

Southern University Board of Supervisors  
8:30 A.M.  
Friday, June 27, 1997  
Auditorium, Multi-Purpose Building  
Southern University at New Orleans

MINUTES

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Rev. Joe R. Gant.

PRESENT

Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr. - Chairman  
Mr. Willie T. Sensley, Sr. - Vice Chairman  
Mr. Patrick Bell  
Mr. Warren Chretien  
Atty. Edselle Cunningham  
Ms. Mamye L. Hall  
Mr. Lawson Harvey  
Dr. Andrea G. Jefferson  
Mr. Reginald Joseph

Mrs. Anne Z. Kiefer  
Mr. Myron Lawson  
Mrs. Nina H. Marchand  
Mr. Louis Miller  
Mrs. Dorothy C. Scott  
Dr. Jesse N. Stone, Jr.  
Mr. Frank Williams, Jr.

ABSENT

NONE

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL ATTENDING

President Leon R. Tarver II  
Vice Presidents Edward Jackson and Tolor White  
Chancellor Robert Gex, Jerome Greene, and Marvin Yates

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mrs. Marchand, the agenda was adopted, as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENTS:

- Item 8a: Presentation from the Baton Rouge Community College
- Item 11aa: Request for approval of the appointment of the System Vice President for Planning and Evaluation
- Item 11g: Systems: Form 120
- Item 11h: SUBR: Forms 121 - 139

- Item 11i: SULC: Form 140
- Item 11j: SUNO: Forms 141 - 151
- Item 11k: SUSBO: Forms 152 and 153
  
- Item 21a: Request for authorization to enter into a subcontract between SU and LSU Cooperative Extension Service Programs
  
- Item 21b: Request for approval of proposed Textbook Selection Policy, S.U. System
  
- Item 21c: Request for approval of Tuition Discounts for 1997 Summer Session, SUBR
  
- Item 21d: Request for approval of Financial and Compliance Representation Letters for S.U. System institutions
  
- Item 21e: Recommendations regarding promotion and tenure, SUBR
  
- Item 21f: Request for approval to pay liability for Title IV, HEA Programs, SUNO
  
- Item 21g: Request for approval of BA -7 #9
  
- Item 21h: Request for approval of amendment #3 to existing contract with UCDC

AGENDA ITEM 4: MINUTES OF THE MAY 17, 1997 BOARD MEETING

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Atty. Cunningham, the minutes of the May 17, 1997 Board meeting were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 5: REPORTS FROM THE SUNO CHANCELLOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

On motion of Atty. Cunningham, seconded by Ms. Hall, the Board approved the reports from the SUNO Chancellor Search Committee dated May 29, June 13 - 14 and June 27, 1997; which included the recommendation of the following candidates to be interviewed by the Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Joseph Bouie, Jr.  
Dr. Steve A. Favors  
Dr. Gerald Peoples

AGENDA ITEM 6: REPORT FROM THE SYSTEM PRESIDENT AND CHANCELLORS

Written and oral reports were submitted by the President and Chancellors and made a part of the Board's records.

AGENDA ITEM 7: INTERVIEWS AND EVALUATION OF THE FINALISTS FOR  
CHANCELLOR OF SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT NEW ORLEANS

The three finalists being considered for Chancellor were interviewed by the Board in two- part segments: a closed session and an open interview session. Details of the open session interview are available on tape.

The candidates were interviewed in the following order:

9:00 A.M. - Dr. Joseph Bouie, Jr.  
10:30 A.M. - Dr. Steve A. Favors  
1:30 P.M. - Dr. Gerald Peoples

Following interview sessions, the candidates were involved in briefing sessions with members of the System and Campus Administrations and taken on a tour of the campus.

At the conclusion of the interviews, the Board recessed its meeting until 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, June 28, 1997.

- RECESS -

- RECONVENTION -

9:00 A.M.  
Saturday, June 28, 1997  
Auditorium, Multi-Purpose Building  
Southern University at New Orleans



The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was reconvened by the Chairman, Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.

The invocation was given by Mrs. Dorothy C. Scott.

PRESENT

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Mr. Louis Miller  
Mrs. Dorothy C. Scott  
Dr. Jesse N. Stone, Jr.  
Mr. Frank Williams, Jr.

ABSENT

NONE

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AGENDA ITEM 8A: PRESENTATION BY THE BATON ROUGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Chancellor Marion Bonaparte, assisted by representatives from the architectural firm of Robert M. Coleman & Partners, presented a schematic drawing of the proposed new facility for the Baton Rouge Community College to be located at the new Foster Drive Site.

On motion of Dr. Jefferson, seconded by Mrs. Marchand, the Board approved the following resolutions.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED that the Southern University Board of Supervisors approve the acquisition, transfer, exchange, lease, or encumbrance of immovable property and the construction of capital improvements, for the Baton Rouge Community College as approved by its Management Council on June 26, 1997;

Approve, the Rebel Drive Shopping Center acquisition as an addendum to the Foster Drive Campus Site;

Approve, the plans for construction of new facility for the Baton Rouge Community College;

Approve, the project development proposal as submitted by the Division of Administration (including time line and recommendation for the State to purchase land to expand the Baton Rouge Community College Campus; and

Approve, the architectural plans and design for the Baton Rouge Community College.

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RESOLVED, that the Southern University Board of Supervisors approve the Capital Outlay Budget for 1997-98 for the Baton Rouge Community College in the amount of \$11,492,816 (acquisitions, renovations, planning, construction, and equipment - payable from the State General Fund - Direct) as approved by its Management Council on June 26, 1997.

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On motion of Atty. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board approved a resolution of appreciation to be forwarded to the Governor and Commissioner of Administration for their assistance in the implementation of the Baton Rouge Community College.

AGENDA ITEM 8B: UPDATE ON THE HIGHER EDUCATION DESEGREGATION CASE, USA VS. STATE OF LOUISIANA, CASE #80-3300A (EXECUTIVE SESSION)

AGENDA ITEM 9A: EVALUATION OF QUALIFICATIONS OF CHANCELLOR CANDIDATES (EXECUTIVE SESSION)

On motion of Atty. Cunningham, seconded by Mrs. Marchand, the Board went into executive session for the following purposes:

- To receive an update on the Higher Education Desegregation Case, USA vs. State of Louisiana, Case #80-3300A; and
- To evaluate the qualifications of the three finalists for Chancellor of the Southern University Campus at New Orleans

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

- EXECUTIVE SESSION -

- RECONVENTION -

On motion of Atty. Cunningham, seconded by Mrs. Marchand, the Board reconvened into open session.

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

The Chairman announced that while the Board met in executive session, no motions were made or votes taken.

AGENDA ITEM 9B: APPOINTMENT OF CHANCELLOR OF THE SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY  
AT NEW ORLEANS CAMPUS

On motion of Mr. Sensley, seconded by Ms. Hall, the Board approved the appointment of Dr. Gerald Peoples as Chancellor of the Southern University at New Orleans Campus, and the accompanying appointment letter.

The effective date of the appointment is July 1, 1997; the annual salary and housing allowance are \$94,000.00 and \$20,000.00, respectively.

-Vice Chairman Sensley presiding-

AGENDA ITEM 10: REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Mrs. Scott, the Board approved the Committee's recommendation to uphold the administration's recommendation and deny the request for a hearing of grievance appeals by the following individuals:

Dr. Malwan Hammond, SUNO  
Dr. Zelma Frank, SUNO  
Dr. E. H. Shaban, SUBR

Motion carried unanimously.



AGENDA ITEM 13: CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES, 1997 SUMMER COMMENCEMENT,  
SUBR

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Harvey, the Board approved the resolution pertaining to candidates for degrees at the 1997 Summer Commencement Exercises on the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 14: 1997-98 ATHLETICS BUDGETS

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Dr. Jefferson, the Board approved the 1997-98 Athletics Budgets for SUBR, SUNO and SUSBO.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chancellor Yates announced that the August 30, 1997 football game between Southern University and Mississippi Valley State University will not be played in Dallas, Texas as previously announced. The contest is tentatively scheduled to be played in Chicago. If negotiations are not finalized, the game will be played on the campus of Mississippi Valley State University.

AGENDA ITEM 15: LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH BRYAN AND JUPITER

On motion of Atty. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Bell, the Board approved the legal services contract with Bryan and Jupiter for the period of July 1, 1997 and terminating on June 30, 1998 for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

Motion carried. Dr. Jefferson abstained from voting.

AGENDA ITEM 16: 1997 LEGISLATION UPDATE

The Administration was commended by Mr. Marchand for its work in preparing a written update on 1997 legislation affecting Southern University.

AGENDA ITEM 17: REPORTS, SUBR

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following reports from Southern University  
- Baton Rouge:

#### AGENDA ITEM 11: PERSONNEL ACTION FORMS

Ms. Hall announced that she relayed to the System President her concerns relative to forms enumerated below and had received the President's assurance that her concerns would be address.

Ms. Hall concern's were related to the following forms:

SUBR: Forms 37, 40, 66, 69, 44, 49, 50, 53, 59  
SUNO: Forms 96 and 97  
SUSBO: Form 116

On motion of Ms. Hall, seconded by Ms. Marchand, the Board approved the following personnel action forms:

System: Item 11AA; Forms 1-7K and 120  
SUBR: Forms 8-92FF, 110-113 and 121-139  
SULC: Forms 93 and 140  
SUNO: Forms 94-98; 114-115; and 141-151  
SUSBO: Forms 99-109; 116-119; and 152-153

The motion carried. Rev. Gant abstained from voting.

-Chairman Gant Presiding-

#### AGENDA ITEM 12: ACADEMIC CALENDARS

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mrs. Marchand, the Board approved academic calendars for the following period:

Motion carried unanimously.

SUBR:	1997-2002
SUNO:	1996-1998
SULC:	1997-1998
SUSBO	Summer 1997 - Fall 1998



- Proposed Multi-Level Parking Garage
- University Residence
- Bayou Classic
- Higher Education Desegregation Programs

The Administration was commended by Atty. Cunningham for its decision to pursue a multi-level parking garage.

#### AGENDA ITEM 18: QUARTERLY STATUS REPORTS, SYSTEM

On motion of Mr. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Chretien, the Board approved the following reports.

Motion carried unanimously.

- Capital Outlay Projects
- Major Repairs and Re-roofing Projects
- Approved Act 971 Projects

#### AGENDA ITEM 19: CORRECTED AUDIT DEFICIENCIES

Mr. Bell, Chairman of the Audit Compliance and Review Committee, commended the Administration for continuing to provide monthly status reports on the correction of audit deficiencies throughout the System.

#### AGENDA ITEM 20: CONDOLENCES

On motion of Dr. Jefferson, seconded by Ms. Hall, the Board approved resolutions of condolences to the families listed below:

- The Ruby D. Williams Family
- The Eric Joseph "Bingo" White Family
- The James Noah Family
- The Julia Coffey Family
- The Carolyn Ann Dixon Family

- The Tika Capers Family
- The Brenda Randall Family

AGENDA ITEM 21A: SUBCONTRACT BETWEEN SU AND LSU COOPERATIVE  
EXTENSION PROGRAMS

On motion of Atty. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Bell, the Board granted authorization to the Administration to enter a subcontract with the Louisiana State University Cooperative Extension Service to work on a project called, "Strengthening Programs for Children, Youth and Families at Risk."

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sensley commended the administration for the clarity of the document submitted in support of the request.

-Vice Chairman Sensley Presiding-

AGENDA ITEM 21B: TEXTBOOK SELECTION POLICY

On motion of Atty. Cunningham, seconded by Mrs. Marchand, the Board approved the Textbook Selection Policy for the Southern University System.

Motion carried unanimously.

In response to Atty. Cunningham's inquiry, Dr. Jackson explained that the policy makes no distinction between faculty and non-faculty vendors, but rather, seeks to insure that the textbooks selected for use in the classroom meet the standards of quality as prescribed in the document.

-Chairman Gant Presiding-

AGENDA ITEM 21C: REQUEST FOR TUITION DISCOUNTS, 1997 SUMMER  
SESSION, SUBR

On motion of Mr. Sensley, seconded by Mrs. Scott, the Board approved the request for tuition discounts for SUBR employees, their spouses and/or dependents for the 1997 Summer Session.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 21D:      REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE  
REPRESENTATION LETTERS, SYSTEM

On motion of Atty. Cunningham, seconded by Ms. Hall, the Board approved the Financial and Compliance Representation Letters for institutions in the Southern University System.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 21E:      RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING PROMOTION AND  
TENURE, SUBR

On motion of Mr. Sensley, seconded by Mr. Harvey, the Board approved recommendations for promotion and tenure submitted by the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 21F:      REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO PAY LIABILITY FOR TITLE IV,  
HEA PROGRAMS, SUNO

On motion of Mrs. Marchand, seconded by Mr. Chretien, the Board approved the request from the administration for authorization to remit an amount of \$86, 974 in liabilities for the Title IV, HEA Programs at Southern University at New Orleans.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 21G:      BA-7 #9

On motion of Ms. Hall, seconded by Atty. Cunningham, the Board approved BA-7 #9 which brings into the 1996-97 operating budget the amount of \$336.00 for the Southern University Laboratory School.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 21H:      AMENDMENT TO UCDC-LA CONTRACT

On motion of Mr. Bell, seconded by Mrs. Scott, the Board approved amendment no. 3 to the contract between Southern University and A&M College System and the University Community Development Corporation of Louisiana (UCDC-LA) to execute the option



period provided in the Contract to include the full option period of July 1, 1997 to December 31, 1999 and to provide as a budget for the period July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998 the sum of \$65,000.00. All other terms and conditions of the contract shall remain the same.

Motion carried unanimously.

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At the request of Mrs. Marchand, Mr. Thurman Butler, Director of Personnel Services, explained the new supervisors' training and new performance review system for classified employees.

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Chairman Gant and the Board recognized the presence of Mr. Jason Brown, SGA President on the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus. Mr. Brown will assume the student representative position on the Board of Supervisors beginning September 1, 1997.

#### COMMENDATIONS

Commendations were offered by the System President and Chancellors to Robert Gex upon his retirement from the University.

Chancellor Gex expressed his appreciation for the recognition by the Board and University Administration and pledged his continued assistances to the Southern University at New Orleans Campus. Remarks of appreciation were also rendered by Mrs. Robert H. Gex.

Rev. Gant solicited the support of the SUNO Family and community for the new Chancellor.

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Dr. Gerald Peoples, newly-elected Chancellor of Southern University at New Orleans, was presented to the Board and the audience.


Dr. Peoples expressed his gratitude to the Board for his appointment to this position and others for their support. Dr. Peoples pledged his best efforts toward fulfilling the responsibilities of the Chancellor's position.

AGENDA ITEM 22: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Sensley, seconded by Mr. Harvey, the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Executive Committee  
2:00 P.M.  
Thursday, June 26, 1997  
Chancellor's Conference Room  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Administration Building  
Southern University at New Orleans

### MINUTES

The meeting of the Executive Committee was convened by the Chairman, Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.

The invocation was given by Rev. Joe R. Gant.

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr. - Chairman  
Mr. Willie T. Sensley, Sr. - Vice Chairman  
Mr. Warren Chretien  
Atty. Edselle Cunningham  
Ms. Mamye L. Hall  
Mr. Lawson Harvey  
Dr. Andrea G. Jefferson  
Mrs. Dorothy C. Scott  
Mr. Frank Williams, Jr.

#### COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT

Mr. Patrick Bell

#### OTHER BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING

Mrs. Anne Z. Kiefer  
Mrs. Nina H. Marchand  
Mr. Louis Miller  
Dr. Jesse N. Stone, Jr.

#### UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

President Leon R. Tarver II, Secretary to the Board  
Vice Presidents Edward Jackson and Tolor White  
Chancellors Robert Gex, Jerome Greene, and Marvin Yates



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

On motion of Ms. Hall, seconded by Atty. Cunningham, the agenda was adopted, as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENTS: Item 5a. Executive session to discuss pending litigation  
- Jane Doe et al vs. Board of Supervisors, et al  
- Edward Massenburg, et al vs. Southern  
University

### **AGENDA ITEM 4: GRIEVANCE APPEALS** **AGENDA ITEM 5a: PENDING LITIGATION**

Rev. Gant read information which detailed the authority of the Board's Executive Committee to enter into executive session to discuss the various agenda items.

On motion of Mr. Chretien, seconded by Mr. Harvey, the Committee convened into an executive session to discuss items 4 and 5a.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 11 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

#### **Item 4: Grievance Appeals**

- a. Dr. Malwan V. Hammond, SUNO
- b. Dr. Zelma Frank, SUNO
- c. Dr. E. H. Shaban, SUBR

#### **Item 5a Pending Litigation, SUBR**

- Jane Doe, et al vs. Board of Supervisors, et al
- Edward Massenberg, et al vs. Southern University

Drs. Frank and Shaban were present at the meeting and did not object to the executive session.

- EXECUTIVE SESSION -

[Mrs. Marchand and Mrs. Scott entered the meeting.]

- RECONVENTION -

On motion of Atty. Cunningham, seconded by Mrs. Kiefer, the Committee reconvened into open session.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 13 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

On motion of Atty. Cunningham, seconded by Ms. Hall, the Committee recommends to the Board to uphold the Administration's recommendation and deny the hearing of the grievance appeal submitted by the individuals listed below:

- Dr. Malwan V. Hammond, SUNO
- Dr. Zelma Frank, SUNO
- Dr. E.H. Shaban, SUBR

Motion carried. Roll call vote: 9 yeas, 0 nays, 4 abstentions: Sensley, Marchand, Stone and Williams.

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Chairman Gant stated that the discussion relative to the pending litigation was for information only.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: ADJOURNMENT**

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



Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors



Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors