

## **SPECIAL RECOGNITION COMMITTEE**

**January 17, 2025**

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

### **MINUTES**

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by Board Chair Myron K. Lawson.

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the Special Recognition Committee.

The invocation was given by Father Clark. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Kameron Tillage, a 12<sup>th</sup> grade honor student at Southern University Laboratory School.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 3: Recognition of Former Board Members**

Chairman Lawson and Vice Chairman Whitfield acknowledge the former board members and presented them with a gift.

Chairman Elect Clayton presented a gift from the board to Chairman Lawson and Vice Chairman Whitfield.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4: Installation of 2025 Board Officers (new and returning members)**

Chairman Lawson handed gavel to Chairman – Elect Tony Clayton.

All new and returning members were installed. (Mr. Reggie Abraham, Atty. Quincy Cawthorne, Mr. Donald Henry, Mr. Chris Masingill, Atty Domoine Rutledge, and Mr. Henry Whitehorn.)

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: Election of 2025 Board Vice Chair**

Chairman Clayton open the floor for nominations. Mr. Myron K. Lawson nominated Mr. Reginald Abraham and Miss Dana Bailey second the motion. Atty Domoine Rutledge requested the nomination be closed.

Motion was approved.

Mr. Reginald Abraham is the 2025 Vice Chairman. Mr. Abraham gave a speech and thanked everyone.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6: SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

- a. Video Presentation by Louisiana Public Broadcasting - Documentary of Southern University Law Center (SUBR)  
Chancellor Pierre/Dr. Merrick presented the documentary
- b. Coca-Cola Presentation - "Best of the Best" Award (SUBR)  
The representatives from Coca-Cola presented the University with a check.
- c. BREC Baton Rouge Zoo Presentation  
Chancellor Pierre and Dr. Merrick introduced the Zoo Director and the Board Members of BREC. They announced the winner of the naming of the new jaguar at Baton Rouge BREC Zoo. The name is "Lacumba".

**AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s)**

**A. ABOVE AND BEYOND (Process and Nomination Criteria)**

President Shields and Honorable Member Smith informed everyone that they are working on the process and Nomination criteria for the above and beyond award.

Chairman Clayton recognized all political officials in the audience and gave them an opportunity to give greetings and welcome.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: ADJOURNMENT**

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

**ATHLETICS COMMITTEE**  
**(Following Special Recognition Committee)**  
**January 17, 2025**

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

**MINUTES**

The Board Chair Tony Clayton announced the convening of the Athletic Committee. Attorney Domoine Rutledge called the committee meeting to order.

**Roll Call by President Shields**

**Present:** Atty. Domoine Rutledge – Chair, Dr. Rani Whitfield – Vice Chair, Mr. Reggie Abraham, Ms. Maple Gaines, Mr. Donald Ray Henry, Mr. Chris Masengill, Mr. Paul Matthews, Mrs. Ann Smith and Mr. Henry Whitehorn, and Atty Tony Clayton – Ex Officio

**Absent: None**

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

There was a motion by Dr. Rani Whitfield and the second by Mr. Paul Matthews to adopt the agenda.

Motion passed.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public Comments from Dr. Oswald D’Auvergne and Dr. Igiede – Faculty Senate Organization.

**AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(s)**

Motion by Mr. Paul Matthews and seconded by Mr. Chris Masingill to approve Action Item 5A.

Motion passed.

- A. Request for Approval for Men and Women Track and Field Fall 2025 (SUNO)

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Paul Matthews to adjourn the meeting.

## **FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

(Following Athletics Committee)  
Southern University Baton Rouge Campus  
January 17, 2025

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### **MINUTES**

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 and Dr. Rani Whitfield and Atty. Tony Clayton – Ex Officio

**Absent:** None

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

There was a motion by Atty Edwin Shorty and the second by Ms. Maple Gaines to adopt the agenda. Motion passed.

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

None

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(s)**

Motion by Atty Edwin Shorty and seconded by Mr. Paul Matthews to approve Action Item 5A. Motion Approved.

- A. Act 465 of 023 appropriated \$1.65M for the Law Clinic Annex project. Request appropriation be increased by \$800k of Fees and Self-Generated Revenues bringing the total budget authority for the project to \$2.4M.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s)**

- A. Facilities Update (SUS)
  - 1. FY 2025 – 2026 Capital Outlay (eCORTS) Submissions
  - 2. Capital Outlay Funded Projects List

Mr. Dawson provided an update on all projects. Mr. Donald Ray Henry discussed his visit to SUNO and SUBR.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**(Following Facilities and Property Committee)**  
**Southern University Baton Rouge Campus**  
**January 17, 2025**

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

**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, Atty. Quincy Cawthorne, Ms. Zazell Dudley, Ms. Maple Gaines, Mr. Chris Masengill, Atty. Domoine Rutledge and Atty. Tony Clayton– Ex Officio

**Absent:** None

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

There was a motion by Atty Domoine Rutledge and the second by Mrs. Ann Smith to adopt the agenda.

Motion passed.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(s):**

Motion by Atty Domoine Rutledge and seconded by Mrs. Ann Smith to approve Action Item 5A-5D (1-6) in global.

Motion Approved.

- A. Request for approval- IPAD Fee for Incoming First-Year Nursing Students (SUSON)
- B. Request for approval for course lab Fee for undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in the Speech Language and Pathology Program (SUBR)
- C. Request for approval to Increase Differential Tuition and Mandatory Fee for any graduate, professional, or specialized program and to establish differential tuition for any undergraduate program, including but not limited to programs granting certificates, degrees, diplomas or other credentials of value that has been identified as a high-cost program by the Louisiana Board of Regents amounts by Five (5) Percent (SUBR)
- D.
  1. Request for approval for Tuition & Fees Increase Effective Fall Semester 2025 (SUNO)
  2. Request for approval for Program Fee Increases for Nursing (SUNO)
  3. Request for approval for Program Fee Increase for Social Work (SUNO)
  4. Request for approval for University Self-Assessed Fee Increase (SUNO)
  5. Request for approval for Housing Increase (SUNO)
  6. Request for approval for Athletic Fee Increase (SUNO)

~~7. Request for approval to eliminate the SUNO Foundation Fee (\$5) that is charged to students (SUNO)~~  
**Removed from agenda.**

Motion by Mr. Chris Masingill and seconded by Mrs. Ann Smith to approve Action Item 5E-5F in global to include the modification to the wording from Atty Domoine Rutledge.

Motion Approved.

- E. Request for approval pursuant to the final submission of the Baton Rouge Campus Landmass housing assessment report from the vendor, The Board of Supervisors is authorizing the Southern University System Foundation to serve as developer and/or manager of housing projects for the SUBR Campus.
- F. Request for approval to proceed with the RFP for food service. (SUS)

Atty Rutledge along with the board is requesting additional information for RFP for food service. This information is requested before the February Meeting. Atty Rutledge asked that when making decisions, please include the students.

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

##### **A. Interim Financial Statement**

Mr. McClinton mentioned the financial statements are in the packet. He asked if there were any questions. Ms. Zazell Dudley and Atty Domoine Rutledge had questions that Mr. McClinton addressed. President Shields informed the board that the financial proposals for each campus will be provided at the February meeting.

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

None

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Ann Smith to adjourn the meeting.

**LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
(Following Finance Committee)  
**Southern University Baton Rouge Campus**  
**January 17, 2025**

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**Baton Rouge, LA**

**MINUTES**

The Board Chair Tony Clayton announced the convening of the Legal Affairs Committee. Atty Quincy Cawthorne called the committee meeting to order.

**Roll Call by President Shields**

**Present:** Atty. Quincy Cawthorne – Chair Atty. Domoine Rutledge – Vice Chair, Miss Dana Bailey, Ms. Maple L. Gaines, Atty. Edwin Shorty, Mr. Henry Whitehorn, and Atty Tony Clayton – Ex Officio

**Absent:** None

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

Upon the motion by Atty Edwin Shorty and seconded by Mr. Henry Whitehorn the agenda was recommended for adoption.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(s)**

Motion by Chairman Clayton and seconded by Atty Domoine Rutledge to approve Action Item 5A – 5B in global.

Motion approved.

A. Request Approval of Contracts, Amendments, Agreements, Grants, etc... Equal to or Greater than \$300,000.00

Name	Description	Amount
A. Extension of the Bayou Classic CEA	Request for approval to extend the Bayou Classic CEA for four (4) years.	N/A
B. Bid No. 31010-Landmass Wi-Fi Connectivity (SULC)	Lockstep Technology Group, LLC has submitted a competitive proposal for the completion of installation of APs (Access Points), switches, and related infrastructure across the campus.	\$ 822,877.72



**AGENDA ITEM 6: ADJOURNMENT**

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

**PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**(Following Legal Affairs Committee)**  
**Southern University Baton Rouge Campus**  
**January 17, 2025**

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**Baton Rouge, LA**  
**MINUTES**

The Board Chair Tony Clayton announced the convening of the Personnel Affairs Committee. Atty Edwin Shorty called the committee meeting to order.

**Roll Call by President Shields**

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

**Absent:** Mr. Reggie Abraham and Atty Domoine Rutledge

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

Upon the motion Mr. Chris Masingill 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)**

The motion was made by Mr. Chris Masingill and second by Mr. Henry Whitehorn that Action Item 5A be approved.

Motion Approved

A. Request for Approval of Personnel Action on Positions Equal to or Greater than \$60,000.00 (SUBR)

	Name	Position/Department	Personnel Action	Waived/ Search	Salary		Funding Source
					Previous	Suggested	
1.	Tracey Taylor-Jarrell	Executive Director/BOS	Title Change/Salary Increase	N/A	\$85,000	\$116,000	System

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Ms. Zazell Dudley to adjourn the meeting.

**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**(Following Personnel Committee)**  
**Southern University Baton Rouge Campus**  
**January 17, 2025**

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

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

**PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

Atty Domoine Rutledge and Dr. Rani Whitfield

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

Upon the motion by Ms. Zazell Dudley and seconded by Miss Dana Bailey the agenda was recommended for adoption with amendment to Action Item 6C. Chairman Clayton amendment to remove item 6C.

Motion passed.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 5: RESOLUTIONS**

Dr. Allen Vital read resolutions for the following:

Resolutions

- Bob Love
- Ronald L. Smith
- Lena Mae Newton Spears
- William Matthew Lockhart Jr.
- Roosevelt Wilson
- Merita Sarrazin Miller
- Aaron Harris
- Carl Lester "Doc" Williams

Commendations

Frances Davis Shaw – SU Class of 1967  
Professor Angela Allen Bell

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There was a motion by Miss Dana Bailey to approve the read resolutions and commendations and Mr. Myron K. Lawson second the motion.

Motion approved.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEM(s):**

There was a motion by Atty Edwin Shorty and a second by Mr. Paul Matthews to approve action item 6A-6B globally.

Motion passed.

- A. Request for Approval of Minutes of November 29th, 2024, SUS Board of Supervisors Meeting
- B. Request for Approval of Committee Reports and Recommendations
- ~~C. Resolution Supporting the Naming of the New Jaguar at Baton Rouge BREC Zoo, LaCumba (SUBR)~~

**AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s)**

- A. Presidential Report
- B. Chancellor's Reports
- C. SU System Foundation Quarterly Report  
Report provided by Mr. Alfred Harrell
- D. SU Alumni Federation Quarterly Report  
Report provided by Mr. Darrin Dixon

**AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS**

Chairman Clayton thanked everyone for their time and patience for today's meeting. He wished everyone a good weekend.

**AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT**

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