

SPECIAL RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

May 08, 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 Chairman Tony Clayton. The Board Chairman announced the convening of the Special Recognition Committee.

The invocation was given by Pastor Lorenzo Bennett. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Miss Brooklyn Chisley, SU Laboratory School Student of the Year.

AGENDA ITEM 3: SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- A. Honda Campus All Star Challenge Team National Championship Tournament (SUBR)
Chancellor Pierre introduced Ms. Mackie, who introduced the students.
- B. Southern University Students- Creation of Emmy Nominated Documentary (SUBR)
Chancellor Pierre introduced the students – They created Hidden Sports.
- C. SGA President's Recognition (SUS)
Honorable Member Dana Bailey introduced and recognized all SGA presidents from each campus.

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Atty Quincy Cawthorne to adjourn the meeting.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(Following Special Recognition Committee)

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MINUTES

The Board Vice Chair Reggie Abraham announced the convening of the Academic Affairs Committee. Mrs. Ann Smith called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Shields

Present: Mrs. Ann Smith – Chair, Ms. Maple Gaines – Vice Chair, Ms. Zazell Dudley, Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Atty Tony Clayton - Ex Officio

Absent: Mr. Henry Whitehorn

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

There was a motion by Mr. Myron K. Lawson 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)

There was a motion by Mr. Myron K. Lawson and the second by Ms. Zazell Dudley to approve Action Item 5A. Motion was approved.

- A. Request for Approval of the Conferral of Posthumous Degree for Dynastie Nicole Williams (SUBR)
Chancellor Pierre gave background on Miss Dynastie Nicole Williams.

There was a motion by Ms. Zazell Dudley and the second by Mr. Myron K. Lawson to approve Action Item 5B. Motion was approved.

- B. Request for Approval to Present a “Certificate of Academic Achievement in Memoriam” to Isaiah Morgan (SULC)
Chancellor Washington gave background to Mr. Isaiah Morgan.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s)

- A. Flexible Friday Summer Work Hours (SUNO)
Chancellor Ammons explained the flexible summer work hours, which will be 8-6 M-Th and 8-12 on Friday.

- B. Scholars in Transition Education Program (STEP) at Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO)
Dr Bree Cook gave information on the STEP at SUNO. There were several questions from the board members. Dr. Cook entertained all questions. After which, Chairman Clayton and the board members ask that this item be postponed and vetted with President Shields by next month.

- C. Master of Education degree in Amalgam Leadership (SUNO)
Dr. Camacia Smith-Ross gave information on the Master of Education degree. There were several questions from the board members. Dr. Smith-Ross entertained all questions. There was a motion by Mr. Myron K. Lawson and a second by Ms. Zazell Dudley to move the information item to action item. This motion is contingent upon the president and the chairman. Motion was approved by roll call vote and everyone voted yes but Atty Clayton, he voted no because the proper protocol wasn't followed.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY
(Following Academic Affairs Committee)

May 8, 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. Paul P. Matthews, Atty. Domoine Rutledge, Atty. Edwin Shorty, Mrs. Ann Smith and Atty. Tony Clayton – Ex Officio

Absent: Mr. Chris Masingill and Dr. Rani Whitfield

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

There was a motion by Atty Edwin Shorty and a second by Mrs. Ann Smith to adopt the agenda.
Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s)

A. Facilities Update (SUS)

Mr. Dawson provided an update on all projects and answered questions from board members.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE
(Following Facilities and Property Committee)

May 08, 2025

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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, Atty. Domoine Rutledge and Atty. Tony Clayton– Ex Officio

Absent: Chris Masingill

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

A. Interim Financial Statement

Mr. McClinton mentioned the financials are included in the packet. There were no questions.

B. Restructure and Adjustment of the Tuition and Fee Rate Policy and Procedures for the Southern University Child Development Lab (SUAREC)

Chancellor McMeans gave details of the Policy and Procedures. There were no questions.

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS:

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Atty. Quincy Cawthorne to adjourn the meeting.

LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(Following Finance Committee)

May 08, 2025

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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 and Atty Tony Clayton – Ex Officio

Absent: Mr. Henry Whitehorn

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Atty Edwin Shorty and seconded by Atty Tony Clayton, the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(s)

Motion by Atty Tony Clayton and seconded by Miss Dana Bailey to approve Action Item 5A.

Motion approved.

A. Request for Approval to Proceed with Legal Action Against Hampden Engineering, LLC (SUSLA)

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 6: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Atty Tony Clayton to adjourn the meeting.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

(Following Legal Affairs Committee)

May 08, 2025

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

ABSENT

Mr. Chris Masingill, Mr. Henry Whitehorn and Dr. Rani Whitfield

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Clayton referred to amending the agenda by adding Action Item 6E (SUAREC Federal Employees) to the agenda. Upon the motion by Atty Domoine Rutledge and seconded by Mr. Paul Matthews the agenda was recommended for adoption with amendment.

Motion passed with roll call vote

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: RESOLUTIONS

Dr. Allen Vital read resolutions for the following:

Resolutions

- Bernadette Fontenot-Rubin Family

There was a motion by Mr. Reggie Abraham to approve the read resolutions and second by Miss Dana Bailey.

Motion approved.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEM(s):

There was a motion by Mr. Reggie Abraham and second by Miss Dana Bailey approved action item 6A-6E globally.

Motion passed.

- A. Request for Approval of Minutes of April 11, 2025, SUS Board of Supervisors Meeting
- B. Request for Approval of Committee Reports and Recommendations
- C. Request for Approval of the Honorary Degree for Congresswoman Jasmine Crocket (SUNO)
- D. Request for Approval of the Contract Extension for DeCuir, Clark & Adams, L.L.P (SUS)
- E. Request for Position Approval - Selection of Dr. Tiffany Franklin as Vice Chancellor of Extension and Outreach and Request for Position Approval - Waive the Search and the Appointment of Dr. Raquel Ayles as Associate Vice Chancellor of Extension and Outreach. (SUAREC)

Per Chancellor McMeans, both positions are federal positions, and they are 100% Federal employees therefore this doesn't qualify under the governors hiring freeze.

AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s)

- A. Presidential Report- President Shields
- B. Legislative Update – Provided by Mr. Cedric Upshaw and President Shields
- C. Chancellor Reports – Chancellor Ammons, Chancellor Gantt, Chancellor McMeans, Chancellor Washington and Chancellor Pierre

AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS

Next 60 Days – US World News Report ranking for university

Food Service Contract – 3 bidders – President Shields will provide proposals to the finance committee

The faculty handbook should be presented in the July meeting to the academic committee

AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Atty Tony Clayton to adjourn the meeting.