

**Southern University and A&M College System**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

Friday, July 16, 2021

Southern University System Board Meeting Room

J. S. Clark Administration Building 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Baton Rouge, LA 70813

9:00 AM

**MINUTES**

The meeting of the Southern University Board of Supervisors was called to order by Board Chair Atty. Domoine Rutledge. The invocation was given by Pastor KC Roberson, pastor of Camphor Memorial UMC and the pledge was led by Dr. Rani Whitfield.

**PRESENT**

Atty. Domoine Rutledge, Mr. John Barthelemy, Dr. Leroy Davis, Mr. Sam Gilliam, Mr. Richard Hilliard, Mr. Myron Lawson, Atty Edwin Shorty, Mrs. Ann A. Smith, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II, Mr. Kevin Taylor-Jarrell II, Dr. Rani Whitified, and Ms. Arlanda Williams

**ABSENT**

Atty Jody Amedee, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Ms. Christy Reeves, Rev. Samuel Tolbert

Chairman Rutledge announced he will call the Personnel Committee to order first on today and after the personnel committee report, he will turn the meeting over to Vice Chairman Edwin Shorty because He has to leave early for business travel.

## **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

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### **MINUTES**

Board Vice Chair Atty. Edwin Shorty announced the convening of the Academic Affairs Committee. Academic Affairs Committee Chair Mrs. Ann Smith called the committee meeting to order.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 3: ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Dr. Leroy Davis, Mr. Sam Gilliam, Mr. Myron Lawson, and Dr. Leon Tarver II

**Absent:** Ms. Christy Reeves, Atty Domoine Rutledge

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

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

Motion passed.

#### **ACTION ITEM 5: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

NONE

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEM(S)**

##### **A. Request Approval of the Legal Analytics Institute for the Southern University Law Center (SULC)**

There was a motion by Dr. Leon Tarver and second by Dr. Leroy Davis to approve action item 6A.

Motion approved.

#### **ACTION ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS**

NONE

#### **ACTION ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Dr. Leroy Davis and second by Mr., Sam Gilliam to adjourn the meeting.

## **FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

**(Following Athletics Committee)**

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9:00 AM

### **MINUTES**

Board Vice Chair Atty. Edwin Shorty announced the convening of the Facilities and Property Committee. Chair Dr. Rani Whitfield called the committee meeting to order.

**Present:** Mr. John Barthelemy, Mr. Richard Hilliard, Mr. Myron Lawson, Dr. Leon Tarver II, and Ms. Arlanda Williams

**Absent:** Atty Domoine Rutledge

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

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

Motion passed.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

NONE

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEM:**

##### **A. Facilities Planning Project Updates (SUS)**

Facilities Update was presented by Mr. Maurice Pitts, Executive Director and Interim Director of Facilities Planning. He gave a brief update on each campus. He mentioned there were a detailed report in the packet.

Mr. Pitts asked for any questions or comments. There were none.

Dr. Rani Whitfield thanked Mr. Pitts for the outstanding update.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS.**

NONE

#### **AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Dr. Leon Tarver and second by Mr. Myron Lawson to adjourn the meeting.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**(Following Facilities and Property Committee)**

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9:00 AM

### **MINUTES**

Board Vice Chair Atty. Edwin Shorty announced the convening of the Finance Committee. Chair Dr. Leon Tarver called the committee meeting to order.

**Present:** Mr. Sam Gilliam, Mr. Richard Hilliard Mr. Myron Lawson, Atty Edwin Shorty and Dr. Rani Whitfield

**Absent:** Atty Domoine Rutledge

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

Upon the motion by Dr. Rani Whitfield 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):**

Motion was made by Mr. Myron Lawson and second by Mr. Sam Gilliam to approve Action Items 5A and 5B in global.

Motion Approved.

A. A. Request Approval of Online Graduate and Undergraduate Tuition and Fees. (SUNO)

B. Request Approval of Professional Development Fee for Incoming 2021-2022 for First Year Students (SULC)

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

NONE

#### **AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Dr. Rani Whitfield and second by Mr. Myron Lawson to adjourn the meeting.

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

**(Following Finance Committee)**

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9:00 AM

**MINUTES**

Board Vice Chair Atty. Edwin Shorty announced the convening of the Governance Committee. Chair Mr. Myron Lawson called the committee meeting to order.

**Present:** Mr. Sam Gilliam, Atty Edwin Shorty, and Dr. Leon R. Tarver II

**Absent:** Atty Jody Amedee, Ms. Christy Reeves and Atty Domoine Rutledge

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

Upon the motion by Dr. Leon Tarver and seconded by Atty Edwin Shorty the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

**AGENDA ITEMS 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

NONE

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

Motion was made by Dr. Leon Tarver and second by Mr. Sam Gilliam to approve Action Items (5A – 5C) in global.

Motion Approved.

- A. Request Approval for Endowed Professorship Policy (SULC)
- B. Request Approval of Updated New First Time Student Out of State Fee Waiver Policy (SUBR)
- C. Request Approval of Updated Transfer Out of State Fee Waiver Policy (SUBR)

**AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS**

NONE

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Sam Gilliam and second by Dr. Tarver to adjourn the meeting.

## **PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**(Following Governance Committee)**

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### **MINUTES**

Board Chair Atty. Domoine Rutledge announced the convening of the Personnel Affairs Committee. Chair Mr. Sam Gilliam called the committee meeting to order.

**Present:** Mr. John Barthelemy, Dr. Leon Tarver II, Dr. Rani Whitfield, and Atty. Domoine Rutledge

**Absent:** Atty Jody Amedee and Christy Reeves

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

Upon the motion by Dr. Leon Tarver and seconded by Dr. Rani Whitfield the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

#### **AGENDA ITEMS 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

NONE

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

Motion was made by Dr. Leon Tarver and second by Atty Domoine Rutledge that Action Item (5A – 5F) be approved in global.

Motion was approved.

- A. Request Approval of Retirement Incentive Plan for the Southern University Law Center (SULC)
- B. Request approval of amended Employment Contract for Dr. Orlando McMeans, Chancellor, Southern University Ag and Extension Center/Dean of the College of Agriculture, Family and Consumer Sciences (SUAREC)
- C. Request approval of amended Employment Contract for John Pierre, Chancellor, Southern University Law Center (SULC)

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D. Request approval of amended Employment Contract for Dr. James Ammons, Chancellor, Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO)

E. Request Approval of Equity Increases at the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center (SUAREC)

Name	Position/Campus	Salary	Funding Source
1. Krystle Allen	Asst Specialist/CED/Program Leader Salary Adjustment SUAREC	\$63,000.00	State
2. Zanetta Augustine	Associate Specialist/ Program Leader ANR Salary Adjustment SUAREC	\$61,583.00	State

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

Name	Position/Campus	Salary	Funding Source
1. Corinne Blache	General Counsel Additional Responsibilities (SUS)	\$163,000.00	State
2. Peter Bonnee'	Interim Chief Information Officer (CIO) Interim Appointment (SUNO)	\$81,000.00	State
3. Chrisena Brown	Director for Accreditation/Assessment New Appointment (SUBR)	\$73,000.00	Federal
4. Curtis Chisley	Senior Research Associate/Meat Production Development Specialist Additional Duties (SUAREC)	\$72,074.00	Federal/State
5. Gregory Ford	Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs New Appointment (SUNO)	\$175,000.00	State
6. Brian Lucas	Special Assistant to Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost of Academic Affairs New Appointment (SUBR)	\$84,000.00	State
7. Akai Smith	System Director of Equity, Inclusion and Title IX New Appointment (SUS)	\$90,000.00	State
8. Jose Toledo	Vice Chancellor of Research New Appointment (SUAREC)	\$155,000.00	Federal

## AGENDA ITEM 6: OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Ray L. Belton asked Ms. Norma Belton (his wife) to join him at the podium. Dr. Ray L. Belton announced he won't ask for an extension, he has decided to retire. His intent is to retire Fall 2022. He acknowledged everyone and delivered a heartwarming message.

Mr. Sam Gilliam gave his sentiment as well as Chairman Rutledge who thanked Dr. Belton for his leadership and service. He commended Dr. Belton for leaving the institution in a great place. After comments, there was a photo taken of Dr. Belton and the SUS Board Members who were in attendance.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

There was a motion and second to adjourn the meeting.



## **SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**(Following Personnel Committee)**

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#### **PRESENT**

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#### **ABSENT**

Atty Jody Amedee, Mr. Raymond Fondel, Ms. Christy Reeves, Atty Domoine Rutledge, and Rev. Samuel Tolbert

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

Upon the motion by Mr. Richard Hilliard and seconded by Mr. Kevin Taylor-Jarrell II, the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

NONE

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

##### **A. Above and Beyond Award**

Dr. Bijoy Sahoo presented the award to Ms. Regina Thomas. Ms. Regina Thomas is the Executive Assistant in the Office of Academic Affairs.

##### **B. Introduction of the 2021-2022 SU Presidential Fellows**

Dr. Katara Williams and Dr. Donovan Segura introduced the 21-22 Inaugural SU Presidential Fellows. There was a video presentation introducing each fellow.

Southern University and A&M College Presidential Fellows

Seniors

- Charles Barjon
- Joli Gill
- Shonna Smith
- Kevin Taylor-Jarrell, II

Juniors

- Gabrielle Stevens
- Aaliyah Strickland
- Amaiya Ewell
- Maya Jones

Freshmen

- Jeremiah Hollins
- Armani Reed

**They also recognized the Presidential Fellows 2021-2022 Selection Committee**

Leon Tarver, Ph.D.

Damien Ejigiri, Ph.D.

Cynthia Bryant, Ph.D.

Janana Snowden, Ph.D.

Anthony Jackson, Ph.D.

Katara A. Williams, Ph.D. Ex-officio

Donovan L. Segura, Ph.D. Ex-officio

**Administration**

Katara A. Williams, Ph.D.

Chief of Staff and Executive Director of Strategic Initiatives

Donovan L. Segura, Ph.D.

Program Coordinator

Ms. Kim Butler

Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff

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Dr. Katara Williams thanked Ms. LaMae who is representing Verizon (Corporate Sponsor)

**AGENDA ITEM(S) 6: ACTION ITEMS**

**Motion was made by Dr. Leon Tarver and second by Mr. Richard Hilliard that Action Item (6A – 6C) be approved in global.**

**Motion was approved.**

- A. Approval of Minutes of the June 18, 2021, SU Board of Supervisors

- B. Approval of Committee Reports and Recommendations
- C. Request Approval to Amend and Restate Management Agreement between SUBR and Baton Rouge Student Housing, LLC (SUBR)

**As Requested by Atty Corinne Blache, General Counsel, Action Item D will need to be tabled for further review.**

- D. Request Approval of Proposed Memorandum of Understanding between Southern University Law Center and LJB Enterprises, LLC to Develop Finance, Develop and Manage a Mixed-Use Parking Garage. (SULC)

**Motion was made by Mr. Myron Lawson and second by Mr. Richard Hilliard that Action Item (6E – 6H) be approved in global.**

**Motion was approved.**

- E. Request Approval for Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Southern University at New Orleans and West Chester University of Pennsylvania (SUNO)
- F. Request Approval for Memorandum of Understanding between SULC and Charles Winnsboro Corporation (SULC)
- G. Request Approval for Memorandum of Understanding between Southern University Law Center and International STEM League (SULC)
- H. Request Approval for Memorandum of Understanding between the Southern University Law Center and the Fulton County Solicitor’s Office. (SULC)
- I. Resolutions

Dr. Katara Williams, Chief of Staff read resolutions and commendations for the following:

- Mrs. Michelle Deon Jordan Cummings
- Dr. Frederic Stephens Humphries, Sr.
- Dr. Mildred Robertson Smalley
- Mr. John Joseph “JoJo” White, Jr.

**Added to the list –**

- Dr. Tarver added Former Governor Edwin Edwards
- Mr. Sam Gilliam added Franklin Musgrove from Minden, La
- Dr. Rodney Ellis added Mr. Larry McBride – grounds keeper at SUSLA who passed on June 3, 2021.

Upon Motion from Mr. Myron Lawson to approve the read resolutions and additions and Dr. Leroy Davis second the motion.

Motion Approved.

**AGENDA ITEM(S) 7: Informational Items**

A. Marijuana Update – Brief updated presentation by Dr. Janna Snowden. She gave each board member a copy of the presentation. The detail power point presentation is in the file in the board office. (presentation can be requested) Dr. Snowden had a few questions from the board members which she addressed. She asked if they had any further questions to contact her.

B. System President’s Report – Dr. Belton passed – discussed earlier

C. Campus Reports - (See each report in detail in board office files)

Each Chancellor thanked Dr. Belton for his support, service and dedication.

- Dr. Ammons presented brief report on behalf of SUNO.
- Dr. Ellis presented brief report on behalf of SUSLA.
- Dr. McMeans presented brief report on behalf of SUAREC.
- Chancellor Pierre presented brief report on behalf of SULC.
- Dr. Sahoo presented brief report on behalf of SUBR.

**AGENDA ITEM 8: Other Business**

Dr. Leroy Davis commended Dr. Belton

**AGENDA ITEM 9: Adjournment**

Motion by Dr. Rani Whitfield and second by Mr. Richard Hilliard to adjourn the meeting.