

Southern University Board of Supervisors
9:00 am
Friday, November 18, 2005
Agricultural Research and Extension Center
Southern University
Baton Rouge, LA

MINUTES

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Mr. Johnny G. Anderson. The invocation was given by the Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry.

PRESENT

Mr. Johnny G. Anderson, Chairman
Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Vice Chairman
Dr. Angela J. Alexander
Atty. Dale N. Atkins
Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr.
Mr. Richard J. Caiton
Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Mr. S. Albert Gilliam
Mr. Ramonte Hannon, Student Member
Mr. John W. Joseph
Ms. Anne Z. Kiefer
Mr. Louis Miller
Ms. Lea Polk
Mr. Achilles Williams

ABSENT

Mr. Walter Guidry, Jr.
Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

Interim System President/Chancellor Edward Jackson
Vice Presidents Ralph Slaughter, Victor Ukpole and Tolor White
Chancellors Ray Belton, Freddie Pitcher, and Leodrey Williams
Interim Chancellor Robert Gex
Executive Vice Chancellor Margaret Ambrose

BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Sr. and Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Trevor Bryan

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENTS:

Add: Item 7C-1: Authorization to Board Chairman and Designee(s) to meet with Board of Regents regarding impact of Hurricane Katrina and Rita

Item 7D-2: Appointment of Band Director, SUBR

Item 7F-1: Executive Session to discuss effects of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on SU System

Item 7H: Waiver of Admission and Re-Admission Fees, SUNO

Item 7I: Revision to SU Bond Project

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments were tendered by Dr. Eva Baham, President of the SUBR Faculty Senate, regarding the SU System Presidential Search and state-mandated budget reductions on the SU System.

Recognition

Board Member Dale Atkins publicly recognized Miss Brittney Crosley for her assistance during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Miss Crosley is a Nursing Major in the Honors College at Southern University - Baton Rouge.

AGENDA ITEM 5: ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2006

- a. Board Chairman
- Vice Chairman Lawson Presiding -

Mr. Johnny Anderson was nominated for re-election to the post of Board Chairman by Atty. Tony Clayton. The nomination was seconded by Ms. Polk.

On motion of Ms. Kiefer and seconded by Mr. Joseph, the nominations for Board Chairman were closed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Anderson was re-elected by unanimous consent to the post of Board Chairman for 2006.

- b. Vice Chairman
- Chairman Anderson Presiding -

Mr. Myron K. Lawson was nominated for re-election to the post of Board Vice Chairman by Mr. Gilliam, The nomination was seconded by Ms. Polk.

On motion of Ms. Kiefer, seconded by Mr. Joseph, the nominations for Board Vice Chairman were closed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lawson was re-elected by unanimous consent to the post of Board Vice Chairman for 2006.

Messrs. Anderson and Lawson expressed appreciation to the members of the Board for their re-election. Both pledged their best efforts in continuing to fulfill the duties of their respective offices.

AGENDA ITEM 6: PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

The College of Engineering at Southern University-Baton Rouge was spotlighted. The presentation was made by Dean Habib Mohamidian.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ACTION ITEMS

- a. Minutes of the October 29, 2005 Board Meeting

On motion of Atty. Atkins, seconded by Mr. Caiton,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that the minutes of the October 29, 2005 regular Board meeting be and they are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 7B: WAIVER OF SEARCH FOR BAND DIRECTOR, SUBR

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Joseph,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the Administration, that the waiver for the search for the Director of Bands for the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus, be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 7C: FORCE MAJEURE EXIGENCY PLAN FOR
HURRICANE KATRINA, SUNO**

On motion of Ms. Polk, seconded by Mr. Hannon,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the Administration, that the Force Majeure Exigency Plan for the Southern University at New Orleans Campus be and it is hereby approved.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Force Majeure Exigency Plan shall be limited to responding to the circumstances arising out of the catastrophic destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina; and for this purpose, this plan shall supplement and supercede any conflicting provisions of the Regulations of the Board of Supervisors.

Motion carried unanimously.

In response to Mr. Gilliam's inquiry, the Board was advised that there had been

input from the SUNO faculty and staff in the development of the Force Majeure Exigency Plan.

**AGENDA ITEM 7C-1: AUTHORIZATION TO BOARD CHAIRMAN AND
DESIGNEES TO MEET WITH BOARD OF REGENTS
REGARDING IMPACT OF HURRICANES ON
HIGHER EDUCATION**

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Joseph,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, that the Chairman of the Board, his designees and the System President be and they are hereby authorized to represent the Southern University System in meetings with the Board of Regents and the State regarding the future of higher education in light of the catastrophic effects of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 7D: PERSONNEL ACTIONS

On motion of Mr. Gilliam, seconded by Atty. Clayton,

(1.) Leave of Absence

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the Administration, that the medical leave of absence for Dr. Emmanuel Igbokwe (SUSLA) from December 1, 2005 through May 31, 2006 be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

(2.) Appointment of SUBR Band Director

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the Administration, that the appointment of Mr. Lawrence Jackson as Director of Bands at Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus, effective January 1, 2006 at an annual salary of \$75,000 be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jackson tendered remarks of appreciation to the Board for his appointment. He assured the Board of his intent to continue the legacy of Dr. Isaac Greggs, the retiring Director of Bands.

**AGENDA ITEM 7E: DEMOLITION OF MARY BOOKER BARANCO
DORMITORY, SUBR**

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Atty. Atkins,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the Administration, that the demolition of the Mary Booker Baranco Dormitory on the Southern University - Baton Rouge Campus, be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 7F: UPDATE ON HIGHER EDUCATION
DESEGREGATION LAWSUIT (Executive Session)**

**ITEM 7F-1: EFFECTS OF HURRICANES KATRINA AND RITA
ON THE SU SYSTEM (Executive Session)**

On motion of Ms. Kiefer, seconded by Mr. Williams, the Board convened into an executive session to receive an update on the Higher Education Desegregation Lawsuit and the effects of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on the Southern University System.

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

- EXECUTIVE SESSION -

- OPEN SESSION -

On motion of Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Kiefer, the Board reconvened into open session.

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

AGENDA ITEM 7G: RESOLUTIONS

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Joseph,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, that resolutions listed below be and are hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Condolences

- The Ruth Williams Family
- The Delores Howard Pointer Family
- The Maurice Haynes Family

**AGENDA ITEM 7H: STUDENT ADMISSION AND RE-ADMISSION FEE
WAIVER, SUNO**

On motion of Mr. Caiton, seconded by Ms. Kiefer,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the Administration, that the waiver of Admission and Re-Admission Fees for SUNO students for Spring and Fall 2006 be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

The current fee for admission and re-admission is \$5.00 per student.

AGENDA ITEM 7I: REVISION TO SU SYSTEM BOND PROJECT

On motion of Mr. Gilliam, seconded by Mr. Caiton,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that the System President be and he is hereby authorized to take actions necessary to revise the Bond Project to reduce its size by eliminating all student housing and, to

take those steps necessary to proceed with completing the financing and beginning the projects construction.

Motion carried unanimously.

The projects that will remain for funding under the revised Bond Project are:

- Baseball Fieldhouse
- Football/Track Support Facility (North Endzone)
- Student Intramural Building
- Acquisition of 610 Texas Street, Shreveport

AGENDA ITEM 8: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. Update on SUNO Recovery Efforts
The report was given by Vice President Ukpolo. A copy is on file in the Board's Office.
- B. System and Campus Monthly Reports
Reports are on file in the Board's Office.
- B. 3RD Party Financing for North Endzone Project, SUBR
Item addressed under Item 7I.
- C. Appointment of Student Recruitment and Retention Committee
Chairman Anderson announced the establishment of a Student Recruitment and Retention Committee for the Board. The following Board members will serve on the Committee.
- Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Chairman
Mr. Ramonte Hannon, Vice Chairman
Dr. Angela J. Alexander
Mr. S. Albert Gilliam
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Mr. Johnny G. Anderson, Ex officio

AGENDA ITEM 9: OTHER BUSINESS

None.

AGENDA ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Caiton, seconded by Mr. Joseph, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, SU Board of Supervisors

Chairman, SU Board of Supervisors