

# **SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

**Friday, May 19, 2023**

Southern University System Board Meeting Room  
J. S. Clark Administration Building 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Baton Rouge, LA 70813

## **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 Rev. Dr. Rene' F. Brown, pastor of Mt. Zion First Baptist Church. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Myron K. Lawson.

### **Recognition of Special Guest**

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. Chairman of the Board**

Chairman Lawson presented Governor Edwards with a medal of excellence on behalf of Southern University System.

#### **B. Above and Beyond Award**

Dr. Jaqueline Preastly presented the award to Mr. Mark Young who is an Academic Recruiter in the Office of Recruitment and Admissions.

### **AGENDA ITEM 5: Ms. Dottie Belletto, Executive Director – NOCCI (My Bayou Classic)**

Mr. Al Harrell introduced Ms. Dottie Belletto. She gave a presentation on the Bayou Classic. This year is the 50-year anniversary. She was accompanied by Jeff and Brook who assisted in the presentation. She presented the board with a handout. Ms. Dottie opened the floor for questions. She and Al answered several questions from the board members. Before closing, she told the board members they can contact she or Al if they have any questions.

### **AGENDA ITEM 6: ADJOURNMENT**

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

## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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9:00 AM

### 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, Mrs. Maple Gaines, Mrs. Ann Smith  
Dr. Arlanda Williams and Mr. Myron K. Lawson - Ex Officio

**Absent:** Atty Jody Amedee

#### AGENDA ITEM 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

There was a motion by Dr. Arlanda Williams and second by Mrs. Ann Smith that the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

#### AGENDA ITEM 5: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

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

The motion was made by Mr. Sam Gilliam and seconded by Dr. Arlanda Williams to approve Action Items (6A – 6D minus Action Item 6C-1) in global. Mr. Sam Gilliam also made a motion to table Action Item 6C-1.

Motion Approved.

Mr. Sam Gilliam also made a motion to table Action Item 6C-1.

Motion Approved..

- A. Request Approval of Bachelor’s Degree in Computer Engineering Program- College of Science & Engineering (SUBR)
- B. Tenure and Promotion Recommendations for Faculty Who have Gone Through Academic Review and Meet all the Necessary Requirements (SUNO)

Name of Faculty	Department	Present Rank	Applied for and Approved
1. Kenneth Williams	Department of Science and Cybersecurity	Associate Professor	Tenured Associate Professor

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

Name of Faculty Member	Department	Present Rank	Applied For and Approved
1. Deidre Atkins Ball	Department of Biology College of Sciences and Engineering	Tenure Track Assistant Professor in Biology	Tenure
2. Natassia Jones	Department of Science and Mathematics College of Sciences and Engineering	Tenure Track Associate Professor	Tenure and Promotion to Professor
3. Shizhong Yang	Department of Computer Science College of Science and Engineering	Tenured Associate Professor	Promotion to Professor

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

Name of Faculty	Department	Present Rank	Applied for and Approved
1. Marcia Burden	Legal Clinic	Tenured Associate Professor	Promotion to Full Professor
2. Kelly Carmena	Legal Clinic	Tenured Assistant Professor	Promotion to Associate Professor
3. Christian Fasullo	Legal Clinic	Tenured Associate Professor	Promotion to Full Professor
4. Alvin Washington	Legal Clinic	Tenured Associate Professor	Promotion to Full Professor

## AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Academic Affairs Curriculum Discussions (Psy.D. and Medical College)

President Shields and Dr. Sahoo gave information. Dr. Sahoo provided a handout. There were several questions from the board members which Dr. Sahoo answered. Chairman Lawson gave remarks on the program.

## AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS

None

## AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Arlanda Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

## **FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

(Following Academic Affairs Committee)

Friday, May 19, 2023

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### **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, and Mr. Myron K. Lawson, - Ex Officio

**Absent:** Atty Domoine Rutledge – Vice Chair and Dr. Rani Whitfield

#### **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**

NONE

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)**

Mr. Kenneth Dawson gave a presentation and update on all campuses. There were questions from the board members. Mr. Dawson addressed all questions.

Information provided in package.

- 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, May 19, 2023**  
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**MINUTES**

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

Roll Call by President-Chancellor Shields

**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 Mr. Sam Gilliam and seconded by Dr. Leon Tarver 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. Sam Gilliam and second by Dr. Leon Tarver that Action Item 5(A-D) be approved globally.

Motion Approved

- A. Request Approval of a \$500 per semester Bar Prep Fee for Incoming Law Students (SULC)
- B. Request Approval of Out-of-State Fee Increase for Incoming Non-Resident Law Students (SULC)
- C. Request Approval for E-Book Fee Increase (SULC)
- D. Request Approval to Increase the Student-Assessed Special Events Fee from \$40.00 to \$80.00 (SUBR)

- A. Interim Financial Reports (SUS)

Per Mr. McClinton, The detailed information is in the packet.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS:**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Christy Reeves made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

## GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

(Following Finance Committee)

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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 Dr. Allen Vital

**Present:** Rev. Dr. Samuel Tolbert – Chairman, Miss Naudia Foster, Mrs. Christy Reeves, Atty Edwin Shorty, Dr. Leon Tarver, II and Mr. Myron Lawson - Ex Officio

**Absent:** Dr. Rani Whitfield–Vice-Chair

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

Upon the motion by Atty Edwin Shorty and seconded by Mrs. Christy Reeves the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

#### AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

#### AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(S)

Atty Tracie Woods explained both policies below Items A & B.

The motion was made by Atty Shorty and seconded by Mrs. Reeves to approve Action Item 5A.

Motion Approved.

- A. Request Approval of the Records Management Policy (SUS)  
*The System Records Management Policy has been established to provide a systematic method for developing a formal records retention process and schedule in accordance with LA R.S. 44:411. The policy provides consistent guidance regarding methods of records retention, retrieval and safekeeping of records, destruction of records, and the development and maintenance of records retention schedules for the System.*

The motion was made by Mrs. Christy Reeves and seconded by Atty Edwin Shorty to approve Action Item 5A.

Motion Approved.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 5: ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Leon Tarver made the Motion to adjourn the meeting.



**PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE****(Following Governance Committee)****Friday, May 19, 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, Ms. Zazell Dudley, Dr. Leon Tarver, II., Dr. Arlanda Williams, and Mr. Myron Lawson - Ex Officio

**Absent:** Atty Jody Amedee

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

Mr. Sam Gilliam made an amendment to Action Item 5I. Upon the motion by Dr. Arlanda Williams and seconded by Mrs. Christy Reeves the agenda was recommended for adoption with amendment.

Motion passed.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

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

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

Motion Approved

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

Name	Position/Campus	Salary	Funding Source
1. Dexter Newman	Video Production Specialist Salary Adjustment	\$70,000.00	State

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

Name	Position/Campus	Salary	Funding Source
1 Michael Adams	Instructor/Practitioner in Residence New Position	\$108,000.00	State

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2. Bernard Charbonnet	Instructor/Practitioner in Residence New Position	\$108,000.00	State
3. Diane Kemker	Visiting Professor New Position	\$103,500.00	State
4. Jennifer Moroux	Visiting Professor New Position	\$105,000.00	State
5. Whitney Stewart	Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track) New Position	\$103,500.00	State
6. Christopher Turner	Director of MRVIGES New Position	\$78,000.00	State
7. Stephanie Washington	Full Professor New Position	\$153,000.00	State
8. Ebony Woodruff	Director of Ag Institute for Underrepresented and Underserved Communities New Position	\$70,000.00	State

## C. Request Approval of Tenure and Promotion Salary Increases Salary Increases (SULC)

Employee Name	Beginning Salary	Total Adjustment	Ending Salary
1. Marcia Burden	\$103,194.00	\$6,192.00	\$109,386.00
2. Kelly Carmena	\$93,366.00	\$5,602.00	\$98,968.00
3. Christian Fasullo	\$108,108.00	\$6,486.00	\$114,594.00
4. Alvin Washington	\$119,902.00	\$7,194.00	\$127,906.00

## D. Request Approval to Add the Title of Instructor to the Following Positions Without Pay Adjustments (SULC)

Name	Position/Campus	Salary	Funding Source
1. Marla Dickerson	Vice Chancellor/ Instructor Added Title	\$159,000.00	State
2. Koshaneke Gilbert	Career Services Director/ Instructor Added Title	\$102,211.20	State
3. Kerii Landry-Thomas	Associate Vice Chancellor/ Instructor Added Title	\$131,040.00	State
4. Terri Mayes	Director of Office of Innovation and Strategic Partnerships and Initiatives/ Instructor Added Title	\$78,000.00	State
5. Avery Thomas	Deputy Title IX/Campus Safety Coordinator /Instructor Added Title	\$85,000.00	State

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

Name	Position/Campus	Salary	Funding Source
1. Marlin Hollins	Director of Advancement School of Nursing New Position	\$95,000.00	State
2. Rashaad Richardson	Men's Basketball Assistant Coaches New Appointment	\$75,000.00	State

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

Name	Position/Campus	Salary	Funding Source
1. Hasan Aquil	Technology Manager New Position	\$90,000.00	Federal
2. Camacia Smith-Ross	Interim VC for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management / Tenured Full Professor/ Chief of Staff New Appointment	\$126,000.00	State
3. Atia Washington	Assist Director of Adm. & Recruit/Dual Enrollment New Appointment	\$65,000.00	State
4. Kenneth Williams	Director of Bachelors of Science and- Cybersecurity New Position	\$125,000.00	Federal

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

Name	Position/Campus	Salary	Funding Source
1. Desireé Honoré Thomas	Associate Vice President and Senior Administrative Operations Officer/ Acting Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration New Position	\$220,000.00	State
2. Jeremiah Sams	System Director for Compliance and AVC for Equity, Inclusion & Title IX New Appointment	\$130,000.00	State SUS/SUBR

## H. Request Approval of Extend the Unpaid Sabbatical of Assistant Professor Adam C. Creppelle (SULC)

I. Request Approval **at the discretion of Newly Appointed Chancellor Aubra Gantt** to Extend All Interim Appointments for Up to Six (6) Months (SUSLA)**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Arlanda Williams made the Motion to adjourn the meeting.

## **SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**(Following Personnel Committee)**

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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**

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. Arlanda Williams

#### **ABSENT**

Atty Jody Amedee, Atty Domoine Rutledge, and Dr. Rani Whitfield

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

Upon the motion by Mr. Raymond Fondel and seconded by Dr. Arlanda Williams, 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 (6A-6E) 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 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the Leadership Needed Foundation (LNF) and the Southern University law Center (SULC)

- D. Request Approval of Education Dynamics Contract (EDDY)- Office of eLearning (SUNO)
- E. Request Approval of the One Year No/Cost Extension Relative to the Agreement with Louisiana Department of Economic Development and Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA)

## AGENDA ITEM 7: RESOLUTIONS

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

### Resolutions

- Ms. Janice Rae Anderson Williams
- Mr. Bronson Pete
- Ms. Dianne Johnson Pullen
- Mr. Vida Rochelle Blue Jr.
- Mr. James L. Mahomes

Dr. Tarver – added Maudie Williams who was killed in a car accident.

There was a motion by Dr. Tarver to approve the read resolutions with additions and Ms. Ann Smith second the motion.

Motion approved.

## AGENDA ITEM 8: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S):

- A. Update of SHREVE Memorial Library (SULC)  
Chancellor Pierre gave a summary.
- B. Legislative Update  
Dr. Robyn Merrick provided information on all bills which affect Southern University.
- C. Presidential Report  
President Shields mentioned the inspiring moment at SU Day @ Capital. He said it was a great event with a lot of alums and legislators. He attended commencement on all campuses. There was a “Call to Action” meeting with the governor. President Shields spoke briefly about the legislature Session. He thanked the board for approving Mrs. Desiree’ Honore Thomas. She is coming to SU with a lot of experience that will help the university.
- D. Chancellor’s Reports  
All Chancellor Reports details are in packet.

Dr. Ammons (SUNO) – Commencement with 325 graduates. He thanked everyone who attended. SUNO received accreditation.

Dr. Appeaning (SUSLA) – Commencement with 342 graduates. There was a 20.5% increase since last spring. He thanked everyone who attended.

Dr. McMeans (SUAREC) – Commencement with 43 graduates. This was his favorite commencement. He was able to speak with each candidate. They all have great plans after graduation. He provided Sun Beef for the reception. He hopes everyone enjoyed it. Spoke about the conference that was at LaBerge Casino. There were 825 participants.

Chancellor Pierre (SULC) – Commencement is May 20. There are 200 graduates which is the largest class. He invites everyone to attend. Student member Naudia Foster will be included in the graduation ceremony.

Dr. Sahoo – Thanked everyone for attend the commencement ceremony.

E. Presidential Evaluation<sup>1</sup>

Motion made by Mr. Fondel and Seconded by Dr. Leon Tarver to go into executive session to discuss the Presidential Evaluation.

Motion approved.

Motion Made by Mrs. Christy Reeves and Seconded by Ms. Zazell Dudley to come out of Executive Session.

President Shields called roll.

Motion approved by roll call vote.

**AGENDA ITEM 9: OTHER BUSINESS**

Chairman Lawson thanked Miss Naudia Foster for all her service the last year. He commended Ms. Zazell Dudley who was the SUSLA Commencement speaker. The thanked the board members who passed their confirmation.

**AGENDA ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT**

Atty Edwin Shorty made the Motion to adjourn the meeting.

<sup>1</sup> Executive Session May be Required.