

Special Meeting
Southern University Board of Supervisors
5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, August 29, 2007
Board Room, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Southern University - Baton Rouge

MINUTES

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

PRESENT

Mr. Johnny G. Anderson, Chairman
Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Vice Chairman
Atty. Dale N. Atkins
Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr.
Mr. Richard J. Caiton
Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Atty. Warren A. Forstall
Mr. Walter Guidry, Jr.
Mr. Louis Miller
Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.
Mrs. Lea Polk Montgomery
Mr. Achilles Williams
Ms. Afi C. Patterson

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

System President Ralph Slaughter

AGENDA ITEM 3: WAIVER OF ADVANCE NOTICE

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mrs. Montgomery, the Board waived the ten-day advance notice requirement for Special Board Meetings and the notice provided to all members pursuant to the Louisiana Public Meetings Law was deemed sufficient for this meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Caiton, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 5: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

AGENDA ITEM 6: DISCUSSION OF PROPOSAL TO SETTLE THE “DR. RALPH SLAUGHTER V. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ET. AL.” LAWSUIT, CIVIL ACTION 07-379-C, USDC, MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA (EXECUTIVE SESSION)

On motion of Mr. Caiton, seconded by Mrs. Montgomery, the Board convened into an executive session to discuss the proposal to settle the “Dr. Ralph Slaughter v. Board of Supervisors, et. al.” lawsuit, Civil Action 07-379-C, USDC, Middle District of Louisiana.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 10 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions. Board Members Atkins, Forstall and Williams had not yet arrived at the meeting.)

- EXECUTIVE SESSION -

Board Members Atkins, Forstall and Williams arrived.

- OPEN SESSION -

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

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 13 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ACTION RELATED TO THE “DR. RALPH
SLAUGHTER V. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ET. AL.”
LAWSUIT, CIVIL ACTION 07-379-C, USDC, MIDDLE
DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

On motion of Miss Patterson, seconded by Mrs. Montgomery and Mr. Caiton, the following resolution was approved by the Board.

The motion carried. Roll call vote: 11 yeas: Lawson, Bilberry, Caiton, Clayton, Forstall, Guidry, Miller, Montgomery, Nash, Patterson and Williams; 1 nay: Atkins; 1 abstention: Anderson. Atty. Atkins stated that she voted nay upon the advice of her legal counsel.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College System that an offer be and it is hereby extended to Dr. Ralph Slaughter, plaintiff in “Dr. Ralph Slaughter vs. Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, et. al., United States District Court, Middle District Civil Action #07-CV-379-B-M2, a settlement according to the terms and conditions of the employment contract and settlement agreement submitted to the Board with this motion. Upon acceptance by Dr. Ralph Slaughter, the Board Chairman is hereby authorized to execute the “Settlement Agreement.” Following the seven (7) day revocation period contained in paragraph 12 of the Settlement Agreement and the Authentic Act of Release, if Dr. Ralph Slaughter has not exercised his right to revoke the Settlement Agreement and Authentic Act of Release, the Chairman is authorized and shall execute the employment contract and any other documents necessary to complete the settlement of the Case and dismissal of the litigation in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the documents, provided all individual defendants have been dismissed and a joint motion to dismiss all claims with prejudice has been executed and filed by all parties.

Board Members Montgomery, Guidry and Nash were extended commendations from the Board and System President for the service they rendered as liaisons in the settlement negotiations.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

Secretary, SU Board of Supervisors

Chairman, SU Board of Supervisors