

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(Following Special Recognition Committee)

J S Clark Administration Building, 2nd Floor
Baton Rouge, LA

January 23, 2026

MINUTES

The Board Chairman Tony Claayton called the meeting to order.

AGENDA ITEM B: INVOCATION

Invocation was provided by Rev. Mary Moss

AGENDA ITEM C: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance was provided by student announced the convening of the Academic Affairs Committee. Mrs. Ann Smith called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President McMeans

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

Absent: Ms. Zazell Dudley, Mr. Henry Whitehorn, and Chris Masingill

AGENDA ITEM C: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

There was a motion to adopt the agenda by Rev. Dr. Samuel Tolbert and second by Mr. Myron K. Lawson.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM D: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM E: ACTION ITEM(s)

1. Request for Approval to Develop a New Post - master's Certificate Program (PMC) titled Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) Program - College of Nursing and Allied Health (SUBR)
Motion was made by Ms. Maple Gaines and second by Chairman Clayton to approve the Action Item E1.

Motion approved

2. Request for Approval to Add Distance Learning as a Mode of Delivery - College of Business (SUBR)
Motion was made by Mr. Myron Lawson and second by Ms. Maple Gaines to approve the Action Item E2.

Motion approved

3. Request for Approval of the Center for Applied AI and Institutional Innovation (CAAI2) (SUBR)
Motion was made by Chairman Clayton and second by Mr. Myron Lawson to approve the Action Item E3.

Motion approved

AGENDA ITEM H: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s)

NONE

AGENDA ITEM I: OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM J: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Chairman Clayton to adjourn the meeting.

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

(Following Athletics Committee)

**J S Clark Administration Building, 2nd Floor
Baton Rouge, LA**

January 23, 2026

MINUTES

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

Roll Call by McMeans

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

Absent: Ms. Zazell Dudley and Mr. Chris Masingill,

AGENDA ITEM C: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

There was a motion to adopt the agenda by Atty Edwin Shorty and second by Dr. Rani Whitfield

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM D: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM E: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s)

1. Facilities Update (SUS)

Mr. Dawson gave the update and answered questions from board members. Mr. Henry commended Mr. Dawson and thanked him for all his hard work on the projects.

Mr. Henry also thanked the Chancellors for their weather updates during the calls this week.

AGENDA ITEM F: OTHER BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM G: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Atty Edwin Shorty to adjourn the meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
(Following Facilities and Property Committee)
J S Clark Administration Building, 2nd Floor
Baton Rouge, LA

January 23, 2026

MINUTES

The Board Chairman Tony Clayton announced the convening of the Finance Committee. Rev. Dr. Samuel Tolbert called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President 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, Atty. Domoine Rutledge Mrs. Ann Smith and Atty. Tony Clayton– Ex Officio

Absent: Mr. Chris Masingill

AGENDA ITEM C: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM D: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM E: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s)

1. Southern University System Quarterly Fiscal Health Report (SUS)
2. Interim Financial Report (SUS)

Mr. McClinton gave a summary on items 1 and 2 and there were no questions.

AGENDA ITEM F: OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Clayton requested a financial meeting with the campuses to talk about the cumulative debt. He asked Mr. McClinton to coordinate the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM G: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Chairman Clayton to adjourn the meeting.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

(Following Finance Committee)

J S Clark Administration Building, 2nd Floor
Baton Rouge, LA

January 23, 2026

MINUTES

The Board Chairman Tony Clayton announced the convening of the Governance Committee. Rev. Dr. Samuel Tolbert called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President McMeans

Present: Rev. Dr. Samuel Tolbert – Chair, Atty. Quincy Cawthorne, – Vice Chair, Mr. Aaron Manzy, Atty. Domoine Rutledge Atty. Edwin Shorty, and Atty Tony Clayton – Ex Officio

Absent: Mr. Chris Massingill and Mr. Henry Whitehorn

AGENDA ITEM C: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

There was a motion to adopt the agenda by Atty Quincy Cawthorne and second by Atty Edwin Shorty

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM D: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM E: ACTION ITEM(s)

Dr. Luria Young and Dr. Hall provided a summary of Action items 1 and 2. After which, there were questions and lengthy discussion around Action Items 1 and 2 between several board members and Dr. Young. There was a motion made by Atty Domoine Rutledge and second by Chairman Clayton to postpone approving the action items 1 and 2 today and deferring the items to future meeting. It was suggested to have follow-up conversation and table to next month on the subjects. Ms. Maple Gaines and other board members recommended this topic be discussed during the board development (30 minutes) in February. President McMeans was asked to review funding.

Motion approved

1. Request for Approval of the Data Governance, Management, and Oversight Policy SUS-8-011 (SUS)
2. Request for Approval of the Umbrella Policy on AI Use, Data Gov., Mgmt. and Oversight, & Web Content Accessibility SUS-8-010 (SUS)

AGENDA ITEM F: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s)

NONE

AGENDA ITEM F: OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM G: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Atty Edwin Shorty to adjourn the meeting.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

(Following Governance Committee)

J S Clark Administration Building, 2nd Floor

Baton Rouge, LA

January 23, 2026

MINUTES

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

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Mr. Aaron Manzy

AGENDA ITEM C: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

There was a motion to adopt the agenda by Mr. Donald Henry and second by Rev. Dr. Samuel Tolbert.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM D: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM E: RESOLUTIONS

Ms. Rachel Watson read resolutions for the following:

Resolutions

- Kevon Barnes Family
- Frank Boudreaux Family
- Greg Dudley Family
- Melanie Fulough Family
- Nolan Harris, Jr. Family
- Dr. Marvalene Hughes Family
- Yolanda Theresa Levy Family
- Bertha Ann Lockett Family
- Frank Pitts Family
- Marvin Levell Yates, Jr.

Added by Rev. Dr. Samuel

- Mr. Curtis Brown – graduate of SU

There was a motion by Atty Domoine Rutledge to approve the read resolutions as well as the added name and second by Atty Edwin Shorty.

Motion approved.

AGENDA ITEM F: ACTION ITEM(s)

There was a motion by Mrs. Ann Smith and second by Atty Edwin Shorty approved action item F (1-2) globally.

Motion passed.

1. Request for Approval of Minutes of December 18, 2025, SUS Board of Supervisors Meeting
2. Request for Approval of Committee Reports and Recommendations

AGENDA ITEM G: INFORMTIONAL ITEM(s)

1. Status Update for Food Service RFP (SUS)

Chairman Clayton propose moving the item to the February meeting to allow the vendors to present to the board meeting. He is requesting President McMeans and Mr. McClinton to create a structure for the meeting and consult with board staff to get the information to the board members. There was a lengthy discussion and there were comments from several board members. Atty Rutledge requested a summary in writing of RFP offerings/analysis comparison, etc. Mr. Myron K. Lawson asked to consider SUNO and SUSLA when making recommendations and confirming their needs. It was also mentioned to include SULC in negotiation.

President McMeans and Mr. McClinton understood their assignment and responded accordingly. Atty Shorty asked for a breakdown package which includes each campus.

It was discussed as to the logistics of the meeting and timeframe.

AGENDA ITEM H: OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM I: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Rani Whitfield to adjourn the meeting.