

**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**Hyatt Regency Hotel  
601 Loyola Ave. | New Orleans, La 70113  
Friday, November 26, 2021  
9:00 a.m.**

**Minutes**

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by Board Chair Atty. Domoine Rutledge. The invocation was given by Dr. C. S. Gordon, Pastor of New Zion Baptist Church in New Orleans, LA. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Member Jody Amedee.

**AGENDA ITEM 3: ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

Atty. Domoine Rutledge, Mr. Jody, Amedee, Mr. John Barthelemy, Dr. Leroy Davis, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Mr. Sam Gilliam, Mr. Richard Hilliard, Mr. Myron Lawson, Ms. Christy Reeves, Atty Edwin Shorty, Mrs. Ann A. Smith, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, Mr. Kevin Taylor-Jarrell II, Rev. Samuel Tolbert, Dr. Rani Whitfield, and Ms. Arlanda Williams,

**ABSENT**

NONE

**AGENDA ITEM 5: ELECTION FO BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2022**

**A. Chairman** – Nominations for Chairman was opened. Dr. Leon Tarver nominated Atty Edwin Shorty. There were no additional nominations. The nominations were closed, and a motion was made by Ms. Arlanda Williams and second by Ms Christy Reeves for Atty Edwin Shorty as Chairman.

**Motion Approved.**

**B. Vice Chairman** - Nominations for Vice Chairman was opened. Mr. Sam Gilliam nominated Dr. Rani Whitfield. There were no additional nominations. The nominations were closed, and a motion was made by Mr. Myron Lawson and second by Ms. Arlanda Williams for Dr. Rani Whitfield as Vice Chairman.

**Motion Approved.**

Chairman Rutledge congratulated both Atty Shorty and Dr. Whitfield. They both gave brief comments and thanked everyone for their support, and they are looking forward to the new year.

## **AGENDA ITEM 6: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Chairman Rutledge mentioned the agenda will be amended. Action Item 10(L-10) Derrick Warren Salary should be \$150,256.00. Upon the motion by Dr. Rani Whitfield and second by Mrs. Christy Reeves, the agenda was recommended for adoption with amendment.

Motion passed.

## **AGENDA ITEM 7: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

## **AGENDA ITEM 8: GREETINGS FROM DR. RICK GALLOT, PRESIDENT OF GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY**

Dr. Gallot thanked Dr. Belton and the Board of Supervisors for the invite. He mentioned he was accompanied by members of his leadership team. He asked them to stand to be recognized. Dr. Belton and Chairman Rutledge thanked Dr. Gallot for attending the meeting. Dr. Belton gave a few comments.

## **AGENDA ITEM 9: SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Above and Beyond Award  
Dr. James Ammons introduced Dr. Adriel Hilton who presented the above and beyond award to Mr. Jamaal K. Williams. He is the administrative assistant to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management at SUNO. Mr. Williams thanked SUNO and the Board of Supervisors for the award.
- B. SHE-CAN (McBride Sisters) Check Presentation to the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center and the College of Agricultural, Family and Consumer Sciences (SUAREC)  
Dr. McMeans introduced Dr. Renita Marshall who introduced the SU Alum Agnes who is CEO for McBride Sisters.  
She gave brief background about the McBride Sisters and all the support to the black owned women businesses. She mentioned how they plan to support SU Ag and presented a check in the amount of \$50k.
- C. Diageo Learning Skills for Life and Entrepreneurship Partnership with SULC and SUSLA (SULC and SUSLA)  
Chancellor Pierre introduced Ms Monica Hawkins who presented a check in the amount of \$200k.
- D. Sons and Daughters Special Visionary Award (SUS)  
Award was presented to Board Member Raymond Fondel.
- E. STRADA Education Network Presentation to Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO)  
Dr. Ammons introduced Dr. Kim Rugon who presented checks for Items 9E – 9G
- F. Sarah Conn Presentation to Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO)  
Check amount \$25k

- G. CMC Contractors Presentation to Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO)  
Check amount \$10k

### **AGENDA ITEM 10: ACTION ITEMS**

**Motion was made by Dr. Rani Whitfield and second by Mr. John Barthelemy that Action Item 10A be approved**

**Motion was approved.**

- A. Approval of Minutes of the October 22, 2021, SUS Board of Supervisors Meeting

**Motion was made by Ms. Christy Reeves and second by Mr. John Barthelemy to approve Action Item 10B and 10C in global.**

**Motion was approved.**

- B. Request Approval of SUBR Facilities Master Plan (SUBR)
- C. Southern University System Strategic Plan 2020-2021 Accountability Scorecard – (Informational Item) (SUS)

**Motion was made by Mr. John Barthelemy and second by Mrs. Christy Reeves to approve Action Items 10D and 10L in global.**

**Motion Approved.**

- D. Ratification for the Reduction in Housing Rate for the Spring 2021 Semester (SUBR)
- E. Request Approval of MOU Between the Institute for Law Reform (ILR) and the Southern University Law Center and Scholarship Grant donation from the US Chamber of Commerce Foundation (SULC)
- F. Request Approval of Certification of SUBR Candidates for Graduation (Fall 2021)
- G. Request Approval of the Dinisa Hardley Folmar Impact Endowed Scholarship and Scholarship Presentation (SULC)
- H. Request Approval of Retirement Incentive Plan for Tenured Faculty and Unclassified Employees (SUNO)
- I. Request Approval of Graduate Placement Student Policy (SUS)
- J. Request Approval of Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters for Irving Matthews (SUBR)

- K. Request Approval of SUSLA Assignment and Interim Appointment of Chancellor of Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA)  
 L. Request Approval of Personnel Action on Positions equal to or greater than \$60,000

Name	Position/Campus	Salary	Funding Source
1. Wayne Bryant	Director of Human Resources and Professional Development Title Change and Additional Duties (SUSLA)	\$75,225.28	State
2. Harry Doughty	Chancellor's Executive Associate/ Senior Athletic Administrator Additional Duties (SUNO)	\$90,340.00	State
3. Joseph LaCour, Jr.	Director of Facilities and Risk Management New Position (SUSLA)	\$65,000.00	State
4. James Matthews, III	Athletic Director/ Head Men's Basketball Coach New Position (SUNO)	\$75,000.00	State
5. Lee Melancon	Senior Program Manager / Special Asst. to the Exec Director - Facilities New Position (SUBR)	\$72,000.00	State
6. Charles Rice	Program Manager and Consultant Additional Duties (SULC)	\$74,700.00	State
7. Theresa Rogers	Comptroller New Position (SUBR)	\$95,000.00	State
8. Kelly Smith	Assistant Professor Nursing New Position (SUNO)	\$75,000.00	State
9. Samantha Thompson	Analyst for Institutional Effectiveness and Accreditation Additional Duties (SULC)	\$74,700.00	State
10. Derrick Warren	Associate Dean/ MBA Director New Position (SUBR)	<del>\$139,256.00</del> \$150,256.00	State
11. Florence Regine Williams	Director of Information and PR/ Sports Information Director Additional Duties (SUNO)	\$64,000.00	State

- M. Request Approval of Sabbatical Leave for Dr. Yaser Banadaki (SUBR)

**Motion was made by Mr. John Barthelemy and second by Dr. Rani Whitfield that Action Item 10M be approved**

**Motion was approved.**

## **AGENDA ITEM 12: RESOLUTIONS**

Dr. Katara Williams, Chief of Staff read resolutions and commendations for November for the following:

- Dr. James Fortenberry
- Mr. Freddie “Juman” Smith

Upon Motion from Ms. Ann Smith to approve the read resolutions and additions and Ms. Christy Reeves second the motion.

Motion approved

## **AGENDA ITEM 13: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)**

### A. Southern University Semester-in-Shreveport Update (SULC)

Chancellor Pierre introduced Professor Deleso Alford who gave a high level update.

### B. Medical Marijuana Update

Brief update provided by Dr. Janna Snowden. She mentioned the new product which is now available.

Chairman Rutledge asked when the Valera contract was up for renewal? Dr. Snowden mentioned, “2023 is the year for renewal.”

### C. Facilities and Property Update

Mr. Maurice Pitts gave a Facilities and Property Update for each campus. Mr. Pitts answered some questions from Dr. Tarver and Ms. Ann Smith.

### D. Interim Financial Reports

Mr. McClinton gave a summary for each campus. The detail information is in the packet.

### E. President’s Report

Dr. Belton gave a brief report. He thanked Chairman Rutledge for his leadership and congratulated the new leadership.

### F. Chancellor’s Reports

All chancellor’s gave brief report. (Detail report is in the board packet)

Dr. Ammons presented brief report on behalf of SUNO.

Dr. Appeaning presented brief report on behalf of SUSLA.

Dr. McMeans presented brief report on behalf of SUAREC.  
Chancellor Pierre presented brief report on behalf of SULC.  
Dr. Sahoo presented brief report on behalf of SUBR

Each chancellor thanked Chairman Rutledge for his leadership and congratulated the new chairman and vice chairman.

**AGENDA ITEM 14: OTHER BUSINESS**

Dr. Rani Whitfield and Chairman Rutledge acknowledged the athletic department on the Baton Rouge campus and AD Roman Banks for being in full compliance with NCAA.  
Chairman Atty Domoine Rutledge acknowledged elected officials, other dignitaries and alums who were in attendance for the meeting. He thanked everyone who come to meetings regularly.

**AGENDA ITEM 15: ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Rev. Samuel Tolbert to adjourn the meeting.