveport and Atlanta Football Classics in 1993 and the issue of whether certain football contracts require Board approval before they are signed.

Chairman Williams requested Messrs. Casem and Sensley, along with Rev. Gant, to meet to attempt a resolution of the issue of a 1993 game in Shreveport.



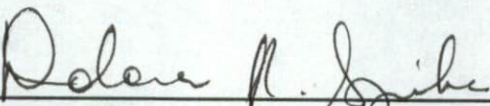
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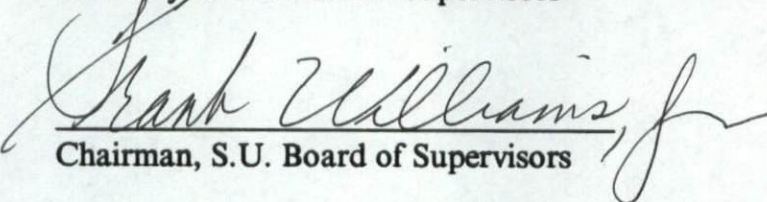
**AGENDA ITEM 18: OTHER BUSINESS**

NONE

**AGENDA ITEM 19: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mr. Fontenot, seconded by Atty. Cunningham, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

  
Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors