

**BOARD**  
**Item 6a**

Southern University Board of Supervisors  
9:00 a.m.  
Friday, November 27, 1998  
Burgundy Rooms  
Hyatt-Regency Hotel  
New Orleans, Louisiana

**MINUTES**

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

The invocation was given by Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr.

**PRESENT**

Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr. - Chairman  
Mr. Myron Lawson, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Ishmail Abdul-Rahman  
Mr. Harrison Baptiste  
Mr. Patrick Bell  
Mrs. Dottie Bell  
Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr.  
Mr. Warren Chretien  
Mr. Bertel Dejoie  
Ms. Mamye L. Hall  
Mr. Lawson Harvey  
Mrs. Anne Z. Kiefer  
Mr. Louis Miller  
Mr. Willie T. Sensley, Sr.

**ABSENT**

Mrs. Dorothy C. Scott

**ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL IN ATTENDANCE**

President Leon R. Tarver II  
Vice Presidents Ralph Slaughter and Tolor White  
Chancellors Edward Jackson and Gerald Peoples; Interim Chancellor Sam Gilliam  
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Atty Winston DeCuir

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

On motion of Mr. Patrick Bell, seconded by Mr. Harvey, the agenda was adopted, as amended.

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Motion carried unanimously.

**AMENDMENTS:**

Add: Item 4f (6) SUBR: Forms 44 - 50  
(7) SUNO: Forms 51 and 52  
(8) SUSBO: Form 53

Change Item 4e: Legal services contract with Bryan and Jupiter  
to Item 6a

Add: Item 5j. General Motors check presentation

**AGENDA ITEM 4A: ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 1999**

**(1) Chairman**

Mr. Myron Lawson was nominated for the office of Chairman of the Board by Mr. Harrison Baptiste.

On motion of Mr. Harvey, seconded by Mr. Baptiste, the nominations were closed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Myron Lawson was elected by acclamation to the office of Chairman of the Board for 1999.

**(2) Vice Chairman**

Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr. was nominated for the office of Vice Chairman of the Board by Mr. Warren Chretien.

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Patrick Bell, the nominations were closed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr. was elected by acclamation to the office of Vice Chairman of the Board for 1999.

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Mr. Lawson and Rev. Bilberry thanked the members of the Board for electing them to their respective offices and pledged their best efforts in executing their responsibilities as Board Officers.

**AGENDA ITEM 4B: MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 30 - 31, 1998 BOARD MEETING**

On motion of Mr. Patrick Bell, seconded by Mr. Sensley,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the minutes of the October 30 - 31, 1998 Board meeting be and they are hereby approved, with the corrections as noted.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Corrections:**

Page 2: Item 5 - Change SUNO to SUSBO in language in fourth item

Page 6: Item 6B: Change 5 yeas to 5 nays in roll call vote.

Page 10: Item 8: Reflect Board's vote of confidence for Dr. Gerald Peoples,  
Chancellor of the Southern University at New Orleans Campus

**AGENDA ITEM 4C:           REPORT OF THE INVESTIGATORY COMMITTEE  
REGARDING THE INDUSTRIAL ARTS PROGRAM AND  
MR. DAVID PITTS, SUBR (EXECUTIVE SESSION)**

On motion of Mr. Baptiste, seconded by Mrs. Dottie H. Bell, the Board convened into an executive session to discuss the report of the Investigatory Committee regarding the Industrial Arts Program and Mr. David Pitts, SUBR.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 14 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

**- EXECUTIVE SESSION -**

**- OPEN SESSION -**

On motion of Mr. Sensley, seconded by Mr. Baptiste, the Board convened into open session.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 14 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

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The Chairman announced that the Board met in executive session to discuss the Investigatory Committee's report regarding the Industrial Arts Program and Mr. David Pitts. SUBR. No action was taken while the Board was in executive session.

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On motion of Mr. Sensley, seconded by Mr. Baptiste,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that Mr. David Pitts be granted a hearing by the Board at its January, 1999 meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 4D: HONORARY DOCTORAL DEGREES, SUBR**

On motion of Ms. Hall, seconded by Mr. Baptiste,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that honorary doctoral degrees be and they are hereby approved to be awarded to the following persons:

**Mr. Ben Johnson - Honorary Doctor of Business  
Mr. Robert Stanton - Honorary Doctor of Public Policy**

**AGENDA ITEM 4E: LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACT, BRYAN AND JUPITER**

Moved to to Item 6A.

**AGENDA ITEM 4F: PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATION**

On motion of Mr. Sensley, seconded by Mrs. Dottie Bell,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the following personnel recommendations be and they are hereby approved.

**SUBR: Forms 1 - 14; 40 - 41; 44 - 50  
SULC: Forms 15 - 16  
SUNO: Forms 17 - 31; 42; 51 and 52**

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**SUSBO: Forms 32 - 38; 43; 53  
System: Form 39**

**AGENDA ITEM 4G: CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES, 1998 FALL  
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES**

On motion of Rev. Bilberry, seconded by Mr. Patrick Bell,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that candidates for degrees at the 1998 Fall Commencement Exercises on the Southern University - Baton Rouge and New Orleans Campuses be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 4H: APPOINTMENT OF VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC  
AFFAIRS, S.U. SYSTEM**

On motion of Ms. Hall, seconded by Mr. P. Bell,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the appointment of Dr. Press Robinson as System Vice President for Academic Affairs and Tenured Professor of Chemistry, be and it is hereby approved.

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that Dr. Robinson's appointment will become effective January 1, 1999, at an annual salary of \$92,032.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 4I: RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCES**

On motion of Mr. P. Bell, seconded by Mr. Harvey,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that condolences be and they are hereby extended to the families listed below.

Motion carried unanimously.

- The Mildred West Family
- The Herman A. Green Family

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- The Willa Dean Young Family
- The Col. (Ret.) Joseph St. Amant Family
- The Augustus Honore Jr. Family

**AGENDA ITEM 4J:           REVISED 1999-2000 OPERATIONAL PLANS, S.U. SYSTEM  
                                  UNITS**

On motion of Mr. P. Bell, seconded by Mr. Baptiste,

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the revised 1999-2000 operational plans for the Southern University System units be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Board members were reminded of the various Bayou Classic related activities beginning at 11:00 a.m. where their presence was required.

The Board recessed its meeting until 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 28, 1998.

**- RECESS -**

**- RECONVENTION -**

Southern University Board of Supervisors  
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Mr. Bertel Dejoie  
Ms. Mamye L. Hall  
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**AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

The following reports were acknowledged by the Board:

- 1999-2000 Budget Requests, S.U. System entities
- Capital Outlay Project Status Reports, Campuses and Board of Supervisors
- Major repairs and re-roofing for campus buildings at SUBR and SUNO
- Summer School Reconfiguration for SUBR
- Higher Education Desegregation Quarterly Report, SUNO
- Homecoming dates for 1999-2000 for SUBR
- Quarterly status report on audit deficiencies
- Annual fiscal report and executive summary (for the period ending June 30, 1998) for the Southern University System.

Mr. Bell commended the Administration for the progress it has made in clearing up audit deficiencies within the University System.

**AGENDA ITEM 4J: CHECK PRESENTATION**

Representatives of General Motors/Delphi Interiors presented a check in the amount of \$40,000 to be used for scholarships for College of Business and College of Engineering students on the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus.

The General Motors/Delphi Interiors representatives who made the presentation were Ms. Barbara Sanders, and Messrs. Jay Prestage, B.J. Rogers, and Milton Fletcher.

Dr. Tarver extended the Board and System's appreciation for the monetary gift and fondest best wishes to Ms. Barbara Sanders for her commitment and devotion to Southern University. Ms. Sanders announced that she would be transferring to the Delphi Division upon its split with GM.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

**a. Legal Services Contract with Bryan and Jupiter Law Firm.**

Deferred until the January 1999 meeting.

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Ms. Hall asked the Administration to provide written responses to the following questions/concerns:

- Why did the S.U. Marching Band not participate in the Homecoming Pep Rally and the Homecoming Parade?
- Why was the football team not provided a breakfast meal on Friday, November 27?
- Why are Bayou Classic fans charged excessive rates for parking at the hotels during the Bayou Classic event?

Rev. Gant noted that there had been an increase in the hotel charges for Thursday night from \$99.00 in 1997 to \$129.00 in 1998. He requested the Chairman-elect to see that the Athletics Committee examine the impact of the Bayou Classic on the New Orleans' economy and to also consider the feasibility of moving the game to another site, if the problems with excessive rates for lodging and parking cannot be resolved.

Chairman-elect Lawson concurred. He announced that the matter would be considered and a decision on this issue would be made by the Board next year.

On a motion by Mr. Patrick Bell which was unanimously seconded, a resolution shall be developed by Board Counsel and sent to the Mayor of New Orleans indicating the Board's displeasure with hotel and parking rates during the Bayou Classic.

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Rev. Gant expressed his appreciation to members of the Board of Supervisors for the opportunity to serve as Chairman for the past two years.

Mr. Lawson thanked Rev. Gant for the service that he rendered as Board Chair for the past two years.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Ms. Hall, seconded by Mrs. Dottie Bell, the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

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Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors