

Southern University Board of Supervisors
Friday, June 21, 2002
Science Lecture Hall
Southern University - Shreveport

Minutes

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Atty. John F.K. Belton.

Present

Mr. John F.K. Belton, Chairman
Ms. Angela J. Alexander
Mr. Harrison J. Baptiste
Mrs. Dottie H. Bell
Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Mr. S. Albert Gilliam
Mr. Walter Guidry
Mr. John W. Joseph
Mr. Avery Wilson

Absent

Ms. Lea M. Polk, Vice Chairman
Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry
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Mrs. Anne Z. Kiefer
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Mr. Louis Miller

University Personnel Attending

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Vice Presidents Ralph Slaughter and Tolor White
Chancellors Edward Jackson, Press Robinson, and Ray Belton
Interim Chancellor Washington Marshall

Atty. Winston DeCuir

AGENDA ITEM 3: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Joseph, the agenda was adopted, as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENTS

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AGENDA ITEMS 5A: Minutes of the May 9-10, 2002 Board Meeting

5B: Committee Reports

5C: Resolutions

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Gilliam, the Board approved the following resolutions.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Governance Committee

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