

Special Meeting
Southern University Board of Supervisors
5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 19, 2007
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Southern University- Baton Rouge Campus

MINUTES

The Special Meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Acting Chair, Atty. Dale N. Atkins. The invocation was given by Mr. John W. Joseph.

PRESENT

Atty. Dale N. Atkins, Acting Chair
Mr. John W. Joseph, Acting Vice Chair
Mr. Johnny G. Anderson
Mr. Richard J. Caiton
Atty. Tony Clayton
Atty. Warren Forstall
Mr. Walter Guidry
Mrs. Worlita Jackson-Williams
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Mr. Louis Miller
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery
Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.
Miss Afi C. Patterson

ABSENT

Rev. Jesse B. Bilberry
Mr. Elvin Pradia
Mr. Achilles Williams

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL MEETING

Dr. Edward Jackson, Acting System President
Ms. Margaret Ambrose, Acting Chancellor, SUBR
Mr. Lester Pourciau, Human Resources Office

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Sr., Board Counsel

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: RECEIPT AND DISCUSSION OF THE REPORT ON SEXUAL HARASSMENT FROM THE HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER (EXECUTIVE SESSION)

On motion of Mr. Guidry, seconded by Mrs. Jackson-Williams, the Board convened into an executive session, pursuant to R.S. 42:6.1A (4) Investigative Proceedings, to receive and discuss the Sexual Harassment Report presented by the Human Resources Officer.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 11 yeas: Atkins, Joseph, Caiton, Clayton, Forstall, Guidry, Jackson-Williams, Miller, Montgomery, Nash, Patterson 0 nays, 1 abstention: Anderson

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Lawson arrived at the meeting but did not enter the executive session.

Mr. Anderson did not enter the executive session.

RECONVENTION

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Caiton, the Board reconvened into open session.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 10 yeas: Atkins, Joseph, Clayton, Forstall, Guidry, Jackson-Williams, Miller, Montgomery, Nash, Patterson. 0 nays, 1 abstention: Lawson, 2 out, Anderson and Caiton

Atty. Atkins reported that during the executive session, the Board received a report from Lester Pourciau, the University's Human Resources Officer. Mr. Pourciau reported that a thorough investigation was conducted into the allegations of sexual harassment levied against the Board Chairman. Based upon the information gathered and the interviews conducted, Mr. Pourciau reported that he could not substantiate the allegations of sexual harassment. Ms. Atkins further advised that the Board would make no further statements on this matter.

AGENDA ITEM 6: DISCUSSION OF LITIGATION IN "DR. RALPH SLAUGHTER VS. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AND A&M COLLEGE, ET. AL., "CIVIL ACTION 07-379-C, USDC, MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA (EXECUTIVE SESSION)

On motion of Mr. Guidry, seconded by Mr. Joseph, the Board convened into an executive session to discuss the litigation in "Dr. Ralph Slaughter vs. Board of Supervisors of Southern University and A&M College, et. al., "Civil Action 07-379-C, USDC, Middle District of Louisiana.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 11 yeas: Atkins, Joseph, Caiton, Clayton, Forstall, Guidry, Jackson-Williams, Miller, Montgomery, Nash, Patterson, 0 nays, 2 abstentions, Anderson and Lawson

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RECONVENTION

On the motion Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mrs. Montgomery, the Board reconvened into open session.

Motion carried unanimously Roll call vote: 10 yeas: Atkins, Joseph, Clayton, Forstall, Guidry, Jackson-Williams,

Miller, Montgomery, Nash, Patterson,
0 nays; 1 abstention: Lawson; 2 out: Anderson
and Caiton

On motion of Mr. Guidry, seconded by Mr. Joseph, the agenda was amended to add the following item.

Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 6A: EMPLOYMENT OF LEGAL CO-COUNSEL

On motion of Mr. Guidry, seconded by Mr. Nash,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University and A&M College System, that the Administration be and it is hereby authorized to engage the law firm of Keen, Miller to assist in representing the Board of Supervisors in the litigation, "Dr. Ralph Slaughter v. Board of Supervisors of Southern University, et. al., Case Number 07-379-C, USDC, Middle District of Louisiana and to supplement its legal fees as needed.

The motion carried. Mr. Lawson abstained.

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

Secretary, SU Board of Supervisors

Chairman, SU Board of Supervisors