

SPECIAL RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

September 27, 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 the board member. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Miss Trinitee Thyssen, our reigning Miss Southern High, who is an enthusiastic 12th grade student at Southern University Laboratory School.

AGENDA ITEM 3: SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation(s) (SUBR)

- a. Woman's Hospital Gynecological Cancer Awareness Luncheon Presentation
Presented by Women's Hospital representatives.
- b. Southern University School of Nursing
Chancellor Pierre introduced Dr. Sandra Brown who introduced the men of the School of Nursing (SUSOM)
- c. The Walls Project Collaboration with Southern University and A&M College
Chancellor Pierre introduced the representative of the Walls Project. Who gave a lengthy presentation,
- d. Novartis Presentation
Biomedical Presentation
- e. NextEra Check Presentation
- f. Bayou Classic Update – Dottie Belletto, NOCCI
Dottie Belletto/Al Harrell gave Bayou Classic Update. Lengthy discussion around the contract and sponsors.
Chairman Lawson recognized special guests in the audience.

B. Above and Beyond

The Student Above and Beyond was presented to ***Brianna Fields - Mass Communication / Public Relations***

The Employee Above and Beyond was presented to ***Mr. Flandus McClinton - Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs***

AGENDA ITEM 4: ADJOURNMENT

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

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(Following Special Recognition Committee)

Southern University Baton Rouge Campus

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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, Dr. Arlanda Williams and Mr. Myron K. Lawson - Ex Officio

Absent: Mrs. Ann Smith

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

There was a motion by Atty Tony Clayton 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)

Action Item 5A – President Shields introduced Dr. Lealon Martin who give brief information on the Engineering Department.

Motion by Myron K. Lawson and seconded by Maple Gaines to approve Action Item 5A.

Motion passed.

- A. Request to Rename the Department of Electrical Engineering as the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering with the College of Sciences and Engineering

Action Item 5B – presented by Chancellor McMeans.

Motion by Tony Clayton and seconded by Maple Gaines to approve Action Item 5B.

Motion passed.

- B. Request Approval of Tenure and Promotion Recommendation (SUAREC)

Applicant	Department	Present Rank	Action
Janana Snowden	SUAREC	Assistant Research Professor	Promotion Associate Research Professor

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

A. Update on Academic Programs

The update was provided by Dr. Young (SUBR), Dr. Ammons (SUNO), Dr. Gantt (SUSLA), and Interim Chancellor Washington. The board members asked several questions after their presentation.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Sam Gilliam to adjourn the meeting.

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

(Following Academic Affairs Committee)
Southern University Baton Rouge Campus
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
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MINUTES

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the Facilities and Property Committee. Paul Matthews called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Shields

Present: Paul Mathews, Dr. Leon Tarver II, Dr. Rani Whitfield, and Mr. Myron K. Lawson, - Ex Officio
Added Arlanda Williams

Absent: Paul Mathews Atty. Edwin Shorty – Chairman, Atty Domoine Rutledge – Vice Chair, Mrs. Ann Smith

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion of Paul Matthews and second by Arlanda Williams the agenda was recommended for adoption. Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Swati Bharathi – Sodexo Magic

Comments – Opportunity for a RFP Bid process for dining services in response to Aramark's request for an extension with investment

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(s)

Facilities Update was provided by Mr. Kenneth Dawson. He gave an update on all projects. Chancellor Pierre gave remarks. There were questions from the board members that Mr. Kenneth Dawson addressed.

Motion by Dr. Leon Tarver and seconded by Paul Matthews to approve Action Item 5A. Motion Approved.

A. Facilities Update (SUS)

1. Approval to pursue the EPA Community Change Grant

Southern University and A&M College (SUBR) has an opportunity to collaborate with the Southern University Alumni Federation (SUAF) to pursue the EPA Community Change Grant to secure funding to help build and finance student housing and mixed-use facility on property owned by SUAF on Harding Boulevard. The grant, if secured, will leverage private equity capital public financing via new market tax credits, and debt financing to support the construction of new student housing and a mixed-use community facility.

B. Proposal by Aramark to enhance dining investment and resources for Southern University and A&M College (SUBR)

There were a lot of conversations and questions. Per Chairman Lawson, this item will be tabled until later.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)

1. Louisiana Board of Regents Campus Tours
2. FY 2025-26 Capital Outlay (eCORTS) Submissions.

AGENDA ITEM 7; OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE
(Following Facilities and Property Committee)
Southern University Baton Rouge Campus
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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. Christy Reeves, Dr. Leon Tarver II and Mr. Myron K. Lawson - Ex Officio
Zazell Dudley and Dana Bailey added

Absent: Mrs. Ann Smith -Vice-Chair and Atty. Domoine Rutledge

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Christy Reeves and seconded by Sam Gilliam, the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(s):

Motion by Sam Gilliam and seconded by Zazell Dudley to approve Action Item 5A. Motion Approved.

- A. On-Campus Residential Housing Fee Increases for 2025-2026 Academic Year
- B. Southern University New Orleans Student Fee Referendum

Dana Bailey, who is the SGA at SUNO gave brief summary and added verbiage to referendum. Motion by Dr. Tarver and seconded by Dana Bailey.

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM

- A. Southern University System General Operating Budget 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 Ms. Christy Reeves to adjourn the meeting.

LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(Following Facilities and Property Committee)

Southern University Baton Rouge Campus

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Minutes

Board Chair Myron Lawson announced the convening of the Legal Affairs Committee. Vice Chair Domoine Rutledge called the committee meeting to order.

Roll Call by President Shields

Present: Atty Tony Clayton - Chairman, Miss Dana Bailey, Mrs. Maple Gaines, Mrs. Christy Reeves, and Mr. Myron K. Lawson - Ex Officio

Absent: Atty. Domoine Rutledge – Vice Chair and Atty Edwin Shorty

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Arlanda Williams and seconded by Maple Gaines the agenda was recommended for adoption.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(S)

There was a motion by Maple Gaines and seconded by Christy Reeves to approve action item 5A(1-2).

There was a motion by Maple Gaines and seconded by Dana Bailey to approve action item 5A(3)

There was a motion by Tony Clayton and seconded by Maple Gaines to approve action item 5A(4)

Action Item 5A(5) was tabled .

Motion approved.

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

Title	Description	Amount	Campus
1. First Amendment Wilcox Academy of Early Learning, LLC Facilities Use and Services Agreement	SUNO and Wilcox entered a certain Facilities Use and Services Agreement regarding certain premises located at 6805 Leon C. Simon Dr, which contains approximately 13,172 rentable square feet together with a parking lot and playground facilities. SUNO desires to open an Early Childhood Development Center and provide practical experiences for its education majors. Wilcox shall provide access to high-quality childhood education to children of parents enrolled at SUNO and the general public, allowing students to complete their course of study.	\$ 300,000.00	SUNO

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2. Quality Court Industries, LLC	The contractor shall furnish all labor and materials and perform all the work required to build, construct, and complete in a thorough workmanlike manner NCAA Regulation Tennis Courts.	\$ 760,000.00	SUBR
3. EAB/Navigate 360	Contract Renewal comprehensive student success platform provides early alert system, predictive analytics, and proactive advising tools. Identifies at risk students early and provides timely intervention.	\$765,746.93 \$101,160.00 \$607,817.00	SUBR SUNO SUSLA
4. 2Deep Entertainment, LLC	All-inclusive Homecoming Entertainment. Contractor will provide featured artists, opening acts, lighting, sound, screens, projectors, ground transportation and lodging for artist.	\$495,000.00	SUBR
5. Aramark	Contract amendment to obligate Aramark to make additional proposed multi-million-dollar investments to dining facilities at Southern University and A&M College.	\$3,667,000.99	SUBR

AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s)

None

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS:

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Maple Gaines to adjourn the meeting.

PERSONNEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

(Following Legal Affairs Committee)
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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, Mrs. Christy Reeves–Vice-Chair, Atty Tony Clayton, Ms. Zazell Dudley, Dr. Leon Tarver, II, Dr. Arlanda Williams and Mr. Myron Lawson - Ex Officio

Absent: None

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion Christy Reeves and seconded by Myron K. Lawson the agenda was recommended for adoption
 Motion passed

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

Meiko Thompson – SUNO Faculty Senate
 Comments: Faculty is concerned about the priority of hiring Director of Student leadership and Engagement vs FT Faculty members in areas of high need.

AGENDA ITEM 5: ACTION ITEM(S)

The motion was made by Myron K. Lawson and second by Christy Reeves that Action Item 5(A-B) 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 Previous Suggested		Funding Source
1. Donna Burks	Intervention Counselor SU Police Department	New Position	Search	N/A	\$72,000	Federal
2. Jethro Hilman	Basketball Coach Dept. of Athletics	Existing Position	Salary Adjustment	\$55,000	\$65,000	State
3. Roniece Lanus	Associate Comptroller for Special Projects Finance & Administration	New Position	Search	N/A	\$62,500	State
4. Avis O’Bryant-Chaney	Program Coordinator Honors College	New Position	Transfer	N/A	\$61,125	State
5. Nadia Seals	Principal SU Lab School	Existing Position	Search	\$95,123	\$110,000	State

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6. Vernestine Jiles	Coordinator for Student Success	New Position	Waived	N/A	\$70,000	Federal
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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 Previous Suggested		Funding Source
1. Jourdan Hilaire	Dean of Students/Director of Residential Life and Housing	New Position New Appointment	<i>Search</i>	N/A	\$88,000.00	State
2. LeAsha J. Moore	Interim Associate Dean of Students/Director of Student Leadership and Engagement	New Position New Appointment	<i>Search</i>	N/A	\$65,000.00	State/ Federal

The motion was made by Christy Reeves and second by Tony Clayton that Action Item 5C be approved globally.
Motion Approved

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 Previous Suggested		Funding Source
1. Latasha George	Assistant Comptroller <i>Finance</i>	Existing Position New Appointment	<i>Internal Promotion</i>	\$48,000.00	\$65,000.00	State
2. Devender Rapolu	Network Database Admin/ Web Specialist <i>Technology</i>	Salary Adjustment	<i>N/A</i>	\$65,000.00	\$75,000.00	State
3. Katara Williams	VC Institutional Advancement/ External Relations	Salary Adjustment	<i>N/A</i>	\$164,674.00	\$175,000.00	State

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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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, , Mrs. Christy Reeves, Dr. Leon Tarver, II, Rev. Dr. Samuel Tolbert, Dr. Rani Whitfield and Dr. Arlanda Williams

ABSENT

Mr. Paul Matthews, Atty Domoine Rutledge, Atty Edwin Shorty, and Mrs. Ann Smith

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Upon the motion by Christy Reeves and seconded by Zazell Dudley the agenda was recommended for adoption.

Motion passed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: RESOLUTIONS

Dr. Allen Vital read resolutions for the following:

Resolutions

- Gregory Jones
- Dennis Snowden Brown
- Willie James Singleton
- Jules Lionel Hurst
- Dan Alexander, Jr
- Clifton Jones

There was a motion by Raymond Fondel to approve the read resolutions and Dana Bailey second the motion.

Motion approved.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEM(s):

There was a motion by Rev. Tolbert and a second by Dr. Leon Tarver to approve action item 6A-6B globally.

Motion passed.

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- A. Request for Approval of Minutes of August 16, 2024, SUS Board of Supervisors Meeting
- B. Request for Approval of Committee Reports and Recommendations
- C. Annual Evaluation of President-Chancellor¹

Item will be tabled until next month – Motion by Raymond Fondel and seconded by Tony Clayton.
Motion approved.

AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATIONAL ITEM(s)

- A. SU System Branding and marketing (SUS)
Item will be discussed in the October meeting.
- B. Presidential Report
President Shields provided legislative update and president report.
- C. Chancellor's Reports
All Chancellors gave a report on Enrollment. They reported the community and campus news has been provided in their chancellor report which was provided in the packet.

AGENDA ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS

Raymond Fondel requested a report on Medical School in October Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 9: ADJOURNMENT

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