

SPECIAL RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

April 11, 2025

Shreveport Convention Center

Shreveport, LA

MINUTES

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by Board Vice Chair Reggie Abraham. The Board Vice Chair Reggie Abraham announced the convening of the Special Recognition Committee.

The invocation was given by Pastor Dr. Toussaint Battley, Jr. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cadet 1LT Jamaica House (Battalion Chaplain) Booker T. Washington High School JROTC.

AGENDA ITEM 3: SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Above and Beyond

Chancellor Gantt recognized Dr. S. Hall who announced the recipient of the Employee Above and Beyond Award who was Mrs. Terri Johnson, Interim Dental Hygiene Program Director.

Chancellor Gantt recognized Dr. Stubbs who announced the recipient of the Student Above and Beyond Award who was Tierra Oliver, Dental Hygiene Student.

B. SUSLA Check Presentation

Chancellor Gantt recognized her advancement coordinator who announced the check in the amount of \$100,000 presented to SUSLA.

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Donald Henry to adjourn the meeting.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

April 11, 2025

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MINUTES

The Board Vice Chair Reggie Abraham announced the convening of the Academic Affairs Committee. Mrs. Ann Smith called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Shields

Present: Mrs. Ann Smith – Chair, Ms. Maple Gaines – Vice Chair, Ms. Zazell Dudley, Mr. Myron K. Lawson. Mr. Henry Whitehorn

Absent: Atty Tony Clayton Ex Officio

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

There was a motion by Mr. Henry Whitehorn and the second by Mr. Myron K. Lawson to adopt the agenda.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Sharon Hester – comments in reference to Action Item 5C.

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(s)

There was a motion by Mr. Myron K. Lawson and second by Mr. Henry Whitehorn to approve Action Item 5A – 5C globally.

Motion was approved.

A. Request for Approval of Spring Commencement Resolutions

1. SUBR
2. SUNO
3. SUSLA
4. SULC

B. Request for Approval for Southern University and A & M College Endowed Professorship Nominees 2024- 2025 (SUBR)

College	Endowed Professorship	Nominees
College of Agricultural, Human and Environmental Sciences	Barbara Dixon/Kellogg Endowed Professorship for Agriculture, Family & Consumer Sciences	Dr. Melissa Johnson
	Walter Dumas Endowed Professorship in Environmental Toxicology	Dr. Sanjay Batra
College of Nursing and Allied Health	Baton Rouge Area Foundation Endowed Nursing Professorship	Dr. Patricia Minnis
College of Humanities & Interdisciplinary Studies	Cleo Fields Endowed Professorship in Mass Communication	Dr. Mahmoud Braima,
	Community Coffee/Frank Hayden Memorial Endowed Professorship in the Arts	Dr. Bonny McDonald
	Isaac Greggs - Casino Rouge Endowed Professorship	Dr. Craig Heinzen,
College of Sciences and Engineering	James and Ruth Smith Endowed Professorship	Dr. Francesca Mellieon-Williams
	James and Ruth Smith Endowed Professorship	Guang-Lin Zhao
	Formosa/Prince Hall Endowed Professorship in Chemistry	Dr. Edwin Walker
	Myra Kleinpeter, MD Endowed Professorship in the College of Sciences	Dr. Oswald D'Auvergne
	The Entergy Corporation Endowed Professorship in Engineering	Dr. Fred lacy

C. Request for Approval to adjust the operating hours (SUSLA)

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s)

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Zazell Dudley to adjourn the meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
(Following Academic Affairs Committee)
April 11, 2025

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MINUTES

The Board Vice Chair Reggie Abraham announced the convening of the Finance Committee. Mr. Myron K. Lawson called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Shields

Present: Mr. Myron K. Lawson – Chair, Mrs. Ann Smith – Vice Chair, Mr. Reggie Abraham, Atty. Quincy Cawthorne, Ms. Zazell Dudley, Ms. Maple Gaines, Chris Masingill, and Atty. Domoine Rutledge

Absent: Atty. Tony Clayton– Ex Officio

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

There was a motion by Atty Domoine Rutledge and a second by Mrs. Ann Smith to adopt the agenda.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

A. Interim Financial Statement

Mr. Lawson mentioned that Mr. McClinton included the financial statements in the packet.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS:

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Atty. Domoine Rutledge to adjourn the meeting.

LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(Following Finance Committee)

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The Board Vice Chair Reggie Abraham announced the convening of the Legal Affairs Committee. Atty Quincy Cawthorne called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Shields

Present: Atty. Quincy Cawthorne – Chair Atty. Domoine Rutledge – Vice Chair, Miss Dana Bailey, Ms. Maple L. Gaines, Mr. Henry Whitehorn

Absent: Atty. Edwin Shorty and Atty Tony Clayton – Ex Officio

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Atty Domoine Rutledge and seconded by Mr. Henry Whitehorn, the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(s)

Motion by Atty Domoine Rutledge and seconded by Mr. Henry Whitehorn to approve Action Item 5A.

Motion approved.

- A. Request for Approval for the contract between Pivotal, LLC and Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center for the Livestock Arena Renovations Phase III of the M. A. Edmond Livestock Arena. (SUAREC)

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM 6: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Atty Domoine Rutledge to adjourn the meeting.

PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
(Following Legal Committee)
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MINUTES

The Board Vice Chair Reggie Abraham announced the convening of the Personnel Affairs Committee. Ms. Maple Gaines called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Shields

Present: Ms. Maple Gaines – Vice Chair, Mr. Reggie Abraham, Ms. Zazell V. Dudley, Mr. Chris Masingill, Atty Domoine Rutledge, Mrs. Ann Smith, Mr. Henry Whitehorn

Absent: Atty. Edwin Shorty– Chair and Atty Tony Clayton – Ex Officio

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Mr. Chris Masingill and a second by Mrs. Ann Smith, the agenda was recommended for adoption

Motion passed

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(S)

The motion was made by Mr. Chris Masingill and second by Mr. Henry Whitehorn to approve Action Item 5A.
Motion Approved

A. Board ratification of personnel actions equal to or greater than \$100,000.00 (SUNO)

Name	Position/Department	Personnel Action	Waived/ Search	Salary		Funding Source
				Previous	Suggested	
1. Dr. Adrian Rolle	Dean of the School of Nursing	New Appointment	Search	N/A	\$130,000	State

The motion was made by Ms. Zazell Dudley and second by Mr. Henry Whitehorn to approve Action Item 5B.
Motion Approved

B. Request for Approval of the Retirement Incentive Plans (SULC)

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Atty Domoine Rutledge to adjourn the meeting.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

(Following Legal Committee)

April 11, 2025

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Shreveport, LA

MINUTES

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by Board Chair Tony Clayton.

PRESENT

Mr. Reggie Abraham, Miss Dana Bailey, Atty Quincy Cawthorne, Ms. Zazell Dudley, Ms. Maple Gaines, Mr. Donald R. Henry, Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Mr. Chris Masingill, Atty Domoine Rutledge, Mrs. Ann Smith, Rev. Dr. Samuel Tolbert and Mr. Henry Whitehorn

ABSENT

Atty Tony Clayton, Mr. Paul Matthews, Atty Edwin Shorty and Dr. Rani Whitfield

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Rev. Samuel Tolbert and seconded by Mr. Henry Whitehorn the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: RESOLUTIONS

Dr. Allen Vital read resolutions for the following:

Resolutions

- Stephen Roy Favorite
- Roena Wilford
- Dr. Willie Clifford “Doc” Armstrong
- Bertha Broaden Wilcox

There was a motion by Atty Domoine Rutledge to approve the read resolutions and second by Mr. Myron K. Lawson.

Motion approved.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEM(s):

There was a motion by Rev. Samuel Tolbert and Miss Dana Bailey approved action item 6A-6B globally.

Motion passed.

- A. Request for Approval of Minutes of March 21, 2025, SUS Board of Supervisors Meeting
- B. Request for Approval of Committee Reports and Recommendations

AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s)

- A. Presidential Report/Legislative Priorities
- B. Chancellor Reports

AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Atty Domoine Rutledge to adjourn the meeting.