

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Friday, June 23, 2023

Southern University at New Orleans
Millie Charles School of Social Work
6801 Press Drive, New Orleans, LA
9:00 AM

MINUTES

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

The invocation was given by Bishop Samuel Blake, pastor of New Home Family Worship Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Miss Southern University at New Orleans.

Recognition of Special Guest and Presentations

Chancellor Gantt announced the Men's Gentlemen Cookout that will be held in Shreveport on Saturday, June 24, 2023. She presented aprons to Chairman Lawson, Vice Chairman Whitfield, and President Shield.

Chairman Lawson introduced Governor John Bel Edwards. Governor Edwards thanked the Board of Supervisors for inviting him. He gave a speech and took a few questions from the members. The members gave the Governor accolades for his work over the years. The board members took a group photo with the governor after his speech.

AGENDA ITEM 4: SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- A. Swearing in of the New Student Board Member /Mr. Jyron Young
- B. Special Presentation (SUNO)
- C. Special Presentations to Coach Pete Richardson (2023 Hall of Fame Recipient)

Chairman Lawson introduced Coach Pete Richardson, presented him with a plaque and gave him his accolades. Coach Pete Richardson thanked the board members for honoring him and he appreciates their support.

- D. Above and Beyond Award

Chancellor Ammons introduced and presented the award to Ms Melina Guidry who works with the custodial team at Southern University at New Orleans.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Informational Item(s)

- A. Deidre D. Robert, Esq. State Director/ Louisiana Rural Development United States Department of Agriculture

Chairman Lawson introduced Atty Robert. Atty Robert thanked the board for allowing her to be on the agenda and she presented her power point with information in reference to the La Rural Development.

There were a few questions from the board members. Board member Paul Matthews gave kudos to Atty Deidre on her work. Board member Raymond Fondel personally thanked Atty Deidre for all she's done especially for Lake Charles, La. He presented her with a bible.

B. Henry Clay Mckoy, Jr. Director/ United States Department of Energy

Dr. Mckoy was not in attendance.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Myron K. Lawson made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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MINUTES

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by Dr. Leon Tarver.

Roll Call by President-Chancellor Dennis J. Shields

Present: Dr. Leon Tarver - Chairman, Mr. Sam Gilliam –Vice-Chair, Atty Jody Amedee, Mrs. Maple Gaines, Mrs. Ann Smith, Dr. Arlanda Williams and Mr. Myron K. Lawson - Ex Officio

Absent: None

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

There was a motion by Mr. Sam Gilliam and second by Mrs. Maple Gaines that the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 5: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEM(s)

Chancellor Pierre gave a summary. The motion was made by Mr. Sam Gilliam and seconded by Dr. Arlanda Williams to approve Action Items 6A.

Motion Approved.

- A. Request Approval for the Establishment of the Louisiana State and Local Government Training Institute (SULC)

The mission of the institute is to educate elected state and local officials of their responsibilities and roles and to become aware of policymaking processes and public administration issues that affect them so that they can become effective government policymakers, and managers.

Chancellor Ammons gave a summary. The motion was made by Dr. Arlanda Williams and seconded by Mrs. Ann Smith to approve Action Items 6B.

Motion Approved.

- B. Request Approval to Change the Name of the Department of Nursing to School of Nursing. (SUNO)

Dr. Bijoy Sahoo gave a summary. The motion was made by Mr. Sam Gilliam and seconded by Mrs. Ann Smith to approve Action Items 6C.

Motion Approved.

C. Tenure and Promotion Recommendations for Faculty Who have Gone Through Academic Review and Meet all the Necessary Requirements (SUBR)

Name of Faculty	Department	Present Rank	Applied for and Approved
1. Deidra Atkins Ball	College of Sciences and Engineering/ Biology	Tenure-Track Assistant Professor in Biology	Tenure

The motion was made by Mr. Sam Gilliam and seconded by Dr. Arlanda Williams to approve Action Items (6D – 6F) in global.

Motion Approved.

- D. Request Approval of SACSCOC Standard 4.2a (Mission Review) – Campus Mission Statements are Submitted for the Board’s Annual Review. (SUS)
- E. Request Approval of SACSCOC Standard 4.2d (Conflict of Interest) – A blank 2023 Conflict of Interest Form is attached that needs to be completed by each Board Member. (SUS)
- F. Request Approval of SACSCOC Standard 4.2g (Board Self-Evaluation) – A blank 2023 Board Self-Evaluation Form is attached that needs to be completed by each Board Member. (SUS)

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

Atty Jody Amedee made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

(Following Academic Affairs Committee)

Friday, June 23, 2023

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9:00 AM

MINUTES

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the Facilities and Property Committee. Chairman Atty Edwin Shorty called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President-Chancellor Shields

Present: Atty. Edwin Shorty – Chairman, Mr. Paul Mathews, Dr. Leon Tarver II, Mrs. Ann Smith, Dr. Rani Whitfield and Mr. Myron K. Lawson, - Ex Officio

Absent: Atty Domoine Rutledge – Vice Chair

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Dr. Leon Tarver and seconded by Mrs. Ann Smith the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

- SUNO Faculty Senate Representative - Dr. Mostafa Elaasar is seeking the status of the new buildings at SUNO.

Atty Shorty thanked representative for bringing to the board member's attention.

AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)

Mr. Kenneth Dawson gave a presentation and update on all campuses. He gave additional information in reference to the SUNO campus.

There were questions from the board members. Mr. Dawson addressed all questions.

Information provided in package.

Mr. Dawson introduced a special guest, Public Service Commissioner, Mr. DeVonte' Lewis. He came today to announce the donation of funds for new lighting for Mumford Stadium.

Chairman Lawson thanked Mr. Lewis on behalf of Southern University and the board members.

A. Facilities Planning Project Updates (SUS)

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paul Mathews made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
(Following Facilities and Property Committee)

Friday, June 23, 2023

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9:00 AM

MINUTES

Board Chair Myron K. Lawson announced the convening of the Finance Committee. Chair Dr. Arlanda Williams called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President-Chancellor Shields

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Present: Dr. Arlanda Williams- Chairman, Mrs. Ann Smith -Vice-Chair, Mr. Sam Gilliam, Mrs. Christy Reeves, Dr. Leon Tarver II, and Atty. Mr. Myron K. Lawson - Ex Officio

Absent: Atty. Domoine Rutledge

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Dr. Leon Tarver and seconded by Mr. Sam Gilliam the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(s):

Chancellor Ammons gave a summary on Action Items 5A and 5B. There were questions around each item. Dr. Ammons and Arlean Wehle, Vice-Chancellor for Administration and Finance addressed all questions.

The motion was made by Mrs. Ann Smith and second by Mr. Sam Gilliam that Action Item 5A be approved.

Motion Approved

A. Request Approval for Increase of Housing Fees (SUNO)

The motion was made by Mr. Sam Gilliam and second by Mrs. Ann Smith that Action Item 5B be approved.

Motion Approved

B. Request Approval in Increase Admissions Fees (SUNO)

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s):

A. Interim Financial Reports (SUS)

Per Mr. McClinton, The detailed information is in the packet. There were some questions from the board members in reference to the financial report. Mr. McClinton addressed all questions.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Sam Gilliam inquired about HB 1 Appropriations. Mr. McClinton addressed Mr. Gilliam's questions.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sam Gilliam made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

(Following Finance Committee)

Friday, June 23, 2023

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MINUTES

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the Governance Committee. Chairman Rev Dr. Samuel Tolbert called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Shields

Present: Rev. Dr. Samuel Tolbert – Chairman, Dr. Rani Whitfield–Vice-Chair, Mr. Jyron Young, Mrs. Christy Reeves, Atty Edwin Shorty, Dr. Leon Tarver, II and Mr. Myron Lawson - Ex Officio

Absent: None

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Rev. Dr. Samuel Tolbert mentioned there is an amendment to the agenda. Agenda Item 5 is an Informational Item for this meeting and not an Action Item. Upon the motion by Dr. Rani Whitfield and seconded by Dr. Leon Tarver the agenda was recommended for adoption with amendment.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ~~ACTION ITEM(S)~~ INFORMATIONAL Item(s)

A. Request Approval of the Recruiting and Search Procedures Policy (SUS)
Chairman Lawson explained the intent of the search procedures policy. There was lengthy discussion and several questions among the members. It was proposed by the board that they come back with a policy.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Rani Whitfield made the Motion to adjourn the meeting.

PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(Following Governance Committee)

Friday, June 23, 2023

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MINUTES

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the Personnel Affairs Committee. Chair Mr. Sam Gilliam called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Shields

Present: Mr. Sam Gilliam - Chairman, Mrs. Christy Reeves–Vice-Chair, Atty Jody Amedee, Ms. Zazell Dudley, Dr. Leon Tarver, II., Dr. Arlanda Williams, and Mr. Myron Lawson - Ex Officio

Absent: NONE

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Sam Gilliam made an amendment to Action Item 5C(3), salary amount should be \$65,000. Upon the motion by Mrs. Christy Reeves and seconded by Dr. Arlanda Williams the agenda was recommended for adoption with amendment.

Roll Call Vote for amendment.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Dr. Anthony Igiède – Reference to Action Item 5A(1) - Not in support of the appointment.
2. Dr. Thomas Miller - Reference to Action Item 5A(1) - Not in support of the appointment .

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(S)

Mr. Sam Gilliam asked President Shields to give additional information on Item 5A-1. President Shields explained the MOU. There were several questions and lengthy discussion around the item. It was recommended that they take a deeper look at the position and consider the input from faculty.

Dr. Arlanda Williams made a motion to table this item and come back later and second by Ms. Zazell Dudley.

Motion Approved.

A. Request Approval to Enter into Memorandum of Understanding with University of Kentucky (SUS)

Name	Position/Campus	Waived/Search	Salary	Funding Source
1. David Brennen	Acting Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer New Appointment	<i>Waived</i>	\$285,000.00	State

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The motion was made by Dr. Leon Tarver and second by Dr. Arlanda Williams that Action Item 5(B-F) be approved globally.

Motion Approved

B. Request Approval of Personnel Action on Positions equal to or greater than \$60,000 (SUSLA)

Name	Position/Campus	Waived/Search	Salary	Funding Source
2. Willie Siglar	Executive Director for Retention and Student Outcomes New Appointment	Search	\$67,000.00	State

C. Request Approval of Personnel Action on Positions equal to or greater than \$60,000 (SUAREC)

Name	Position/Campus	Waived/Search	Salary	Funding Source
1. Ervin Antione	Facility and Project Manager New Appointment	Waived	\$80,000.00	State
2. Jacqueline Dixon	Executive Assistant to the Chancellor-Dean Salary Adjustment	N/A	\$85,000.00	State
3. Devender Rapolu	Network Database Admin/Web Specialist New Appointment	Search	\$80,000.00 \$65,000.00	State

D. Request Approval of Personnel Action on Positions equal to or greater than \$60,000 (SULC)

Name	Position/Campus	Waived/Search	Salary	Funding Source
1. Keilah Ebanks	Career Counselor New Position	Search	\$75,000.00	State
2. Tracie Woods	Vice-Chancellor of Corporate, Government, Judicial and Law Firm Relations New Position	Waived	\$180,000.00	State

E. Request Approval of Personnel Action on Positions equal to or greater than \$60,000 (SUBR)

Name	Position/Campus	Waived/Search	Salary	Funding Source
1. Patrece Carter	Assistant Women's Basketball Coach New Appointment	Waived	\$75,000.00	State
2. Porshe Hitchens	Mental Health Therapist New Appointment	Search	\$64,000.00	Federal
3. Kyla Pitcher	Executive Director of Pre-College Outreach Programs New Appointment	Search	\$96,408.00	State
4. Sean Stanford	Mental Health Therapist New Appointment	Search	\$64,000.00	Federal

F. Request Approval of Personnel Action on Positions equal to or greater than \$60,000 (SUNO)

Name	Position/Campus	Waived/Search	Salary	Funding Source
1. Marvin Harris	Interim Director of Facilities New Appointment	Waived	\$71,500.00	State

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2. Euremon Hervey	Interim Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs New Appointment	Waived	\$162,225.00	State
3. Zackeus Johnson	Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management New Appointment	Search	\$140,000.00	State
4. Kelly Smith	Dean of the School of Nursing Title Change	Search	No Change	State

The motion was made by Dr. Arlanda Williams and seconded by Ms. Zazell Dudley to approve Action Item 5G.

Motion Approved

- G. Request Approval of Contract Extension and Salary Adjustment for the Head Women's Basketball Coach/Mr. Carlos Funchess (SUBR)

The motion was made by Dr. Arlanda Williams and seconded by Ms. Zazell Dudley to approve Action Item 5H.

Motion Approved

- H. Request Approval of Sabbatical of Professor of Civil Engineering (Tenured) from August 1 – December 31, 2023, to Retool and Return to Teaching (SUBR)

The motion was made by Dr. Arlanda Williams and seconded by Mrs. Christy Reeves to approve Action Item 5I.

Motion Approved

- I. Request Approval of Credit for Prior Service at Other Institutions for Associate Professor Shandrea Williams (SULC)

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Zazell Dudley made the Motion to adjourn the meeting.

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MINUTES

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

Roll Call by President Shields

PRESENT

Atty Jody Amedee, Ms. Zazell Dudley, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Jr., Miss Naudia Foster, Ms. Maple Gaines, Mr. Myron Lawson, Mr. Paul Matthews, Ms. Christy Reeves, Atty Edwin Shorty, Mrs. Ann Smith, Dr. Leon Tarver, II, Rev. Dr. Samuel Tolbert, Dr. Rani Whitfield and Dr. Arlanda Williams

ABSENT

Atty Domoine Rutledge

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Rev. Dr. Samuel Tolbert and seconded by Dr. Rani Whitfield, the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(s):

There was a motion by Rev. Dr. Samuel Tolbert and Second by Mr. Raymond Fondel to approve action item (5A-5G) to be approved globally.

Motion passed.

- A. Approval of Minutes of the March 17, 2023, SUS Board of Supervisors Meeting
- B. Approval of Committee Recommendations
- C. Request Approval of Contract Extension for DeCuir, Clark & Adams, L.L.P. (SUS)
- D. Request Approval Dissolution of the Relationship between SUSLA and SUSLA Community Development Corporation. (SUSLA)

- E. Request Approval of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and Between the Parish of Caddo and the Southern University Law Center (SULC)
- F. Request Approval/Ratification of Contract with Louisiana Department of Health (SUBR)
- G. Request Approval of the Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) between the Southern University Museum of Art-Baron Rouge (SUMAO) and the Louisiana State Treasurer's Office (SUS)

AGENDA ITEM 7: RESOLUTIONS

Dr. Allen Vital, Chief of Staff read resolutions and commendations for the following:

Resolutions

- Ernest Sickey
- Richard Obra Early
- Carrol Joseph Cayette, Sr
- Melford Jones
- Martha Ann Seymore Archinard
- Karl Edgar Saner Sr.
- Demario May, Jr.

Commendations

- Lena Mae Newton Spears - 90th Birthday Celebration
- Andrew Scott Spears, Jr. - 90th Birthday Celebration

There was a motion by Rev. Dr. Samuel Tolbert to approve the read resolutions and commendations and Ms. Ann Smith second the motion.

Motion approved.

AGENDA ITEM 8: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s):

A. Legislative Report

Dr. Robyn Merrick gave a detailed summary of the HB that were voted on during the legislative session. She responded to questions from the board members.

State Representative Jason Hughes was present at the meeting. Chairman Lawson acknowledge him and asked him to come and bring greetings and comments on behalf of the La Black Caucus.

Chairman Lawson commended the legislative team at the capital during the entire session.

The President and Chancellor reports were given at the board retreat. No further information.

B. Presidential Report

C. Chancellor's Reports

To Do: For next meeting, request report on Economic District.

AGENDA ITEM 9: OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Lawson acknowledged all women in leadership.

Dr. Ammons recognized and thanked everyone at SUNO who assist with the preparation for Board meeting. He thanked the Board members for their visiting to New Orleans and touring the new buildings.

Chairman Lawson recognized Dr Appeaning for leadership at SUSLA and presented him with a plaque.

AGENDA ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Christy Reeves made the Motion to adjourn the meeting.