

SPECIAL RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

**Leon R. Tarver II Cultural & Heritage Center
Baton Rouge, LA**

September 19, 2025

MINUTES

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by Board Chairman Tony Clayton. The Board Chairman announced the convening of the Special Recognition Committee.

The invocation was given by Reverend Dale W. Flowers, Pastor New Sunlight Missionary Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, LA and Redwood Baptist Church, Zachary, LA.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by an elementary student at Southern University Laboratory School.

AGENDA ITEM 3: SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Recognition of SUBR Campus Police

Chief Johnson and all SUBR police were asked to come to the front to the podium. Mr. Donald Henry commended Chief Johnson and all campus police on a job well done keeping the students safe and reacting when needed. Other board members commended them as well.

B. Alliant Insurance Foundation Presentation

Chancellor Pierre introduced Dean Donald Andrews, who introduced Dr. Jackson, who presented a gift to Lillian Gray. This is for all the assistance and support for the funds (\$190k donation) for the Risk Management program. There were students in attendance who gave their testimony for why they chose the Risk Management program.

Other commendations:

- Mr. Chris Masingill commended President Shields on his television interview
- Ms. Ann Smith commended the School of Education and thanked Dr. Young and Dr. Osagie for a great tour and preview on Thursday night.
- Sheriff Henry Whitehorn recognized and commended Chairman Tony Clayton and President Shields for their response when the threat was received and recognized them for how quickly they moved during that time.

Chairman Clayton and President Shields both commented and thanked Sheriff Whitehorn for his assistance in Shreveport as well as the the authority on other campuses

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADJOURNMENT

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

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(Following Special Recognition Committee)

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MINUTES

The Board Chairman Tony Clayton. 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 and Atty Tony Clayton - Ex Officio

Absent: NONE

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

There was a motion by Atty Tony Clayton and the second by Mr. Henry Whitehorn adopt the agenda.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(s)

- A. R Request for Approval Justification for the 2025-2026 SULS Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook (SULAB)

Mr. Herman Brister provided information on revisions for the handbook. There were no questions. A motion was made by Atty Tony Clayton and second Mr. Myron K. Lawson.

Motion approved.

- B. Re-Entry Education and Training Program (SUSLA)

Dr. Gantt provided information on the program. Sheriff Whitehorn provided additional information. Ms. Zazell provided information in support of the program as well. A motion was made by Mr. Henry Whitehorn and second by Atty Tony Clayton.

Motion approved.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s)

- A. Presentation on International Affairs and University Outreach Students - Dr. Barbara W. Carpenter, Dean and Professor (SUBR)
Dr. Carpenter provided her presentation to the board members. There were questions from Atty Domoine Rutledge, and other board members. Dr. Carpenter responded.
After lengthy discussion, Atty Rutledge requested Dr. Carpenter to provide the recruiting plan for International and Mr. Myron K. Lawson requested an update from President Shields and Chancellor Pierre to provide an update on Online, Continuing education, stackable credentials, etc.
This information is requested by October meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Myron K. Lawson to adjourn the meeting.

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY

(Following Academic Affairs Committee)

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The Board Chair Tony Clayton announced the convening of the Facilities and Property Committee. Member Donald Ray Henry called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Shields

Present: Mr. Donald Ray Henry – Chair, Ms. Maple Gaines – Vice Chair, Ms. Zazell Dudley, Mr. Chris Masingill, Mr. Paul P. Matthews, Atty. Domoine Rutledge, Atty. Edwin Shorty, Mrs. Ann Smith, Dr. Rani Whitfield and Atty. Tony Clayton – Ex Officio

Absent: NONE

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

There was a motion by Atty Domoine Rutledge and a second by Dr. Rani Whitfield to amend the agenda to move the Informational Item B to an Action Item A. Roll Call vote.
Motion passed

There was a motion by Atty Edwin Shorty and second by Atty Domoine Rutledge to adopt the agenda with the amendment.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(s)

A. Request Approval for Mr. Ken Dawson to present the Capital Outlay to Board of Regents.

There was a motion by Atty Edwin Shorty and second by Atty Domoine Rutledge to approve action item A.
Motion Approved.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s)

A. Facilities Update (SUS)

~~B. Capital Outlay (SUS)~~

Mr. Dawson provided an update on capital outlay and all projects and answered questions from board members.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Atty Tony Clayton to adjourn the meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

(Following Facilities and Property Committee)

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MINUTES

The Board Chair Tony Clayton 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, Ms. Zazell Dudley, Ms. Maple Gaines, Chris Masingill, Atty. Domoine Rutledge and Atty. Tony Clayton– Ex Officio

Absent: Atty. Quincy Cawthorne

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

There was a motion by Chairman Tony Clayton and a second by Mr. Reggie Abraham to adopt the agenda.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(s)

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s)

A. Interim Financial Report

Mr. McClinton mentions the financial report is in the packet. He provided additional information for each campus and asked if there were any questions. There were questions from the members to which he provided answers.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS:

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Chris Massingil to adjourn the meeting.

LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(Following Finance Committee)

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MINUTES

The Board Chair Tony Clayton announced the convening of the Legal Affairs Committee. Atty Domoine Rutledge, vice chair, called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Shields

Present: Atty. Domoine Rutledge – Vice Chair, Ms. Maple L. Gaines, Mr. Aaron Manzy, Atty. Edwin Shorty, Mr. Henry Whitehorn and Atty Tony Clayton – Ex Officio

Absent: Atty. Quincy Cawthorne – Chair

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Mr. Reggie Abraham 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 Tony Clayton and seconded by Mr. Henry Whitehorn to approve Action Item 5A – 5C in global.

Motion approved.

A. Bayou Classic CEA (SUS)

B. Southern University Lab School-Virtual School Contract (SULS)

C. 2025 Homecoming Service Agreement (SUBR)

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

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

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

(Following Legal Affairs Committee)

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September 19, 2025

MINUTES

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

PRESENT

Mr. Reggie Abraham, Ms. Zazell Dudley, Ms. Maple Gaines, Mr. Donald R. Henry, Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Mr. Aaron Manzy, Mr. Chris Masingill, Mr. Paul Matthews, Atty Domoine Rutledge, Atty Edwin Shorty, Mrs. Ann Smith, Mr. Henry Whitehorn. Dr. Rani Whitfield and Atty Tony Clayton

ABSENT

Atty Quincy Cawthorne and Rev. Dr. Samuel Tolbert

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Atty Domoine Rutledge and seconded Mr. Donald Henry, the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

AGENDA ITEM 5: RESOLUTIONS

Ms. Rachel Watson read resolutions for the following:

Resolutions

- Mr. James Mitchell Tate Family
- Mr. Matthew Tate. Family

There was a motion by Ms. Maple Gaines to approve the read resolutions and second by Mrs. Ann Smith.

Motion approved.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEM(s):

There was a motion by Mr. Reggie Abraham and second by Ms. Maple Gaines to approved action item 6A-6B globally.

Motion passed.

- A. Request for Approval of Minutes of July 16, 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
- C. Annual Evaluation of President-Chancellor¹

Chairman Atty Tony Clayton informed everyone the board was going in executive session to discuss the annual evaluation of President-Chancellor. There was a motion by Atty Rutledge to go to an executive session and a second by Mr. Donald Henry. Roll Call Vote. Motion approved

Chairman Atty Tony Clayton informed everyone they are out of executive session and back. There were no actions taken while in executive session. There was a motion by Atty Edwin Shorty to come out of executive session and back to meeting and a second by Mr. Myron K. Lawson. Roll Call Vote. Motion approved.

AGENDA ITEM 9: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT

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