

Southern University Board of Supervisors
9:00 a.m.
Friday, January 9, 2009
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 convened by the Chairman, Atty. Tony M. Clayton.

The invocation was given by Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson.

PRESENT

Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Chairman
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery, Vice Chairman
Atty. Dale N. Atkins
Atty. Murphy F. Bell, Jr.
Mr. Patrick W. Bell
Mr. Richard J. Caiton
Atty. Walter C. Dumas
Atty. Warren A. Forstall
Mr. Walter Guidry
Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Atty. Patrick D. Magee
Mr. Louis Miller
Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.
Mr. Jamal A. Taylor
Mr. Achilles Williams

ABSENT

None

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

System President Ralph Slaughter
Vice Presidents Kassie Freeman, Napoleon Moses, and Tolor E. White
Chancellors Ray Belton (SUSLA), Kofi Lomotey (SUBR), Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), and
Leodrey Williams (SUAREC) and Professor John Pierre, representing Chancellor
Freddie Pitcher (SULC)

INSTALLATION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2009

Deleted. Conducted at the Academic and Student Affairs Committee's meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Mrs. Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Bell, the agenda was adopted, as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

Amendments:

Deletions: Item 2: Installation of 2009 Board Officers
Item 5A: Southwest Center Presentation

AGENDA ITEM 5: PUBLIC COMMENTS

SUBR Chancellor Lomotey provided an explanation to the Board on circumstances which gave rise to a number of faculty members inadvertently receiving termination notices during Christmas 2008 holidays. He assured the Board that only ten temporary employees whose contracts with the University were scheduled to expire on December 31, 2008 were affected.

Dr. Sudhir Trivedi, President of the SUBR Faculty Senate, spoke to express his concern regarding the notices sent to faculty during the holidays; and to advise the Board that he is the only person who is the elected faculty representative.

Also, voicing concern on this issue were Professors Diolo Bagayoko, Eva Baham and Tom Miller.

AGENDA ITEM 5A: SOUTHWEST CENTER PRESENTATION

Deleted.

AGENDA ITEM 6: SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mr. Myron K. Lawson, immediate past Chairman of the Board, was recognized and presented with a token of appreciation from the Board and System for his service as Board Chairman for 2008. Chancellor Victor Ukpolo also made a presentation on behalf of Southern University at New Orleans.

AGENDA ITEM 7: SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PRESENTATION

Mrs. Rose Roche` reported on the Southern University System Foundation's meeting with representatives of *Corporate Development*, a Strategic Planning and Fundraising firm that is being considered by the Foundation to conduct a Capital Campaign for the Southern University System. She introduced the representatives from Corporate Development who made a brief presentation on the tentative plans for the Capital Campaign.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ACTION ITEMS

- A. Minutes of the December 12, 2008 regular Board meeting and the December 19, 2008 Special Board Meeting

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mrs. Montgomery,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that the minutes of the December 12, 2008 regular Board meeting and the December 19, 2008 special Board meeting, be and they are hereby approved.

- B. Committee Reports and Recommendations

On motion of Mrs. Montgomery, seconded by Atty. Dumas, the following resolutions were approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

(1.) ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendations of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, that the Committee's report and the following recommendation be and they are hereby approved.

The appointment of Dr. Dianne H. Piper to the position of Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Associate Professor of Mass Communications, with tenure, on the Southern University Shreveport Campus, at an annual salary of \$100,000, effective January 1, 2009.

(2) FACILITIES AND PROPERTY

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System, upon the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee, that the Committee's report and the following recommendations be and they are hereby approved.

- Authorization to the Southern University at New Orleans Administration to seek an improved project (CAP) worksheet for Library Renovations.
- Authorization to the Southern University at Baton Rouge Administration to request emergency funding from the Interim Emergency Board (IEB) to stabilize the ravine where erosion is threatening buildings in the historic district.
- Authorization to System President Ralph Slaughter to negotiate with the Old Evangeline Downs, LLC entity, the donation approximately six acres of land in St. Landry Parish. Upon completion of the negotiations, the President is authorized to accept the donation of the property on behalf of the Board of Supervisors and to execute any and all documents associated with acceptance of the donation and transfer of the property to the Southern University System.

The donated land is to be used for the construction and operation of the Southern University Southwest Rural Initiatives Center.

(3). **FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that the report of the Finance and Audit Committee be and it is hereby approved.

The Committee's report contained a tentative timeline for implementing direct deposit of refund checks for SUBR students. The Administration was asked to extend this service to all Southern University students and to submit an implementation schedule to the Board.

It was requested that reports from each campus on the following matters be submitted at the next meeting:

- Student Recruitment and Retention
- Need-based Student Scholarships
- Implementation of out-of-state fee waivers for Southern University students from states contiguous to Louisiana (Arkansas, Mississippi, and Texas)

AGENDA ITEM 8C: RESOLUTIONS

On motion of Atty. Bell, seconded by Mr. Miller,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that resolutions of condolences be and they are approved to be forwarded to the families listed below:

Motion carried unanimously.

- The Delonda Jean Batiste Family
- The Samuel Gerald's Family
- The Elliott Brandle Family
- The Mrs. Charles Bryant Family
- The Yvette McCaleb Family

AGENDA ITEM 8D: CHANCELLOR'S EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT, SUBR

On motion of Atty. Magee, seconded by Atty. Jefferson,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that the employment contract for Dr. Kofi Lomotey as Chancellor of the Southern University and A&M College, effective July 1, 2008 - December 31, 2010, be and it is hereby approved.

The motion carried. Mr. Caiton voted nay.

The contract provisions include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Concurrent appointment as tenured professor in the SUBR College of Education
- Annual salary of \$245,000 per fiscal year (July 1 - June 30)
- Housing allowance of \$35,000 annually
- Automobile allowance of \$15,000 annually
- Relocation Expenses.

Other terms and conditions as specified in the document.

E. PRESIDENTIAL EVALUATION POLICY AND INSTRUMENT (REVISED)

On motion of Mr Taylor, seconded by Mr. Bell,

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for the Southern University System that the Presidential Evaluation Policy and Instrument, as revised, be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

F. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PRESIDENT TO ACCEPT PROPERTY DONATION

See action taken on Agenda Item 8.B.(2) above during the meeting of the Facilities and Property Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 9: SYSTEM AND CAMPUS REPORTS

The informational reports from the System and Campuses were received by the Board. Details are on file in the Board's Office and Website.

AGENDA ITEM 10: OTHER BUSINESS

The Administration was requested to ensure that students have access to online registration.

AGENDA ITEM 11: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Atty. Bell, seconded by Atty. Dumas, the meeting was adjourned.

Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary, Board of Supervisors
Southern University System

Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Southern University System

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

9:00 A.M.

Friday, January 9, 2009

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

MINUTES

The meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson. Atty. Jefferson gave the invocation.

PRESENT

Atty. Patrick O. Jefferson
Mr. Walter Guidry
Atty. Patrick D. Magee
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery
Mr. Jamal A. Taylor
Mr. Achilles Williams
Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Ex-Officio

ABSENT:

None

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL ATTENDING:

System President Ralph Slaughter
System Vice Presidents Kassie Freeman, Napoleon Moses, and Tolor E. White
Chancellors Ray Belton (SUSLA), Kofi Lomotey (SUBR), Victor Ukpolo (SUNO), and
Leodrey Williams (SUAREC). Vice Chancellor John Pierre represented Chancellor
Freddie Pitcher (SULC)

Atty. Winston DeCuir, Sr., Board Counsel

**SWEARING IN OF BOARD OFFICERS;
NEWLY-APPOINTED AND REAPPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS**

The oath of office was administered to Board Officers for 2009:

Board Chair Tony Clayton was sworn in by Atty. Walter Dumas.

Board Vice Chair Lea P. Montgomery was sworn in by Atty. Paula Clayton.

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The oath of office was administered to the following newly appointed and reappointed Board Members by Atty. Winston DeCuir, Sr.:

- Mr. Myron K. Lawson, reappointed Board Member (5th Congressional District) and
- Atty. Murphy W. Bell, Jr., newly appointed Board Member (6th Congressional District).

Atty. Walter Dumas, newly appointed Board Member (At-Large) was administered the oath of office by Atty. Tony M. Clayton.

Agenda Item 3: Adoption of the Agenda

On motion of Mr. Taylor, seconded by Atty. Magee, the agenda was adopted, as printed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 4: Public Comments

None

Agenda Item 5A: Appointment of Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, SUSLA

On motion of Mr. Taylor, seconded by Atty. Magee, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, the appointment of Dr. Dianne H. Piper to the position of Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Associate Professor, with tenure in Mass Communications, on the Southern University Shreveport campus, at an annual salary of \$100,000, effective January 1, 2009.

Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item 6: Other Business

None

Agenda Item 7: Adjournment

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE
Friday, January 9, 2009
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MINUTES

The meeting of the Facilities and Property Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Chairman, Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.

PRESENT

Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr., Chairman
Mr. Louis Miller, Vice Chairman
Mr. Patrick W. Bell
Mr. Richard J. Caiton
Atty. Warren Forstall
Mr. Walter Guidry, Jr.
Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery
Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Ex-Officio

ABSENT

None

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Atty. Winston DeCuir, Board Counsel

Agenda Item 3: Adoption of the Agenda

On motion of Mr. Caiton, seconded by Mr. Guidry, the agenda was adopted, as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT:

Add Item 5C: Authorization to System President to accept donated property

Agenda Item 4: Public Comments

Rev. Frank Ford addressed the members of the Committee to urge their vote against **Agenda Item 5C**.

Mr. Donald Cravins, Sr., Mayor of Opelousas, La., and State Senator Donald Cravins, Jr. spoke in support of **Agenda Item 5C**. The Cravins were joined by two of Evangeline Downs Racetrack's Legal Counsels who assured the Board that the proposed donated property was not in close proximity to the gaming facility. Their statements were supported by an aerial view showing the location of the donated property to the Racetrack property.

Agenda Item 5: Action Items

A. Improved Project (CAP) worksheet for Library Renovation, SUNO

On motion of Mr. Caiton, seconded by Atty. Forstall, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, that authorization be granted to the Southern University at New Orleans Administration to seek an Improved Project (CAP) worksheet for Library Renovations.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Emergency Ravine Remediation Project No. 19-616-06B-04, Part 01, SUBR

On motion of Mr. Caiton, seconded by Atty. Forstall, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, that authorization be granted to the SUBR Administration to request emergency funding from the Interim Emergency Board (IEB) to stabilize the ravine.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Authorization to System President to accept donated property.

On motion of Mr. Guidry, seconded by Mr. Caiton, the Committee approved, and so recommends to the Board, that authorization be granted to System President Ralph Slaughter to negotiate with the old Evangeline Downs LLC entity, the donation of

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approximately six acres of land in St. Landry Parish. Upon completion of the negotiations, the President is authorized to accept the donation of the property on behalf of the Board of Supervisors and to execute any and all documents associated with the acceptance of the donation and the transfer of the property.

Motion carried unanimously.

The donated land is to be used for the construction and operation of the Southern University Southwest Rural Initiatives Center.

Agenda Item 6: Other Business

Chairman Guidry reported that his recent tour of the Southern University at New Orleans South Campus revealed that the campus is making great progress in the restoration of its facilities.

Mr. Patrick Bell concurred with the Chair's statement and recognized the campus for its efforts to increase student enrollment.

Agenda Item 7: Adjournment

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary, Board of Supervisors
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FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE
Friday, January 9, 2009
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MINUTES

The meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was convened by the Vice Chair, Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery.

PRESENT:

Mrs. Lea P. Montgomery, Vice Chair
Atty. Dale N. Atkins
Mr. Walter Guidry, Jr.
Mr. Murphy Nash, Jr.
Mr. Jamal Taylor
Mr. Achilles Williams
Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Ex-Officio

ABSENT:

None

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Atty. Winston DeCuir, Sr., - Board Counsel

Agenda Item 3: Adoption of the Agenda

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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Agenda Item 4A: Direct Deposit System for SUBR Students (Informational)

In response to a request from Board Member Jamal Taylor, the Committee was given a report on the tentative Implementation Plan for Direct Deposit of Refund Checks for SUBR Students.

Mr. Taylor asked the Administration to make this service available to all students in the SU System and to provide a timeline for its implementation.

Agenda Item 5: Other Business

None

Agenda Item 6: Adjournment

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

Secretary, Board of Supervisors
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