

SPECIAL RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

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

October 17, 2025

MINUTES

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by Board Vice Chairman Reginald Abraham. The Board Vice Chairman announced the convening of the Special Recognition Committee.

The invocation was given by Reverend Danny Donaldson, Pastor Rose Hill Baptist Church, Baker, LA.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by an elementary student at Southern University Laboratory School.

AGENDA ITEM 3: SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Above and Beyond

The above and beyond recipient for this month was from SULC – Ms. I'Tyonnie V. Jackson, Director of Communications and External Affairs

B. Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCF) Project HBCU Capacity Building (SUBR)

Chancellor Pierre provided information on TMCF Project HBCU Capacity Building.

C. Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) Gift (SULC)

Chancellor Washington introduced Atty Deidra Roberts who presented the LBF Gift.

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADJOURNMENT

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

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(Following Special Recognition Committee)

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MINUTES

The Board Vice Chairman Reginald 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, Mr. Henry Whitehorn and Atty Tony Clayton - Ex Officio

Absent: NONE

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mrs. Ann Smith mentioned there is a modification on Action Item 5D(1) – The Years of Experience and Number of Years in present rank should be 4. There was a typo that needed modification. There was a motion to approve the modifications by Mr. Myron K. Lawson and second by Atty Tony Clayton.

Motion passed.

There was a motion to adopt the agenda with the modifications by Mr. Henry Whitehorn and second by Mr. Myron K. Lawson.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Anthony Igiedi commented on Action item 5D(1) and Melissa Dotson commented on Action item 5C(1)

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(s)

- A. Request for Approval of Faculty Handbook (SUAREC)
Motion by Atty Tony Clayton and second by Mr. Henry Whitehorn to approve Action Item 5A.
Motion approved
- B. Request for Approval of Faculty Handbook (SUNO)
Motion by Mr. Myron K. Lawson and second by Atty Tony Clayton to approve Action Item 5B.
Motion approved
- C. Request for Approval for Academic Programs for Consideration: (SUBR)
 - 1. Chemical Engineering Degree program proposal (needed for Board of Regents' consideration)

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2. Proposal to Develop a New Academic Certificate program - Graduate Certificate in Government Procurement and Contract Management

Motion by Atty Tony Clayton and second by Mr. Reginald Abraham to approve Action Items 5C (1-2) in global.

Motion Approved

- D. Request for Approval of the Recommendation Letter of Approval for Tenure and Promotion (SUNO)

1. PROMOTION and TENURE

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FACULTY TENURE

***Effective Date: Fall Semester of 2025 Campus: Southern University at New Orleans**

***Provided all approvals are secured prior to this date.**

Name of Faculty Member	Department	Promotion from Present	Next Rank	Years of Experience at SU as Full-Time Faculty Member	Number of Years in Present Rank	Is Automatic Tenue Granted if this promotion is approved? (Yes or No)	Number and % of Tenured Faculty in Department (including chairs if tenured)	Temporary Track (non-Probationary) Probationary (tenure track) Tenured
Kevin Brown	Social Work	Associate Professor	Professor	3	3	Yes	7/70%	Probationary (tenure track)

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s)

The Curriculum below are for College of Business.

1. Curriculum Change Recommendation - New Concentration – Risk Management, Insurance, Law, & Régulation (MBA)
2. Curriculum Change Recommendation - New Concentration - Sports Marketing for Marketing Majors
3. Curriculum Change Recommendation - New Concentration - Sports Marketing Minor for Non-Marketing Majors

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

Atty Clayton recognized Judge Clark. Atty Rutledge recognized alums that are in town for Homecoming and asked them to stand.

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Reggie Abraham to adjourn the meeting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

(Following Academic Affairs Committee)

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MINUTES

The Board Vice Chairman Reginald Abraham. announced the convening of the Economic Development Committee. Ms. Zazell Dudley called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Shields

Present: Mrs. Zazell Dudley – Vice Chair, Mr. Reggie Abraham, Ms. Maple Gaines, Mr. Donald Ray Henry, Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Atty. Domoine Rutledge, Mrs. Ann Smith and Atty. Tony Clayton– Ex Officio

Absent: Mr. Chris Maningill – Chair and Mr. Paul P. Matthews

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

There was a motion by Mr. Myron K. Lawson and second by Mr. Reggie Abraham to adopt the agenda.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(s)

A. Delta Regional Authority Grant Submission: 2025 States' Economic Development Assistance Program (SUNO)

Motion was made by Mr. Myron K. Lawson and second by Mr. Donald Ray Henry to approve the Action Item 5A.

Motion approved

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s)

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Donald Ray Henry to adjourn the meeting.

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY
(Following Economic Development Committee)

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MINUTES

The Board Vice Chairman Reggie Abraham 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, Atty. Domoine Rutledge, Atty. Edwin Shorty, Mrs. Ann Smith, Dr. Rani Whitfield and Atty. Tony Clayton – Ex Officio

Absent: Mr. Chris Masingill and Mr. Paul P. Matthews

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

There was a motion by Atty Domoine Rutledge 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 capital outlay and all projects and answered questions from board members.

There was a request from Chairman Clayton to include plaques on all new buildings with board members names.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

(Following Facilities and Property Committee)

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MINUTES

The Board Vice Chairman Reggie Abraham 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 Mr. Reggie Abraham and a second by Ms. Zazell Dudley to adopt the agenda.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(s)

A motion was made by Atty Rutledge and second by Atty Cawthorne to approve Action Items 5A (1-6) in global

Motion passed

A. Request approval for FY 2026-2027 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 Campus (SUNO)
5. Southern University Shreveport Campus (SUSLA)
6. Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center (SUAREC)

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s)

A. Interim Financial Report

Mr. McClinton mentions the financial report is in the packet. He provided additional information for each campus and asked if there were any questions. There were questions from the members to which he provided answers.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS:

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

INTERNAL AUDIT COMMITTEE

(Following Finance Committee)
October 17, 2025

MINUTES

The Board Vice Chairman Reggie Abraham announced the convening of the Internal Committee. Ms. Zazell Dudley called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Shields

Present: Members

Ms. Zazell Dudley – Chair, Ms. Maple Gaines – Vice Chair, Mr. Reggie Abraham, Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Atty Domoine Rutledge, Atty Edwin Shorty, Mr. Henry Whitehorn and Atty Tony Clayton – Ex Officio

Absent: Chris Masingill

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

There was a motion by Mr. Reggie Abraham and a second by Mr. Whitehorn to adopt the agenda.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(s)

The motion was made by Atty Rutledge and Mr. Whitehorn to approve Action Items 5(A-B) with modifications discussed (red line document) with Ms. Carr.

Motion Approved

A. Request for Approval of Internal Charter (SUS)

B. Request for Approval of Audit Plan (SUS)

AGENDA ITEM 6: ADJOURNMENT

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

LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(Following Internal Audit Committee)

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MINUTES

The Board Vice Chair Reggie Abraham 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, Ms. Maple L. Gaines, Mr. Aaron Manzy, 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 Domoine Rutledge 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)

Motion by Atty Rutledge and second by Atty Shorty to approve Action Item 5A – 5D in global.

Motion approved.

- A. Request for Approval of NEC Financial Services Lease Agreement for Equipment and Television Studio in Stewart Hall (SUBR)
- B. Request for Approval for Konica Minolta Contract (SUS)
- C. Request for Approval to Terminate Contract with Ricoh (SUS)
- D. Request for Approval of the Contract Extension for DeCuir, Clark & Adams, L.L.P (SUS)25 Homecoming Service Agreement (SUBR)

AGENDA ITEM 6: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Henry Whitehorn to adjourn the meeting.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

(Following Legal Affairs Committee)

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MINUTES

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by Board Vice Chair Reggie Abraham.

PRESENT

Mr. Reggie Abraham, Atty Quincy Cawthorne, Ms. Zazell Dudley, Ms. Maple Gaines, Mr. Donald R. Henry, Mr. Myron K. Lawson, Mr. Aaron Manzy, Atty Domoine Rutledge, Atty Edwin Shorty, Mrs. Ann Smith, Mr. Henry Whitehorn, Dr. Rani Whitfield and Atty Tony Clayton

ABSENT

Mr. Chris Masingill, Mr. Paul Matthews, and Rev. Dr. Samuel Tolbert,

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Ann Smith and seconded Atty. Domoine Rutledge, the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: RESOLUTIONS

Ms. Rachel Watson read resolutions for the following:

Resolutions

- Charles Riley Family
- Rhonda Lynette Robinson Family

There was a motion by Ms. Maple Gaines to approve the read resolutions and second by Mrs. Ann Smith.

Motion approved.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEM(s):

There was a motion by Mr. Reggie Abraham and second by Ms. Maple Gaines to approved action item 6A-6B globally.

Motion passed.

- A. Request for Approval of Minutes of September 19, 2025, SUS Board of Supervisors Meeting
- B. Request for Approval of Committee Reports and Recommendations

AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s)

- A. Presidential Report
- B. Chancellor Reports

AGENDA ITEM : OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT

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