



## **April Board Meeting**

04/17/2026 8:30 AM CDT to 12:30 PM CDT

Live Casino and Hotel

711 Live Casino Boulevard, Bossier City, LA 71111

# **SPECIAL RECOGNITION COMMITTEE**

## **A. Call to Order**

Southern University's special recognition committee was formally called to order by Chairman Clayton.

## **B. Invocation**

The meeting began with an invocation given by the Honorable Reverend Dr. Joe R. Gant, Jr. of Calvary Missionary Baptist Church of Shreveport, LA. He is also a former SUSBOS member representing the 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. Calvary MBC serves as the host for the annual 40-hour community prayer vigil with a Southern University and Grambling State University "Alumni Worship Hour" to support both institutions.

## **C. Pledge of Allegiance**

Honorable Reggie Abraham introduced Christian Luke Daniel. E who is a fourth grader at Shreve Island Elementary. Parents Lt. Christopher Daniel, Detective with Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office and Mrs. LaTara Daniel led the pledge.

## **D. Above and Beyond Award**

Presented By Acting VC of Enrollment

The session featured a presentation of the Above and Beyond Award, highlighting the significant contributions to Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. Ms. Tracey D. Grayson, who was honored for her outstanding service, dedication, and impact on the Southern University at Shreveport family.

## **E. OTHER BUSINESS**

Chairman Clayton introduced Judge Stone and allowed her to make brief remarks.

## **H. Adjournment**

Motion was raised for adjournment of the special recognition committee by Ms. Maple Gaines.

# **III. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

## **A. Call to Order**

The Academic Affairs Committee meeting is called to order by Mrs. Ann Smith and roll call is conducted by President Orlando McMeans, confirming the presence of members and achieving a quorum.

## **B. Roll Call**

Roll call by President Orlando McMeans.

**Present:** Mrs. Ann Smith – Chair, Ms. Maple Gaines - Vice Chair  
Ms. Zazell Dudley, Mr. Myron K. Lawson. Mr. Aaron Manzy, Mr. Christopher Masingill, Rev. Dr. Samuel Tolbert, and Atty Tony Clayton – Ex Officio

**Absent:** Mr. Henry Whitehorn

## **C. Adoption of the Agenda**

A motion was made by Chairman Tony Clayton to adopt the agenda for the meeting. It is moved and seconded by Mr. Aaron Manzy without opposition, and the motion carries.

## **D. Public Comments**

None

## **E. Action Item(s)**

A motion was made by Mr. Myron K. Lawson to approve Action Items E (1 and 2) globally. It is moved and seconded by Chairman Tony Clayton without opposition, and the motion carries.

### **1. Approval of 2026 Spring Commencement Resolution**

- **SUBR (Undergraduate and Graduate)**

- SUNO
- SUSLA
- SULC

## 2. Request Approval for 2025-2026 Retention, Tenure, and Promotion Recommendations (SUNO)

### F. Informational Item(s)

There were no informational items to report during the meeting.

### G. Other Business

None

### H. Adjournment

Motion - With no informational items or further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting is made by Chairman Tony Clayton

## IV. FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

### A. Call to Order

The Facilities and Property Committee was called to order by Vice Chairman Ms. Maple Gaines and roll call is conducted by President Orlando McMeans, confirming the presence of members and achieving a quorum by chairman adding Manzy and Abraham.

### B. Roll Call

Roll call by President Orlando McMeans.

**Present:** Rev. Donald Ray Henry – Chair, Ms. Maple Gaines – Vice Chair  
Ms. Zazell Dudley, Mr. Chris Masingill, Atty. Edwin Shorty, Mrs. Ann Smith, and Atty. Tony Clayton – Ex Officio

**Absent:** Rev. Donald Ray Henry – Chair, Mr. Paul P. Matthews, Atty. Domoine Rutledge, and Dr. Rani Whitfield

### C. Adoption of the Agenda

A motion has been made by Atty Edwin Shorty to adopt the agenda for the meeting. It is moved and seconded by Atty Tony Clayton without opposition, and the motion carries.

## **D. Public Comments**

No public comments were made or received.

## **E. Informational Item(s)**

### **1. Facilities Update (SUS)**

Presented By Mr. Ken Dawson

Mr. Ken Dawson provided updates on several construction projects. Chairman Clayton asked Mr. Dawson to coordinate a meeting with Entergy to discuss the electrical outage and include Lawson and Abraham in on the discussion. Mr. Dawson said he would get that meeting setup.

## **F. Other Business**

None

## **G. Adjournment**

Motion - With no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting is made by Atty Edwwin Shorty.

# **V. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

## **A. Call to Order**

The Finance Committee was called to order by Rev. Dr. Samuel Tolbert and roll call is conducted by President Orlando McMeans, confirming the presence of members and achieving a quorum.

## **B. Roll Call**

Roll call by President Orlando McMeans.

**Present:** Rev. Dr. Samuel Tolbert– Chair, Mr. Myron K. Lawson – Vice Chair  
Mr. Reggie Abraham, Atty. Quincy Cawthorne, Ms. Maple Gaines, Mr. Aaron Manzy, Mr. Chris Masengill, Mrs. Ann Smith and Atty. Tony Clayton – Ex Officio

**Absent:** Atty. Domoine Rutledge

## **C. Adoption of the Agenda**

A motion is made by Mr. Aaron Manzy to adopt the agenda for the meeting. It is moved and seconded by Atty Tony Clayton without opposition, and the motion carries.

## **D. Public Comments**

No public comments were made or received.

## **E. Action Item(s)**

### **1. Approval to Adjust Housing Rate (SUBR)**

Chancellor Pierre gave a summary of the housing rate.

A motion has been made by Mr. Myron K. Lawson to adopt the agenda for the meeting. It is moved and seconded by Atty Quincy Cawthorne without opposition, and the motion carries.

## **F. Informational Item(s)**

### **1. Interim Financial Report (SUS)**

Presented By Mr. Flandus McClinton

The interim financial report highlighted the Southern University System's budget status.

### **2. Quarterly Financial Report (SUS)**

The quarterly financial report was presented by Mr. McClinton.

There were comments from President McMeans and Vice Chair Abraham.

## **F. Other Business**

None

## **G. Adjournment**

Motion - With no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting is made by Mr. Reggie Abraham.

# **VI. LEGAL AFFAIR COMMITTEE**

## **A. Call to Order**

The Legal Affairs Committee was called to order by Atty Quincy Cawthorne and roll call is conducted by President Orlando McMeans, confirming the presence of members and achieving a quorum.

## **B. Roll Call**

Roll call by President Orlando McMeans.

Present: Atty. Quincy Cawthorne – Chair

Ms. Zazell Dudley, Ms. Maple Gaines, Aaron Manzy, Atty. Edwin Shorty, and Atty Tony Clayton – Ex Officio

Absent: Atty. Domoine Rutledge – Vice Chair, Mr. Paul Matthews, Mr. Henry Whitehorn, and Dr. Rani Whitfield

## **C. Adoption of the Agenda**

A motion is made by Atty. Edwin Shorty to adopt the agenda for the meeting. It is moved and seconded by Ms. Zazell Dudley without opposition, and the motion carries.

## **D. Public Comments**

No public comments were made or received.

## **E. Action Item(s)**

A motion was made by Chairman Tony Clayton to approve Action Items E (1 and 2) globally. It is moved and seconded by Vice Chairman Reggie Abraham without opposition, and the motion carries.

### **1. Request Approval for DeCuir, Clark, & Adams Contract (SUS)**

### **2. Request Approval for Terry's Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc. Contract (SUSLA)**

## **F. Informational Item(s)**

There were no informational items to report during the meeting.

## **G. Other Business**

None

## **H. Adjournment**

Motion - With no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting is made by Atty Edwin Shorty.

## **VII. PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

### **A. Call to Order**

The Personnel Affairs Committee was called to order by Atty Edwin Shorty -and roll call is conducted by President Orlando McMeans, confirming the presence of members and achieving a quorum.

### **B. Roll Call**

Roll call by President Orlando McMeans.

**Present:** Atty Edwin Shorty – Chair - Ms. Maple Gaines – Vice Chair  
Mr. Reggie Abraham, Atty Quincy Cawthorne, Mr. Chris Masingill, Mrs. Ann Smith, and Atty Tony Clayton – Ex Officio

**Absent:** Mr. Donald Ray Henry and Mr. Henry Whitehorn

### **C. Adoption of the Agenda**

A motion is made by Chairman Tony Clayton to adopt the agenda for the meeting. It is moved and seconded by Mr. Chris Masingill without opposition, and the motion carries.

### **D. Public Comments**

Public comment by Dr. Anthony Igiede – SUBR Faculty Senate president – Action item E(1c) He gave his input on the appointment of chairs.

### **E. Action Item(s)**

A motion was made by Chairman Tony Clayton to approve Action Items E (1 and 2) globally. It is moved and seconded by Mr. Chris Masingill without opposition, and the motion carries.

#### **1. Request for approval of Personnel Action on Positions Equal to or Greater than \$100,000.00 (SUBR)**

- a. Huey Lawson - Director, Title III Programs - Salary Adjustment - from \$128,540 to \$160,000 (SUBR)
- b. Dr. Kofi Dodor - Department of Accounting and Finance - College of Business - Equity Adjustment from \$126,000 to \$148,500 (SUBR)
- c. Appointment of Chairs (from 9-month chairs to 12-month chairs) (SUBR)

## **2. Request for approval of Personnel Action on Positions Equal to or Greater than \$100,000.00 (SUS)**

- a. Ronald Solomon - Chief Information Officer - New Appointment - Search - Previous incumbent \$177,500.00 - \$200,000.00 (SUS)

## **F. Informational Item(s)**

There were no informational items to report during the meeting.

## **G. Other Business**

Mr. Chris Masingill inquired about the interim auditor position and Atty Shorty responded. Vice Chairman Abraham mentioned to President McMeans his concern in reference to the interim appointments and the pay structure concern.

## **H. Adjournment**

Motion - With no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting is made by Mr. Christopher Masingill.

# **VIII. SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

## **A. Call to Order**

The Southern University Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Chairman Tony Clayton and roll call is conducted by President Orlando McMeans, confirming the presence of members and achieving a quorum.

## **B. Roll Call**

Roll call by President Orlando McMeans.

Present: Atty Tony Clayton – Chairman and Reggie Abraham – Vice Chairman, Atty Quincy Cawthorne, Ms. Zazell Dudley,

Ms. Maple Gaines, Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Mr. Aaron Manzy, Mr. Chris Masingill, Atty Edwin Shorty, Mrs. Ann Smith, Rev. Dr. Samuel Tolbet

Absent: Mr. Donald Ray Henry, Mr. Paul Matthews, Atty Domoine Rutledge, Mr. Henry Whitehorn. and Dr. Rani Whitfield,

## **C. Adoption of the Agenda**

A motion is made by Mr. Aaron Manzy to adopt the agenda for the meeting. It is moved and seconded by Mrs. Ann Smith without opposition, and the motion carries.

## **D. Public Comments**

No public comments were made or received.

## **E. Resolutions**

Condolences were offered for recently deceased individuals associated with Southern University.

- Xay'lun Banks Lodge
- Coach Gerald Kimble
- Thomas K. White, Jr.
- Mr. Jeremy Plater
- Dr. Blaine Williams Miller and Dr. Sheena Miller

A motion by Rev. Tolbert and second by Ms. Ann Smith to approve the condolences and commendations. Motion passed unanimously.

## **F. Action Item(s)**

A motion is made by Ms. Maple Gaines to approve the action items (1-2) globally. It is moved and seconded by Rev. Dr. Samuel Tolbert without opposition, and the motion carries with Myron K. Lawson abstaining from the motion.

1. Request for Approval of the Minutes for March 20, 2026, SUS Board of Supervisors Meeting
2. Request for Approval of Committee Reports and Recommendations

## **G. Informational Item(s)**

### **1. President's Report**

President McMeans gave his report.

## 2.Chancellor's Report

All Chancellors gave a brief report.

Alumni Affairs report was provided by Mr. Darrin Dixon.

SU Foundation report was provided by Mr. Alfred Harrell

## H. Other Business

Chairman Clayton requested Dr. Merrick to send a ticker list every week with the information on the bills from the legislature.

## I. Adjournment

Motion - With no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting is made by Rev. Dr. Samuel Tolbert.