

SPECIAL RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

October 18, 2024

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
J. S. Clark Administration Bldg. 2nd Floor
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 Pastor Riley. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Miss Kennedy Johnson, who is an exceptional Junior who has been attending Southern University Laboratory School for the past four years.

AGENDA ITEM 3: SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- A. Moguls in the Making Contest Winners from Southern University and A&M College.
Chancellor Pierre recognized Ms. Deadre Mackie who introduced the students who were the winners of \$100,000.

AGENDA ITEM 4: ABOVE AND BEYOND

- A. The Student Above and Beyond was presented by Chancellor Washington to SBA President of Southern University Law Center, **Miss Whitley Parker**
- B. The Employee Above and Beyond was presented to the Director of Travel Services at eh Southern University Law Center, **Ms. Karvett Tilery**

Chairman Lawson Recognized Representative Jordan, Robert Harrison, and Dr. Dionne Sanders.

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADJUORNMENT

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

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(Following Special Recognition Committee)

Southern University Baton Rouge Campus

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room

J. S. Clark Administration Bldg. 2nd Floor

Baton Rouge, LA.

AGENDA

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the Academic Affairs Committee. Member Dr. Leon Tarver called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Shields

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

Absent: None

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

There was a motion by Sam Gilliam and the second by Atty Tony Clayton to adopt the agenda.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(s)

Motion by Atty Tony Clayton and seconded by Dr. Arlanda Williams to approve Action Items A-C in global.

Motion passed.

Motion by Sam Gilliam to remove Action Item D from Academic Affairs agenda and placed on the Full board agenda

- A. Request approval of the Southern University Lab School Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook. (SULS)
- B. 2024 – 2025 Pupil Progression Plan (SULS)
- C. Request approval to appoint Dr. Karen Jackson as Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Success. (SUBR)
- D. ~~Consideration of Appeal for Revocation of Tenure – Dr. Elhag Shaban (SUBR) –~~

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

- A. Medical School/Allied Health Committee Update
Update presented by Dr. Appeaning.
- B. Discuss Admission Criteria (SUBR)
Discussion was led by Chancellor Pierre.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Arlanda Williams to adjourn the meeting.

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

(Following Academic Affairs Committee)
Southern University Baton Rouge Campus
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
J. S. Clark Administration Bldg. 2nd Floor
Baton Rouge, LA.

MINUTES

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

Roll Call by President Shields

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

Absent: Paul Mathews

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 Action Item 5A. Motion Approved.

A. FY 2025 – 2026 Capital Outlay (eCORTS) Submissions

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s)

A. Capital Outlay Funded Projects List

Mr. Dawson provided an update on all projects. He confirmed they are on target to meet November submission.

AGENDA ITEM 7; OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Dawson mentioned the CEA with Overland Partners in Dallas, TX may be finalized by next month.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE
(Following Facilities and Property Committee)
Southern University Baton Rouge Campus
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
J. S. Clark Administration Bldg. 2nd Floor
Baton Rouge, LA.

MINUTES

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

Roll Call by President Shields

Present: Dr. Arlanda Williams- Chairman, Mr. Sam Gilliam, Mrs. Ann Smith -Vice-Chair and Atty. Domoine Rutledge, Dr. Leon Tarver II and Mr. Myron K. Lawson - Ex Officio
Zazell Dudley and Dana Bailey added

Absent: Mrs. Christy Reeves

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 Sam Gilliam to approve Action Item 5A (1-6) in global.
Motion Approved.

A. Request approval for FY 2025-2026 Budget Requests and Addenda:

1. Southern University Board and System Administration (SUS)
2. Southern University and A&M College (SUBR)
3. Southern University Law Center (SULC)
4. Southern University New Orleans (SUNO)
5. Southern University Shreveport (SUSLA)
6. Southern University Agricultural, Research, and Extension Center (SUAREC)

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 and there were none.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS:

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Arlanda Williams to adjourn the meeting.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

(Following Finance Committee)

Southern University Baton Rouge Campus

Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room

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Baton Rouge, LA.

Minutes

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the Governance Committee. Vice Chair Dr. Rani Whitfield called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Shields

Present: Dr. Rani Whitfield – Vice Chairman, Miss Dana Bailey, Dr. Leon Tarver, II, Atty Edwin Shorty and Mr. Myron K. Lawson - Ex Officio

Absent: Rev. Dr. Samuel Tolbert – Chairman and Mrs. Christy Reeves

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Myron K. Lawson and seconded by Dana Bailey the agenda was recommended for adoption.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(s)

Atty Domoine Rutledge questioned the verbiage for the Trespass/Ban Policy. After discussion with Atty Blache, Atty Rutledge recommended additional verbiage to be added to the policy. Motion by Myron K. Lawson and seconded by Dr. Leon Tarver, II to approve Action Item 5A (1-6) in global with the additional verbiage added to the Trespass/Ban Policy based on Atty Rutledge recommendation.

Chairman Lawson requested that Atty Blache research the cost to gather policies and place online.

Motion Approved.

- A. Request approval of Policies on Polices (SUS)
 1. Trespass/Ban Policy (New)
 2. Americans with Disabilities Act & Pregnant Workers Fairness Act Policy (Revised)
 3. Disability Services Policy (Revised)
 4. Service and Emotional Support Animal Policy (Revised)
 5. Non-Academic Disciplinary Proceedings Policy (Revised)
6. Uniformed Policy on Campus Free Speech (Revised)

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)

A. Faculty Responsibility for in Person Teaching

Chancellor Pierre and Dr. Laurie Young provided information on the modality of teaching. Chairman Lawson supports and agree with the information provided.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

Atty Clayton questioned the reduction of golf carts for the games. There was a lengthy discussion around the need of the golf carts for the games.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Miss Dana Bailey to adjourn the meeting.

LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(Following Governance Committee)
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Minutes

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the Legal Affairs Committee. Chairman Atty Tony Clayton called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Shields

Present: Atty Tony Clayton - Chairman, Atty. Domoine Rutledge – Vice Chair, Miss Dana Bailey, Mrs. Maple Gaines, Atty Edwin Shorty and Mr. Myron K. Lawson - Ex Officio

Absent: Mrs. Christy Reeves

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Atty Edwin Shorty and seconded by Dana Bailey the agenda was recommended for adoption.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(s)

Motion by Atty Edwin Shorty and seconded by Dana Bailey to approve Action Item 5A (1).

Motion approved.

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

Title	Description	Amount	Campus
Office of the Director of National Intelligence IARPA R&D Contracts	This financial assistance agreement (Grant) is entered into by the Office of the Director of National intelligence Community Centers for Academic Excellence Program. The Recipient shall perform a program in accordance with Article III program description and the technical portion of the proposal entitled Southern University System and Grambling State University.	\$2,500,000	SUBR

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s)

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS:

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dana Bailey to adjourn the meeting.

PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(Following Legal Affairs Committee)
Southern University Baton Rouge Campus
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 Baton Rouge, LA.

MINUTES

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

Roll Call by President Shields

Present: Mr. Sam Gilliam – Chairman, Atty Tony Clayton, Ms. Zazell Dudley, Dr. Leon Tarver, II, Dr. Arlanda Williams and Mr. Myron Lawson - Ex Officio

Absent: Mrs. Christy Reeves–Vice-Chair

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion Dr. Arlanda Williams and seconded by Zazell Dudley 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 Myron K. Lawson and second by Atty Tony Clayton that Action Item 5(A-C) be approved globally.
 Motion Approved

A. Request 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. Karen Jackson	Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Success	Existing Position	Waived	\$93,000	\$97,200	State
2. Iyanna Lewis	Director First & Second Year Experience/Jaguar Success Academy	Existing Position	Waived Promotion	\$66,000	\$66,000	Federal/State
3. Rachel Walton	Executive Director Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence	New Position	Waived	N/A	\$171,000	Federal/State

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

Name	Position/Department	Personnel Action	Waived/Search	Salary		Funding Source
				Previous	Suggested	
1. Kevin Brown	Interim Director – Master of Social Work Program	Existing Position	Interim Appointment	\$75,894	\$80,000	State

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

Name	Position/Department	Personnel Action	Waived/Search	Salary		Funding Source
				Previous	Suggested	
1. Heather Bob	Community and Youth Outreach Specialist	New Position	Search	N/A	\$63,000	Federal

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)

A. Update on SUS Human Resource Positions

President Shields gave an update on the vacant position. He noted that he met with consultant, and he plan to start the search next month. There was lengthy discussion with the board members and President Shields. The Chairman requested the President have an update on the start of the HR Search for the next meeting. Atty Clayton requested a new Hybrid structure from President Shields that includes a cost saving for the campus.

B. Status on interim positions and projected timeline for searches (SUS, SUBR, SUNO, SUSLA, SULC, SUAREC)

Summary was given for each campus.

C. Present Detailed Organizational Charts (SUS and All Campuses)

The information provided was an introduction. Board members requested more detail (i.e. job description, person in position and salary).

AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Arlanda Williams to adjourn the meeting.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

(Following Personnel Committee)

Southern University Baton Rouge Campus

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Baton Rouge, LA.

MINUTES

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

PRESENT

Miss Dana Bailey, Atty Tony Clayton, Ms. Zazell Dudley, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Jr., Mr. Sam Gilliam, Ms. Maple Gaines, Mr. Myron Lawson, Atty Domoine Rutledge, Atty Edwin Shorty, and Mrs. Ann Smith, Dr. Leon Tarver, II, Dr. Rani Whitfield and Dr. Arlanda Williams

ABSENT

Mr. Paul Matthews, Mrs. Christy Reeves and Rev. Dr. Samuel Tolbert

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Raymond Fondel and seconded by Dr. Rani Whitfield the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Thomas Miller – Comment on Action Item 6D.

AGENDA ITEM 5: RESOLUTIONS

Dr. Allen Vital read resolutions for the following:

Resolutions

- Roy James Johnson
- Lata Laxman Johnson
- Dr Albert Leon McHenry
- Dr. Tania White Jackson
- Germaine “Gigi” Tarver

Add 45% Sales Tax recommended by Governor Landry.

There was a motion by Atty Tony Clayton to approve the read resolutions and added commendation and Dr. Leon Tarver, II second the motion.

Motion approved.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEM(s):

There was a motion by Atty Domoine Rutledge and a second by Dana Bailey to approve action item 6A-6B globally.

Motion passed.

- A. Request for Approval of Minutes of September 27, 2024, SUS Board of Supervisors Meeting.
- B. Request for Approval of Committee Reports and Recommendations
- C. Annual Evaluation of the President-Chancellor'
- D. Consideration of Appeal for Revocation of Tenure – Dr. Elhag Shaban (SUBR) ¹

Chairman Lawson provided information for executive session. Motion by Atty Domoine Rutledge and seconded Dana Bailey to enter Executive session.

Roll Call Vote Motion approved

Chairman Lawson provided information for executive session. Motion by Dr. Rani Whitfield and second by Atty Edwin Shorty to exit Executive session.

Roll Call Vote Motion approved.

AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s)

- A. SU System Branding and marketing (SUS)
Item will be tabled to discuss in the November meeting.
- B. Legislative Update
- C. Presidential Report
President Shields provided legislative update and president report.
- D. Chancellor's Reports
All Chancellors' reports were provided in the packet.

AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Lawson thanked everyone for their time and patience for today's meeting. He wished everyone a Happy Homecoming.

AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

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