

**Special Meeting
Southern University Board of Supervisors
10:00 a.m.
Friday, October 7, 2005
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Southern University - Baton Rouge**

MINUTES

The Special Meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Johnny G. Anderson. The invocation was given by the Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry.

PRESENT

Mr. Johnny G. Anderson, Chair
Dr. Angela J. Alexander
Atty. Dale N. Atkins
Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr.
Mr. Richard J. Caiton
Mr. S. Albert Gilliam
Mr. Walter Guidry
Mr. Ramonte Hannon
Mr. John W. Joseph
Mr. Louis Miller
Ms. Lea M. Polk
Mr. Achilles Williams

ABSENT

Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Vice Chair
Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Ms. Anne Z. Kiefer
Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

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

BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Sr. and Trevor Bryan

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AGENDA ITEM 3: WAIVER OF THE TEN-DAY ADVANCE NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT

On motion of Atty. Atkins, seconded by Rev. Bilberry, the Board voted to waive the ten-day advance notice requirement for Special Board Meetings.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENTS:

Add: Item 7C: SU Endowments

Item 7D: Performance Responsibility for recently employed Director
of SU System Foundation

Item 7E: SU Rural Initiatives

AGENDA ITEM 5: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Expressions of appreciation for assistance rendered in the wake of Hurricane Katrina were extended to the Board, Administration and Staff by SGA President Avis White on behalf of the SUNO student body; and New Orleans area Board members Dale N. Atkins, Richard J. Caiton and Lea M. Polk.

Board Member Gilliam spoke concerning the pool of expertise available through members of the Board in the SUNO Recovery Effort. He requested that Board members be contacted for their input and assistance in the future.

Chairman Anderson urged Board members to volunteer their assistance, where they saw a need they could address.

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**AGENDA ITEM 6: USA vs. STATE OF LOUISIANA DESEGREGATION
 LAWSUIT, MONITORING COMMITTEE'S REPORT
 AND CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE ACTION
 (Executive Session)**

On motion of Mr. Caiton, seconded by Ms. Polk, the Board convened into an executive session to discuss the USA vs. State of Louisiana Desegregation Lawsuit, Monitoring Committee's report and to consider future action.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 11 yeas: Anderson, Alexander, Atkins, Bilberry, Caiton, Gilliam, Guidry, Joseph, Miller, Polk, and Williams; 0 nays, 0 abstentions

- EXECUTIVE SESSION -

Mr. Ramonte Hannon entered the meeting.

- OPEN SESSION -

On motion of Atty. Atkins, seconded by Mr. Miller, the Board returned to open session.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 12 yeas: Anderson, Alexander, Atkins, Bilberry, Caiton, Gilliam, Guidry, Joseph, Miller, Polk, Williams, and Hannon ; 0 nays, 0 abstentions

On motion of Ms. Polk, seconded by Mr. Caiton, the System's attorney was authorized to file the necessary motions in the Desegregation Case in order to extend its expiration date beyond December 31, 2005 to ensure that SUNO is re-established and maintained at the level contemplated by the Settlement Agreement.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL UPDATE

a. SUNO Recovery Plans

The Board received a status report on SUNO's efforts to rebuild, strengthen and enhance its academic enterprises in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

Specifically, the Administration presented action plans from the SUNO Colleges of Business, Education, Arts and Social Sciences, Science and the School of Social Work. Hiring and retention of quality faculty and the contributions of research and sponsored programs were also addressed.

In the area of student life enhancements, the plan focused on the implementation of summer school, distance and e-learning, continuing education and the weekend college. Outreach, engagement and the University's Information Technology infrastructure are targeted for renewed emphasis.

Additional highlights pertaining to SUNO's recovery related to FEMA's expected assistance in providing 100-150 trailers on the SUNO North Campus for staff and student occupancy; and the location of SUNO classroom facilities in a downtown New Orleans location and/or at the Sophie B. Wright Charter School.

AGENDA ITEM 7B: SU BOND PROJECT

An update on the SU Bond Project was given by Atty. Winston DeCuir, Sr. A copy of his report is on file in the Board's Office.

AGENDA ITEM 7C: SU ENDOWMENTS

Deferred.

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**AGENDA ITEM 7D: PERFORMANCE RESPONSIBILITY OF RECENTLY
EMPLOYED SU SYSTEM FOUNDATION DIRECTOR**

Deferred.

AGENDA ITEM 7E: SU RURAL INITIATIVES

Chancellor Leodrey Williams provided the report on efforts relative to the Ag Center's Rural Initiatives. It was noted that this area has been augmented by the involvement of a team of persons from the SU Law Center. A Town Hall meeting to further promote programs and other initiatives fostered by the Ag Center will be held on October 27 in Opelousas, LA.

On motion of Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Williams, the agenda was amended to obtain the Board's approval of a resolution of commendation to Lt. General Russell Honore for the recognition he has brought to his Alma Mater, Southern University. Lt. General Honore is the U.S. appointed General Officer heading the Army National Guard Contingent deployed to New Orleans, following Hurricane Katrina.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Dr. Alexander, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman, SU Board of Supervisors

Secretary, SU Board of Supervisors