

**Southern University and A&M College System**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**  
**Board of Supervisors Meeting Room**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
9 a.m.  
**Friday, September 22, 2017**  
**Minutes**

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by Board Chair Mrs. Ann A. Smith. The invocation was given by the Rev. Lionel Johnson Jr.

**PRESENT**

Mrs. Ann A. Smith, Mr. John Barthelemy, Atty. Tony Clayton, Dr. Leroy Davis, Mr. Armond Duncan, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Dr. Curman Gaines, Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr., Rev. Donald R. Henry, Mr. Richard Hilliard, Atty. Patrick Magee, Atty. Domoine Rutledge, Mr. Michael Small, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, Dr. Rani Whitfield,

**ABSENT**

Rev. Samuel Tolbert

**UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

System President Ray Belton, Chief of Staff Robyn Merrick, Interim Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Luria Young, Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs Flandus McClinton, Chancellors Dr. Lisa Mims Devezin (SUNO), Dr. Bobby Phills (SUAREC), Dr. Rodney Ellis (SUSLA), and Atty. John Pierre (SULC).

**BOARD COUNSEL**

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr., and Tracie Woods

## **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Board of Supervisors Meeting Room  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building  
Southern University and A&M College  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70813  
**Minutes**

Board Chair Mrs. Ann A. Smith announced the convening of the Academic Affairs Committee.

Academic Affairs Committee Chair Dr. Curman Gaines called the committee meeting to order.

**Present:** Dr. Curman Gaines, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, Dr. Leroy Davis, Atty. Tony M. Clayton, Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr., Mr. Armond Duncan and Mrs. Ann A. Smith

**Absent:** None

### **AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Upon the motion by Dr. Tarver and seconded by Rev. Gant the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed

### **AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

### **AGENDA ITEM 5: SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

#### **A. Law and Technology Initiatives, SULC**

Chancellor Pierre thanked the Board for giving him the opportunity to have a special presentation. Atty. Robert Furnier and Professor Mark Thurmon spoke on creating opportunities for minorities in the legal profession. Mr. Robert brought law and technology classes to HBCU Law schools. This team would like to build the Southern University Law Tech Program.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEM**

- A. Request Approval of Revised SU System Policy on Endowed Faculty, SUS**
- B. Request Approval of Appointments for Endowed Professorships, SUBR**
- C. Request Approval of Grant/Contact with the East Baton Rouge Public Defender's Offices, SULC**

Upon the motion by Dr. Tarver and seconded by Rev. Henry action items A, B, C, were recommended for approval in globo.

Motion passed

**AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS**

**NONE**

**AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the motion by Dr. Davis and seconded by Dr. Tarver the Academic Affairs Committee adjourned

Motion passed.

## **FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

(Following the Academic Affairs Committee)

Board of Supervisors Meeting Room  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building  
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### **Minutes**

The Facilities and Property Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Rev. Donald R Henry.

**Present:** Rev. Donald Henry, Dr. Rani Whitfield, Dr. Leroy Davis, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Jr., Mr. Richard Hilliard, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II and Mrs. Ann A. Smith

#### **AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Upon the motion by Mr. Fondel and seconded by Mr. Hilliard the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. M. Montgomery stated that he wanted to bring to the Board's attention to the water and air quality surrounding the campus.

Mr. Eli Guillory stated that the water comes from the city.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5:**

##### **A. Request Approval of 5-Year Capital Outlay Request, SUS**

Upon the motion by Dr. Gaines and seconded by Dr. Tarver, the agenda item was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

##### **A. Status Update of Priority Projects**

Mr. Eli Guillory discussed that status of major and deferred maintenance projects on SU System campuses. A copy of the status report was included in the meeting packet.

Board members recognized Mr. Guillory on a job well done with his presentation.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS**

NONE

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the motion by Mr. Fondel and seconded by Mr. Hilliard the Facilities and Property Committee adjourned

Motion passed.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
(Following the Facilities Committee)  
Board of Supervisors Meeting Room  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building  
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Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70813

**Minutes**

The Finance Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Atty. Domoine Rutledge.

**Present:** Atty. Domoine Rutledge, Mr. Richard Hilliard, Atty. Tony Clayton, Rev. Joe Gant, Jr., Rev. Donald R. Henry, Dr. Leon Tarver and Mrs. Ann Smith

**Absent:** None

Upon the motion by Rev. Gant and seconded by Mr. Hilliard the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

NONE

**AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Request Authorization to Submit the FY-2018-2019 Budget Request to the Louisiana Division of Administration and be Ratified at the October 20, 2017 Meeting, SUS**

Upon the motion by Atty. Clayton and seconded by Mr. Hilliard item A. was recommended for approval

Motion passed.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

**A. Interim Financial Report as of August 2017**

Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs Flandus McClinton gave the interim Financial Report for 2017. He stated that the revenue for the Fall 2017 reveals that all campuses are meeting the budget projections except SUSLA. The 14<sup>th</sup> class date at the SUSLA campus was later than the other campuses. Expenditures are on target. He stated that the report given during the October Board meeting will reflect the students that have paid fees.

Board Chair Mrs. Smith asked President Belton whether or not the four percent raise had been given to all employees. President Belton stated that he along with the finance team are advancing forward with all employees. The University had established a practice that an employee that had been hired within a six-month length of time or promoted and received a salary increase would not be eligible for the 4% increase. President Belton stated that because the administration did not give sufficient notice in that regard, all employees on the Baton Rouge campus would receive the four percent raise. The increase would be retroactive to July 1. Faculty increases will be effective on August 1.

Mrs. Smith asked about any progress that has been made with the academic program as it relates to sustaining certain colleges and schools and any improvement for supporting the colleges/schools.

Dr. Young stated that the money that was awarded by Title III funds allocated a sufficient amount to fund accreditations and to support the efforts on an annual basis. In addition, funds were allocated to support faculty development. Dr. Belton stated that support would be continuous to the colleges that help define the University.

Dr. Davis stated that there are long standing inequities in salaries just about in every area.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS**

NONE

#### **AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the motion by Rev. Gant and seconded by Atty. Clayton the Finance Committee adjourned.

**PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
(Following the Finance Committee)  
Board of Supervisors Meeting Room  
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**Minutes**

The Personnel Affairs Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Atty. Patrick Magee.

**Present:** Atty. Patrick Magee, Rev. Joe Gant, Atty. Tony Clayton, Dr. Curman Gaines, Rev. Donald R. Henry, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, and Mrs. Ann A. Smith

**Absent:** None

**AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Upon the motion by Atty. Clayton and seconded by Rev. Gant the agenda was recommended for Adoption.

Motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**None**

**AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Approval of Personnel Actions on positions greater than \$60,000**



<b>Name</b>	<b>Position/Campus</b>	<b>Salary</b>
1.Dr. Moustapha Diack	Assistant VP for Online Enrollment Services, SUBR New Appointment	\$120,000
2.Kelly Camena	Clinical Assistant Professor-Salary Stipend, SULC	\$30,000
3.TBA	Executive Director of Internal Audit, SUS New Appointment	\$85,500
4.Linda Carr	Associate Director of Internal Audit/ Director of Internal Audit SUS/SUBR New Appointment	\$75,000
5. Cedric Upshaw	Director of Title IX/ADA System/SUBR New Appointment	\$90,000
6.Renita Harrison	Assistant Principal, SU Lab School New Appoint	\$75,000
7. Nadia Washington Seals	SU Lab School Virtual School Director Southern University Lab School New Appointment	\$75,000

**Action item 5A-3 Executive Director of Internal Audit, SUS, New Appointment was removed from the agenda at the request of President Belton.**

**B. Request Approval of Medical Leave of Absence over Three Months with Pay, SUBR**

1. James Alton Taylor, Sr.
2. Diana F. Kelly
3. Ahmad Suleiman
4. LaShounda Franklin
5. Vinetta Hingorani
6. Mary Darby

**C. Request for Termination Appeal Hearing –Caronda Bean, SUBR**  
(Executive Session may be required)

Upon the motion by Atty. Clayton items 5A, 1,2,4,5,6,7 item B and C, was recommended for approval in globo.

Motion failed for lack of a second.

Upon the motion by Mrs. Ann Smith and seconded by Rev. Henry, item **5A, 1,2,4,5,6,7 and item B** was recommended for approval in globo.

Motion passed

**C. Request for Termination Appeal Hearing –Caronda Bean, SUBR**  
(Executive Session may be required)

Upon the motion by Atty. Clayton and seconded by Dr. Gaines the recommendation to deny holding a termination appeal hearing for Caronda Bean was presented.

**Discussion**

Rev. Gant stated that it is the Board's responsibility to hear both sides of issues that arise. He questioned the reasoning for having an appeal process if all information is not brought forth.

**Roll Call Vote**

**Yays** – Clayton, Gaines

**Nays** – Gant, Magee, Henry, Tarver, Smith

Motion Failed

Upon the motion by Rev. Gant and seconded by Dr. Tarver the Board convened in executive session.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yays** – Gaines, Gant, Magee, Henry, Tarver, Smith

**Nays** – None

Atty. Clayton abstained.

Motion passed.

Upon the motion by Rev. Gant and second by Dr. Davis the Board reconvened in general session.

Motion passed

Upon the motion by Atty. Clayton to except the motion of the president second by Dr. Gaines was recommended for approval.

Motion passed

## **AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **A. Overview of Hiring and Search Procedures and Practices**

### **B. Status Update on Search for Administrative Positions**

**Agenda Item 6A-*Overview of Hiring and Search Procedures and Practices*** was removed from the agenda.

Atty. Clayton stated that there should be a national search to find candidates for the Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost position. Dr. Belton stated that usually the President makes the decision on the type of search. Dr. Belton stated that the job announcement is posted in the *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*, *Inside Higher Education*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education* and on the SUBR Website.

Mr. Raymond Fondel stated that he would like the University to be consistent with the procedures that were followed in hiring the previous Provost.

Dr. Belton stated the committee will include students, staff members, faculty, alumni and others in the community to diversify the committee.

## **AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

## **AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the motion by Rev. Gant and seconded by Atty. Clayton the Personnel Affairs Committee adjourned.

**RECRUITMENT AND ADMISISONS COMMITTEE**

*(Following the Personnel Affairs Committee)*

Board of Supervisors Meeting Room  
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**Minutes**

The meeting of the Recruitment and Admissions Committee was called to order by Rev. Joe Gant.

**Present:** Rev. Joe Gant, Mr. Richard Hilliard, Mr. Armond Duncan, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Rev. Donald Henry, Dr. Leon Tarver and Mrs. Ann Smith.

**AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Upon the motion by Mr. Hilliard and seconded by Dr. Gaines the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

**A. Report on Fall 2017, Student Enrollment, All Campuses**

SUNO: Dr. Mims-Devezin stated that the Fall 2016 enrollment was 2,430 and for Fall 2017 the enrollment is 2,535 which represents a 4.3 percent increase. For new, first-time freshman there was a 4.65 percent increase.

SUSLA: Dr. Ellis stated that the Fall 2016 enrollment was 3,240 and for Fall 2017 enrollment is 3,088 which is a decrease of 4.69 percent. Dr. Ellis stated that in the last three years the connect program has declined in students.

SUAREC: Dr. Phills stated that his report is a part of the Baton Rouge Campus report.

SULC: Atty. Pierre stated that SULC enrollment for Fall 2017 is 565, but students are continually paying, there are 572 paid to date. Last year at the 14th class day there were 556 students that had paid and beyond that the enrollment was 568.

SUBR: Dr. Young stated that the enrollment for Fall 2017 is 6,508 an increase of 149 students which is a 2.3 percent increase.

Each Chancellor gave the reports based on students that have paid fees. Atty. Rutledge stated that at the rate the University is going, it will not be viable or sustainable over time at this pace. He stated that something is not working. We cannot continue to do the same thing and expect a different result.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

#### **AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the motion by Rev. Henry and seconded by Mr. Hilliard the Recruitment and Admissions Committee Adjourned.

**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

*(Following the Recruitment and Admissions Committee)*

Board of Supervisors Meeting Room  
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Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70813

**Minutes**

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by Board Chair Ann Smith.

**Present:** Mrs. Ann A. Smith, Atty. Tony Clayton, Dr. Leroy Davis, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr., Mr. Richard Hilliard, Atty. Domoine Rutledge, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, Mr. Armond Duncan, Mr. John L. Barthelemy, Dr. Curman Gaines, Mr. Michael Small, Dr. Rani Whitfield, Rev. Donald Ray Henry, Atty. Patrick Magee.

**ABSENT:** Rev. Samuel Tolbert

**UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING**

System President Ray Belton, Chief of Staff Robyn Merrick, Interim Executive Vice President and Provost Luria Young, Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs Flandus McClinton, Chancellors Dr. Lisa Mims Devezin (SUNO), Dr. Bobby Phills (SUAREC), Dr. Rodney Ellis (SUSLA), and Atty. John Pierre (SULC).

**BOARD COUNSEL**

Atty. Winston DeCuir Jr. and Tracie Woods

**AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**ITEM F: Administrative Reorganization, SUBR, SUS was removed from the agenda.**

Upon the motion by Dr. Davis and seconded by Rev. Gant the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Devon Clark spoke in support of the SU Lab Basketball Court being named for Joel Hawkins.

Mr. Van Moore also spoke in support of the SU Lab Basketball Court being named for Joel Hawkins.

Atty. Clayton questioned whether or not the Board has the authority to have the gymnasium and floor named in honor of Coach Hawkins.

It was moved by Atty. Clayton and seconded by the full Board to name the Southern Lab basketball court and gym after Joel Hawkins was recommended for adoption. (Agenda item, 6E, taken out of order)

Motion passed.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, place Joel Hawkins' Name on Basketball Court and Gym, SU Lab School, be and it hereby is approved

## **AGENDA ITEM 5: SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

### **A. Above and Beyond Award**

Special Presentation to Towanda Jefferson, SUBR Bursar's Office

## **AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Minutes of the July 21, 2017, Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors**

### **B. Minutes of the August 18, 2017, Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors**

### **C. Minutes of the September 8, 2017, Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors**

### **D. Approval of Committee Reports and Recommendations**

### **F. Request for Approval of Administrative Reorganization, SUS, SUBR (F. Removed from agenda)**

Upon the motion by Dr. Davis and seconded by Rev. Gant agenda items 6 A, B, C, D, were recommended for approval in globo.

Motion passed.

Rev. Gant voted No on Agenda Item 6A.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the minutes of the July 21, 2017, August 18, 2017 and September 8, 2017, meetings, be and they are hereby approved.

### **C. Approval of Committee Reports and Recommendations**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the actions taken by the Academic Affairs Committee, Facilities and Property Committee, Finance Committee, Personnel Affairs Committee and Recruitment and Admission Committee be and they are hereby approved.

## **1. Academic Affairs**

### **A. Request Approval of Revised SU System Policy on Endowed Faculty. SUS**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the recommendation for approval of the revised SU System Policy on Endowed Faculty, SUS, be and it is hereby approved.

### **B. Request Approval of Appointments for Endowed Professorships, SUBR**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the recommendation to approve Appointments for Endowed Professorships, SUBR, be and it is hereby approved.

### **C. Request Approval of Grant/Contact with the East Baton Rouge Public Defender's Offices, SULC**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the recommendation to approve the Grant/Contact with the East Baton Rouge Public Defender's Offices, SULC, be and it is hereby approved.

## **2. Facilities and Property Committee**

### **Request Approval of 5-Year Capital Outlay Request, SUS**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the recommendation To approve the 5-Year Capital Outlay Request, SUS, be and it is hereby approved.

## **3. Finance Committee**

### **Request Authorization to Submit the FY-2018-2019 Budget Request to the Louisiana Division of Administration and be Ratified at the October 20, 2017 Meeting, SUS**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the recommendation to approve the request to Submit the FY-2018-2019 Budget Request to the Louisiana Division of Administration and submit for ratification at the October 20, 2017 Meeting, SUS, be and it is hereby approved.



**4. Personnel Affairs**

**A. Approval of Personnel Actions on positions greater than \$60,000**

1. **RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the appointment of Dr. Moustapha Diack as Assistant VP for Online Enrollment Services, SUBR, at a salary of \$120,000 be and it hereby is approved.
2. **RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the appointment of Kelly Camena as Clinical Assistant Professor-Salary Stipend, SULC, at a salary of \$30,000 be and it hereby is approved.
3. **RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the appointment of Linda Carr as Associate Director of Internal Audit/Director of Internal Audit, SUS/SUBR, at a salary of \$75,000 be and it hereby is approved.
4. **RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the appointment of Cedric Upshaw as Director of Title IX/ADA, System/SUBR, at a salary of \$90,000 be and it hereby is approved.
5. **RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the appointment of Renita Harrison as Assistant Principal, SU Lab School, at a salary of \$75,000 be and it hereby is approved.
6. **RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the appointment of Nadia Washington Seals as SU Lab School Virtual School Director, SUBR, at a salary of \$75,000 be and it hereby is approved.

**B. Request Approval of Medical Leave of Absence over Three Months with Pay, SUBR**

1. **RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, Medical Leave of Absence over three months with pay for James Alton Taylor, Sr, SUBR, be and it hereby is approved.
2. **RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, Medical Leave of Absence over three months with pay for Diana F. Kelly, SUBR, be and it hereby is approved.
3. **RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, Medical Leave of Absence over three months with pay for Ahmad Suleiman, SUBR, be and it hereby is approved.
4. **RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, Medical Leave of Absence over three months with pay for LaShounda Franklin, SUBR, be and it hereby is approved.

5. **RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, Medical Leave of Absence over three months with pay for Vinetta Hingorani, SUBR, be and it hereby is approved.
6. **RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, Medical Leave of Absence over three months with pay for Mary Darby, SUBR, be and it hereby is approved.

**C. Request for Termination Appeal Hearing-Caronda Bean, SUBR**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the recommendation to deny a termination hearing for Caronda Been, SUBR, be and it is hereby approved.

**F. Request for Approval of the Medical Marijuana Contractor/Vendor for Southern University**

There were three companies that were selected by the committee 1. Med Louisiana, LLC, 2. Advanced Biomedics, LLC 3. Southern Roots Therapeutics, LLC

Dr. Phills introduced each vendor. Each vendor was allowed to address the Board.

Atty. Rutledge stated that there were four categories used to evaluate vendors, financial stability, ability to produce a quality product, diversity, and economic impact in North Baton Rouge.

Upon the motion by Atty. Rutledge and seconded by the Rev. Gant the recommendation to select Advance Biomedics as the vendor for the marijuana initiative and to authorize President Belton, Dr. Phills and the Committee to negotiate a contract to be brought back for the Board's approval.

Atty. Clayton offered a substitute motion to select Southern Roots which was seconded by Mr. Fondel.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Nays:** Smith, Henry, Barthelemy, Davis, Duncan, Gaines, Hilliard, Rutledge, Small, Tarver, Whitfield

**Yays:** Clayton, Fondel, Gant, Magee

Motion Failed

Upon the motion by Atty. Rutledge and seconded by Rev. Gant the recommendation to select Advance Biomedics was offered.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yays:** Smith, Henry, Barthelemy, Davis, Duncan, Gaines, Gant, Hilliard, Magee, Rutledge, Small, Tarver, Whitfield

**Nays:** None

**Abstentions:** Clayton, Fondel

Motion passed.

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University that the Medical Marijuana Contractor/Vendor for Southern University is Advance Biomedics, SUS, be and it hereby is approved.

Atty. Rutledge stated that there has been much discussion about the financial guarantee. He requested that Board counsel secure whatever release that is necessary from Advance Biomedics to make certain that the financial documentation that they have provided is accurate.

**H. Resolutions**

**The Gerald Handy Family.** Mr. Handy, husband of Patricia Handy, receptionist in the President-Chancellor's Office and father of Troy Handy of the SUBR Department of Buildings and Grounds, passed away on Saturday, September 9, 2017.

**The George Foster Family.** Mr. Foster, a graduate of SUBR and native of Napoleonville, passed away on Monday, September 11, 2017.

**The Johnson Family.** Mr. Johnson, husband of the late Velena Johnson, interim SUBR registrar, passed away on Wednesday, September 20, 2017.

**The Nathan Smith Family.** Mr. Smith, SU alumnus and father of Ronald Smith, ExxonMobil YMCA Executive Director and cousin of Atty. Patrick Magee, passed away on Saturday, September 16, 2017.

Upon the motion by Atty. Rutledge and seconded by Rev. Henry the resolutions were recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

**AGENDA ITEMS 7: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- A. Update on Southern University Laboratory School
- B. System President's Report

Dr. Belton stated that Governor Edwards visited the SUBR campus and announced that the state would provide approximately \$10 million to address the erosion problems on the Baton Rouge campus.

#### C. Campus Reports

**SUNO** - Dr. Mims Devezin stated that the campus report was included in the packet. She also stated that the SUNO campus held town hall meetings with non-traditional students. The meeting was an eye-opener and very engaging.

**SUSLA** - Dr. Ellis stated that the campus report was included in the packet. He noted that each Board member received an electronic copy of the SUSLA magazine that offers additional information about activities on the campus for the last 6 months.

**SUAREC** - Dr. Phills stated that today was a historical day at SUBR. He thanked the Board for their support on the marijuana vendor selection. Dr. Phills also recognized members of the committee.

**SULC** - Atty. Pierre thanked everyone for their support during the SULC 70<sup>th</sup> year celebration. He also announced the new law clinic that is housed in the new Innovation Center.

**SUBR** - Dr. Young stated that the report was included in the package. She also announced that Southern University Baton Rouge campus has received a grant from the National Science Foundation and that SUBR has become a silver member with America Makes, which is the first HBCU to partner with the organization.

Upon the motion by Rev. Gant and seconded by Dr. Whitfield the meeting adjourned.