

**Southern University Board of Supervisors
9:00 a.m.
Saturday, January 9, 1999
Board of Supervisors' Meeting 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. Myron Lawson. The invocation was given by Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBER ABSENT

Mr. Bertel Dejoie

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

President Leon R. Tarver II
Vice Presidents Press Robinson, Ralph Slaughter and Tolor White
Chancellors Edward Jackson, B.K. Agnihotri, and Gerald Peoples; Interim Chancellor Sam Gilliam

Atty. Winston DeCuir

AGENDA ITEM 2: INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Atty. Winston DeCuir administered the oath of office to Mr. Myron Lawson and Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr., Chairman and Vice Chairman, respectively, of the Board of Supervisors for 1999.

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENTS:

- Add: Item 6e. Legal services contract with Bryan and Jupiter Law Firm
- Item 6f. Request to amend Capital Outlay Request, SUBR
- Item 7c. Overview of Legislative Auditor's report for period ending June 30, 1998

AGENDA ITEM 5: SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Andrea G. Jefferson and Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr. were recognized for their services to the Board.

Dr. Jefferson served as a member of the Board from 1995 to 1998. During this period, she held various positions including Chairman of the Academic Affairs/Personnel Policy Committee, Board representative on the Baton Rouge Community College Management Council and, Board representative on the Board of Regents Academic Affairs Committee.

In a brief statement of gratitude to the Board and System Officers, Dr. Jefferson acknowledged the positive impact that Southern University has had on her personal and professional growth and development.

Rev. Gant served as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors from January 1997 to December 1998.

In his expression of gratitude to the Board, Rev. Gant noted many of his accomplishments during his tenure as Board Chair, including the expansion and refurbishing of the Office of the Board of Supervisors.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS

a. Minutes of the November 27 - 29, 1998 Board meeting

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the minutes of the November 27 - 28, 1998 Board meeting be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Committee Reports

Academic and Faculty Affairs/Personnel Policy Committee

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the report of the Academic and Faculty Affairs/Personnel Policy Committee which includes the following recommendations be and it is hereby approved.

- Appointment of Dr. Andrea G. Jefferson as Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs on the Southern University at New Orleans Campus, effective January 11, 1999 at a 12-month salary of \$75,000.
- Personnel recommendations:
 - System: Form 1
 - SUBR: Forms 2 - 9 and 23 - 28
 - SUNO: Forms 10 - 21 and 29
 - SUSBO: Forms 22 and 30

Motion carried.

Finance and Business Affairs Committee

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the report of the Finance and Business Affairs Committee which includes the following recommendation be and it is hereby approved.

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Motion carried unanimously.

- The request from the Administration to use accumulated prior-year student insurance funds in the amount of \$160,000, for use as a partial payment of the construction cost of the new infirmary on the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus.

c. 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 S. West Family
- The Maple Bradley Family
- The Otis Stewart Family
- The Robert Densley Family
- The Nathaniel Merrick Family

d. Hearing regarding Mr. David Pitts, SUBR (Executive Session)

On motion of Rev. Bilberry, seconded by Mrs. D. Bell, the Board convened into an executive session to hear the appeal of Mr. David Pitts regarding the recommendation of the Administration and the Investigatory Committee relative to his employment at Southern University - Baton Rouge.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 14 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
1 absent: Mr. Dejoie

- EXECUTIVE SESSION -

- OPEN SESSION -

On motion of Ms. Hall, seconded by Rev. Bilberry, the Board reconvened into open session.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 14 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
1 absent: Mr. Dejoie

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The Board Chairman announced that the Board met in executive session to hear Mr. Pitts' appeal, but no actions were taken while in the session.

Atty. DeCuir advised the Board that Mr. David Pitts had agreed to withdraw his appeal and to allow the Administration's recommendation to become final.

Chancellor Jackson further advised the Board that his offer of a part-time position at the University had been accepted by Mr. Pitts.

Mr. Pitts and his attorney, Mr. Marvin Dunn, indicated for the record their concurrence with the statements presented by Atty. DeCuir and the Chancellor Jackson.

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the following actions are approved relative to Mr. David Pitts:

- **Withdrawal of Mr. Pitts' appeal of the actions of the Administration and the University's Investigatory Committee is hereby accepted.**
- **The Administration's action terminating Mr. Pitts' employment at Southern University - Baton Rouge as a tenured member of the faculty in the Industrial Arts Program is hereby ratified.**
- **The recommendation of Dr. Jackson to appoint Mr. Pitts to a part-time, unclassified staff position at the University is hereby approved. Details of the appointment are to be consummated by Chancellor Jackson and Mr. Pitts.**

Motion carried unanimously.

e. Legal Services Contract with Bryan and Jupiter Law Firm

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the legal services contract between Southern University and Bryan and Jupiter Law Firm for the period of January 1 - June 30, 1999 be and it is hereby approved, with necessary changes.

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Motion carried unanimously.

f. Baseball Stadium Improvements, SUBR

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

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the Administration's request to submit an amended Capital Outlay request to the Board of Regents for funding of seating and lighting work in the Baseball Stadium on the Baton Rouge Campus be and it is hereby approved.

AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

AGENDA ITEM 7A: REPORT FROM THE SYSTEM, CAMPUSES AND LAW CENTER

In addition to written updates regarding activities at the System, Campuses and the Law Center, the Board members received the following information through oral reports:

System

President Tarver reported that Rhodia Industrial Plant had agreed to the Governor's and the University's call for a suspension of the blended napalm incineration until certain conditions were met. Mr. Abdul-Rahman requested the President and Chancellor to submit a revised communication to Rhodia to request that the burning of napalm be halted permanently.

SUBR

Mr. Pete Richardson, Head Football Coach, was selected by the Pigskin Club of Washington, D.C. as the SWAC Coach of the Year.

SUNO

SUNO was ranked in a recent publication as No. 32 among 117 U.S. Colleges that are the most desirable places for black students to attend.

The Black Knights basketball team was ranked as No. 23 out of 300 teams in the NAIA Conference.

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SULC

Dr. Jesse N. Stone, Jr. was honored during the recent Conference of the National Association of Law Professors in New Orleans.

Members of the Board of Supervisors were invited to attend Pre-Law Day on February 5, 1999 at the S.U. Law Center.

SUSBO

No additional report.

SACS Accreditation Efforts

In response to a question by Mr. Abdul-Rahman, the Chancellors gave an update on each campus' efforts in preparing for re-accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

AGENDA ITEM 7B: 1999 SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS

Copies were distributed to each member. No action was needed.

AGENDA ITEM 7C: OVERVIEW OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Gloria Thompson, Director of Internal Auditing, gave a brief report on the Legislative Auditor's findings for the period ending June 30, 1998. Mrs. Thompson advised that the campuses had made significant progress in clearing prior audit findings and preventing new findings.

SUBR

The Athletics Department was the only area cited in the Legislative Auditor's findings for not exercising adequate controls over game and parking tickets. This was a repeat finding.

SUSBO

Cited for failing to maintain adequate property controls.

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SUNO

No audit findings.

Audit Compliance and Review Committee Chairman Patrick Bell extended commendations to the Chancellors and their staffs for their efforts in making significant improvements in the clearing of prior audit findings and in adhering to sound financial and compliance practices.

A more detailed report regarding the Legislative Auditors' and external auditors' findings will be tendered at the February meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Mamye L. Hall noted that recent statements appeared in local newspapers reporting that the site of the Bayou Classic game would be moved from New Orleans to another location. In an attempt to clarify the University's position, Ms. Hall stated that negotiations are underway with hotels in an effort to obtain better prices for Bayou Classic fans. Failing to reach such an agreement, the possibility of fans traveling to New Orleans on the day of the game and departing immediately will be explored.

Chancellor Jackson announced that the guest speaker for the University's Founder's Day Program will be Board Chairman Myron Lawson.

The Board recognized the presence of State Representative Charles Hudson.

AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Rev. Gant, seconded by Rev. Bilberry, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, S.U. Board of Supervisors

Chairman, S.U. Board of Supervisors