Special (Emergency) Meeting Southern University Board of Supervisors 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 10, 2007

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room 2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building Southern University - Baton Rouge

MINUTES

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by the Acting Chair, Atty. Dale N. Atkins. The invocation was given by Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry.

PRESENT

Atty. Dale N. Atkins, Acting Chair

Mr. John W. Joseph, Acting Vice Chair

Mr. Johnny G. Anderson

Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry, Jr.

Mr. Richard Caiton

Atty. Tony M. Clayton

Mr. Walter Guidry

Mr. Myron Lawson

Mr. Louis Miller

Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery

Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.

Ms. Afi C. Patterson, Student Member

Mr. Achilles Williams

ABSENT

Atty. Warren A. Forstall

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

System President Ralph Slaughter

Vice President Tolor White

Assistant Vice Presidents Andrea Jefferson and Michael Ralph

Chancellors Ray Belton, Freddie Pitcher, Victor Ukpolo, and Leodrey Williams

Acting Chancellor Margaret Ambrose

BOARD COUNSEL

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Sr.

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AGENDA ITEM 2A: WAIVER OF REQUIRED NOTICE

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Williams, the Board waived the ten-day advance notice required for Special Board meetings.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Guidry, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

AGENDA ITEM 5: DISCUSSION OF LITIGATION IN "DR. RALPH SLAUGHTER V. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ET. AL.," CIVIL ACTION 07-379-C, USDC, MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA (EXECUTIVE SESSION)

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Ms. Patterson, the Board convened into an executive session to discuss litigation in "Dr. Ralph Slaughter v. Board of Supervisors, et. al.," Civil Action 07-379C, USDC, Middle District of Louisiana.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 12 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

- EXECUTIVE SESSION -

OPEN SESSION -

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

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 1 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

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AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Lawson.

Atty. Atkins acknowledged Mr. Johnny Anderson's letter notifying the Board members of his return to the Chairman's position. She thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as Acting Chair for the past two months.

The Board expressed appreciation to Atty. Atkins for the services she rendered as Acting Board Chair.

Atty. Clayton asked to be given an opportunity to offer two motions for the Board's action. He was advised by Ms Atkins that a motion to adjourn the meeting had been passed.

Atty. Clayton subsequently asked to have his comments placed in the record. Specifically, Mr. Clayton stated concern that:

Mr. Anderson's return to the Chairman's position did not have Board approval and thus, should be tabled or postponed until a Board vote was taken on this matter; and

The Board should not vote to appeal the recent decision rendered in the Slaughter v. Board of Supervisors, et. al. litigation.

Secretary, SU Board of Supervisors
Chairman, SU Board of Supervisors