

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE**  
**UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM**  
**June 27, 2019**

A. **Call to Order**

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met on Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 1:20 p.m. in Room 100, Louisiana Purchase Room, of the Claiborne Conference Center, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

B. **Roll Call**

**PRESENT**

Mr. James Carter	Mr. Shawn Murphy
Dr. Jimmy Clarke	Mr. Alejandro "Al" Perkins
Mr. Edward Crawford III	Ms. Elizabeth Pierre
Ms. Lola Dunahoe	Mr. Virgil Robinson
Dr. Pamela Egan	Mr. Mark Romero
Mr. Thomas Kitchen	Ms. Kristine Russell
Ms. Rachel Lautigar	Mr. Joe Salter
Ms. Mildred "Mimi" Methvin	

**ABSENT**

Dr. John Condos

Also present for the meeting were the following: System President Jim Henderson, System staff, administrators and faculty representatives from System campuses, Attorneys Linda Clark and Winston DeCuir, Jr., interested citizens, and representatives of the news media.

C. **Invocation**

A few moments of reflection on the death of Ashley Mitchell-Carter were observed. Afterwards, Mr. Joe Salter provided an invocation.

D. **Administration of Oath of Office to Ms. Rachel Lautigar, Student Board Member**

Mr. Winston DeCuir, Jr. administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Student Board Member, Ms. Rachel Lautigar. On behalf of the Board, Chair Romero welcomed Ms. Lautigar. He indicated that he had appointed her to the Academic and Student Affairs, Executive, Finance, Grievance, and Legislation Committees.

E. **Approval of Minutes of April 9 Board Meeting**

Upon motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Salter, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System unanimously approved the minutes of the April 9, 2019 Board Meeting.

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*Upon motion of Ms. Pierre, seconded by Mr. Crawford, the Board unanimously voted to suspend the rules and dispense with Committee deliberations to allow the Board to consider all items on the agenda.*

F. **Report of the Grievance Committee**

Dr. Egan reported that the Grievance Committee had met at 11:30 a.m. to consider the grievance of Dr. Stephen Rushing, Faculty, Southeastern Louisiana University.

Dr. Egan indicated that she had received a public comment card from Dr. Rushing, and he was given three minutes to speak before the Board.

Board Member Carter asked Mr. Winston DeCuir, Jr. whether all procedures had been followed at the campus in regards to Dr. Rushing's grievance concerning his termination. Mr. DeCuir answered that all procedures had been followed.

Upon motion of Dr. Egan, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Board unanimously voted that the termination appeal filed by Dr. Stephen Rushing be denied.

G. **Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

Committee Chair Lola Dunahoe asked Dr. Jeannine Kahn, System Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, to present all the items for the Board's consideration.

After the summary by Dr. Kahn, upon motion of Ms. Dunahoe, seconded by Dr. Clarke, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following items:

- G.1. Grambling State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to Mr. Alejandro Perkins.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Grambling State University's request for approval to award an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters to Mr. Alejandro Perkins.*

- G.2. Northwestern State University's request for approval to offer Undergraduate Certificates in Business Analytics, Strategic Communication, and Leadership Studies.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Northwestern State University's request for approval to offer Undergraduate Certificates in Business Analytics, Strategic Communication, and Leadership Studies.*

- G.3. Northwestern State University's request for approval to offer a Post-Masters Certificate in Adult-Gerontological Acute Care Nurse Practitioner.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Northwestern State University's request for approval to offer a Post-Masters Certificate in Adult-Gerontological Acute Care Nurse Practitioner.*

- G.4. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a Letter of Intent for a Master of Science in Computer Networking and Administration.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a Letter of Intent for a Master of Science in Computer Networking and Administration.*

- G.5. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of the University's 2015-2020 Strategic Plan.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of the University's 2015-2020 Strategic Plan.*

- G.6. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to terminate the Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Unmanned Aircraft Systems Management.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to terminate the Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Unmanned Aircraft Systems Management.*

- G.7. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to offer Undergraduate Certificates in Computer Programming and Unmanned Aircraft Systems Management.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to offer Undergraduate Certificates in Computer Programming and Unmanned Aircraft Systems Management.*

H. **Athletic Committee**

Committee Chair Murphy asked Mr. Bruce Janet, System Director of Internal and External Audits, to present the items to the Board.

Upon motion of Ms. Dunahoe, seconded by Mr. Salter, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following items (H.1.-H.14.):

- H.1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Erick Konkol, Head Men's Basketball Coach, between Louisiana Tech University and Louisiana Tech University Foundation, effective April 1, 2019.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Eric Konkol, Head Men's Basketball Coach, between Louisiana Tech University and Louisiana Tech University Foundation, effective April 1, 2019.*

- H.2. McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Ms. Giorgia Pozzan, Head Women's Tennis Coach, effective July 1, 2019.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Ms. Giorgia Pozzan, Head Women's Tennis Coach, effective July 1, 2019.*

- H.3. McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Michael E. Fluty, Head Women's Golf Coach, effective July 1, 2019.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Michael E. Fluty, Head Women's Golf Coach, effective July 1, 2019.*

- H.4. McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Brendon James Gilroy, Head Men/Women's Track Coach, effective July 1, 2019.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Brendon James Gilroy, Head Men/Women's Track Coach, effective July 1, 2019.*

- H.5. McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Derek Plucienski, Head Men's Golf Coach, effective July 1, 2019.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Derek Plucienski, Head Men's Golf Coach, effective July 1, 2019.*

- H.6. Nicholls State University's request for approval of supplemental compensation to certain Athletic Department employees.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Nicholls State University's request for approval of supplemental compensation to certain Athletic Department employees.*

- H.7. Northwestern State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Mike Heimerman, Head Men's and Women's Track and Field Coach, effective July 1, 2019.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Northwestern State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Mike Heimerman, Head Men's and Women's Track and Field Coach, effective July 1, 2019.*

- H.8. Northwestern State University's request for approval of a revised academic financial award policy.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Northwestern State University's request for approval of a revised financial award policy.*

- H.9. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Jason Hayes, Head Women's Tennis Coach, effective June 1, 2019.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Jason Hayes, Head Women's Tennis Coach, effective June 1, 2019.*

- H.10. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. William Jake Narro, Head Golf Coach, effective July 1, 2019.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. William Jake Narro, Head Golf Coach, effective July 1, 2019.*

- H.11. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a contractual amendment with Mr. Lance Key, Soccer Coach, effective January 1, 2019.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University's request for approval of a contractual amendment with Mr. Lance Key, Soccer Coach, effective January 1, 2019.*

- H.12. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Richard Scott McDonald, Athletic Director, effective July 1, 2019.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Richard Scott McDonald, Athletic Director, effective July 1, 2019.*

- H.13. University of New Orleans' request for approval of a contract with Mr. Mark Slessinger, Head Men's Basketball Coach, effective July 1, 2019.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of New Orleans' request for approval of a contract with Mr. Mark Slessinger, Head Men's Basketball Coach, effective July 1, 2019.*

- H.14. University of New Orleans' request for approval of a contract with Mr. Timothy Duncan, Director of Athletics, effective June 1, 2019.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of New Orleans' request for approval of a contract with Mr. Timothy Duncan, Director of Athletics, effective June 1, 2019.*

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Mr. Bruce Janet noted that included in the Board member folders was a copy of the National Collegiate Athletic Association's (NCAA) Academic Progress Rates (APR) for 2017-18. He said that, out of 154 University of Louisiana System's athletic teams, 152 exceeded the benchmarks set by the NCAA. The resulting consequences for the two teams scoring below the threshold were practice reduction and postseason ineligibility.

I. Facilities Planning Committee

Before asking Mr. Janet to present the items, Committee Chairman Perkins requested a point of personal privilege. He thanked the Board members and staff for approving his honorary doctorate from Grambling State University and indicated that he was humbled.

Mr. Janet described the items listed on the agenda of the Facilities Planning Committee.

Upon motion of Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following items:

- I.1. Grambling State University's request for approval to designate the portion of Main Street that traverses campus between College Avenue on the north and Central Avenue on the south as a University Road pursuant to Act 217 of 2019.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Grambling State University's request for approval to designate the portion of Main Street that traverses campus between College Avenue on the north and Central Avenue on the south as a University Road pursuant to Act 217 of 2019.*

- I.2. Grambling State University's request for approval to demolish Drew Hall Complex, Dunbar Hall, and A.C. Lewis Library.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Grambling State University's request for approval to demolish Drew Hall Complex, Dunbar Hall, and A.C. Lewis Library.*

***AND FURTHER,** that ULS staff and legal counsel ensure that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.*

- I.3. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System for the execution of supplemental leases between the Board, on behalf of the University, and Innovative Student Facilities Inc., a private 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, in connection with the lease and lease-back of a portion of the University's campus to finance cost of acquiring immovable property and financing the development, design, construction, renovation, demolition and equipping of additional student housing and parking facilities.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of the form and authorization to execute supplemental Ground Lease Agreements and supplemental Facilities Leases, each between the Board, acting on behalf of the University, and Innovative Facilities, Inc. in connection with the issuance of the Bonds described herein to finance the Project.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Louisiana Tech University shall obtain final review from University of Louisiana System staff and legal counsel to the Board, and shall secure all other appropriate approvals from agencies/parties of processes, documents, and administrative requirements prior to execution of documents.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the President of Louisiana Tech University, and his or her designee, are hereby authorized and directed to execute the leases described herein and any and all documents necessary in connection with the issuance of the bonds described herein.*

***AND FURTHER,** that Louisiana Tech University will provide the University of Louisiana System office with copies of all final executed documents for the Board's files.*

- I.4. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to demolish Baseball, Soccer and Softball Facilities.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Louisiana Tech University's request to demolish the Baseball, Soccer and Softball Facilities as deemed necessary.*

***AND FURTHER,** that ULS staff and legal counsel ensure that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.*

- I.5. Nicholls State University's request for approval to enter into a Ground Lease with the Nicholls State University Foundation and approval to demolish the Grounds Building on the campus of Nicholls State University.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Nicholls State University's request for approval to enter into a Ground Lease with the Nicholls State University Foundation and approval to demolish the Grounds Building on the campus of Nicholls State University.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, that Nicholls State University shall obtain final review from UL System staff, legal counsel and shall secure all other appropriate approvals from agencies/parties of processes, documents, and administrative requirements.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, that the President of Nicholls State University and his or her designee is hereby designated and authorized to execute all documents necessary to execute the Lease Agreement and Donation; and all documents necessary to execute the act of donation.

***AND FURTHER***, that the University will provide the System office with copies of all final executed documents for Board files.

- I.6. Nicholls State University's request for approval to demolish the Ponderosa Dormitory on the campus of Nicholls State University.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Nicholls State University's request to demolish the Ponderosa Dormitory on the campus of Nicholls State University.

***AND FURTHER***, that ULS staff and legal counsel ensure that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.

- I.7. Nicholls State University's request for approval to demolish the Glass Greenhouse on the campus of Nicholls State University.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Nicholls State University's request to demolish the Glass Greenhouse facility on the campus of Nicholls State University.

***AND FURTHER***, that ULS staff and legal counsel ensure that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.

- I.8. Northwestern State University's request for approval to enter into and execute a Ground Lease Agreement with the City of Natchitoches.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Northwestern State University's request for approval to enter into and execute a Ground Lease Agreement with the City of Natchitoches.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, that Northwestern State University shall obtain final review from UL System staff and legal counsel to the Board and shall secure all other appropriate approvals from agencies/parties of processes, documents, and administrative requirements prior to execution of documents.



***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, that the President of Northwestern State University and his or her designee are hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents described herein and any and all documents necessary in connection with the lease agreement described herein.

***AND FURTHER***, that Northwestern State University will provide the System office with copies of all final executed documents for Board files.

- I.9. Northwestern State University's request for approval to enter into a Ground Lease Agreement with the Demons Unlimited Foundation Inc. for the site of the Jack Fisher Tennis Complex for the primary purpose of making facility improvements.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Northwestern State University's request for approval to enter into a Ground Lease Agreement with the Demons Unlimited Foundation Inc. for the site of the Jack Fisher Tennis Complex for the primary purpose of making facility improvements.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, that Northwestern State University shall obtain final review from UL System staff and legal counsel to the Board, and shall secure all other appropriate approvals from agencies/parties of processes, documents, and administrative requirements prior to execution of documents.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, that the President of Northwestern State University and his or her designee are hereby designated and directed to execute the Ground Lease Agreement and Act of Donation described herein.

***AND FURTHER***, that Northwestern State University will provide the System office with copies of all final executed documents for Board files.

- I.10. Northwestern State University's request for approval to name Turpin Stadium Pressbox Fifth Level the "Doug Ireland Media Level of Turpin Stadium."

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Northwestern State University's request for approval to name Turpin Stadium Pressbox Fifth Level the "Doug Ireland Media Level of Turpin Stadium."

- I.11. Northwestern State University's request for approval to demolish William Dodd Hall.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Northwestern State University's request for approval to demolish William Doll Hall.

***AND FURTHER***, that ULS staff and legal counsel ensure that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.

- I.12. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to demolish Range Hall.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to demolish Range Hall.*

***AND FURTHER,** that ULS staff and legal counsel ensure that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.*

- I.13. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to name the Dean of Students Office Suite in the Student Union the "Raymond S. Blanco Dean of Students Suite."

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to name the Dean of Students Office Suite in the Student Union the "Raymond S. Blanco Dean of Students Suite."*

- I.14. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to name Maxim Doucet Hall, Room 206 (Conference Room/Library) in honor of Dr. Henry Heatherly.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to name Maxim Doucet Hall, Room 206 (Conference Room/Library) in honor of Dr. Henry Heatherly.*

- I.15. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to enter into a Grounds and Facilities Lease Agreement with ULM Facilities, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, to construct a new entryway addition to the School of Construction Management Building pursuant to the authority vested in La. R.S. 17:3361 and to accept the improvements as a donation from ULM Facilities, Inc. in accordance with the law.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to enter into a Grounds and Facilities Lease Agreement with ULM Facilities, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, to construct a new entryway addition to the School of Construction Management Building pursuant to the authority vested in La. R.S. 17:3361 and to accept the improvements as a donation from the ULM Facilities, Inc. in accordance with the law.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that University of Louisiana at Monroe shall obtain final review from UL System staff, legal counsel, and shall secure all other appropriate approvals from agencies/parties of processes, documents, and administrative requirements prior to execution of documents.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Monroe's request to accept the improvements from the ULM Facilities, Inc.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President of University of Louisiana at Monroe and his or her designee is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said lease and purchase by the University of Louisiana System on behalf of and for the use of University of Louisiana at Monroe.*

***AND FURTHER**, that University of Louisiana at Monroe will provide the System office with copies of all final executed documents for Board files.*

I.16. University of New Orleans' request for approval to demolish Bienville Hall.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of New Orleans' request for approval to demolish Bienville Hall.*

***AND FURTHER**, that ULS staff and legal counsel ensure that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.*

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Mr. Bruce Janet updated the Board with capital outlay highlights from the Legislative session and updated them concerning flooding at Grambling State University and damage at Louisiana Tech University as the result of recent tornadoes. He indicated that he will continue to monitor the progress of repairs.

J. Finance Committee

Committee Chair Kitchen asked staff to present the agenda requests. Dr. Edwin Litolff, Mr. Charles Wendt, and Mr. Bruce Janet introduced the items.

After GSU President Gallot and Mr. Martin Lemelle, Chief Operating Officer, elaborated on the following request, upon motion of Mr. Perkins, seconded by Ms. Russell, the Board unanimously voted to approve J.1.

J.1. Grambling State University's request for approval of a contract with Sodexo Magic, LLC effective July 1, 2019.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Grambling State University's request for approval of a contract with Sodexo Magic, LLC effective July 1, 2019.*

Upon motion of Mr. Salter, seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following item:

J.2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Lincoln Outpatient Therapy Services, LLC.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Lincoln Outpatient Therapy Services, LLC.

Upon motion of Dr. Egan, seconded by Ms. Methvin, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following item:

- J.3. McNeese State University's request for approval to assess certain course fees in the Performing Arts Department per Act 293 of the 2017 Regular Session.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves McNeese State University's request for approval to assess certain course fees in the Performing Arts Department per Act 293 of the 2017 Regular Session.

McNeese State University President Daryl Burckel, Dr. Chris Thomas, and SGA Representative Gavin LaBiche discussed the rationale for the campus request below:

Upon motion of Mr. Salter, seconded by Ms. Pierre, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following item:

- J.4. McNeese State University's request for approval to allow a student referendum for a self-assessed Student Union Fee.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves McNeese State University's request for approval to allow a student referendum for a self-assessed Student Union Fee.

Northwestern State University President Chris Maggio, Dr. Greg Handel, and Ms. Jenn Kelly reported on the following campus request and, upon motion of Ms. Dunahoe, seconded by Dr. Clarke, the Board unanimously voted to approve the item:

- J.5. Northwestern State University's request for approval of the NSU IncludEd Program.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Northwestern State University's request for approval of the NSU IncludEd Program.

University of New Orleans President Nicklow and Vice President for Business Affairs Greg Lassen gave comments about the request from University of New Orleans.

Upon motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Ms. Russell, the following item was unanimously approved by the Board:

- J.6. University of New Orleans' request for approval to enter into a lease agreement with Compass Group USA by and through Chartwells Division for operation of retail and dining services.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of New Orleans' request for approval to enter into a lease agreement with Compass Group USA by and through Chartwells Division for operation of retail and dining services.*

Upon motion of Ms. Dunahoe, seconded by Dr. Clarke, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following item:

- J.7. University of New Orleans' request for approval of the UNO IncludEd Program.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of New Orleans' request for approval of the UNO IncludEd Program.*

Mr. Janet reported on the Item J.8 and, upon motion of Ms. Lautigar, seconded by Ms. Pierre, the following item was unanimously approved by the Board:

- J.8. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of the Board Operations and System Universities' Fiscal Year 2019-20 Internal Audit Plans.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the Board Operations and System Universities' Fiscal Year 2019-20 Internal Audit Plans.*

- J.9. University of Louisiana System's report on internal and external audit activity for the period of April 5 to June 23, 2019, and annual assertions to the Board.

This is a report only, and no action by the Board is necessary.

- J.10. University of Louisiana System's discussion of Fiscal Year 2018-19 second quarter financial reports and ongoing assurances.

This is a report only, and no action by the Board is necessary.

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Mr. Jorge Chinchilla, System Project Manager, gave a brief update to the Board about the Workday initiative that is being implemented on three of the ULS campuses. This software program is being utilized to bridge finance, payroll, and human resources sectors. Mr. Chinchilla will continue to inform the Board of the progress of the initiative.

K. Personnel Committee

Mr. Robinson, Committee Chair, asked Dr. Edwin Litolff, Vice President for Business and Finance, to present Items K.1.-K7.

Upon motion of Ms. Russell, seconded by Mr. Crawford, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following items:

- K.1. McNeese State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Frederick M. LeMieux as Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences effective April 1, 2019.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves McNeese State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Frederick M. LeMieux as Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences effective April 1, 2019.*

- K.2. McNeese State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Wade Anthony Rouse as Interim Dean of the College of Business effective July 1, 2019.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves McNeese State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Wade Anthony Rouse as Interim Dean of the College of Business effective July 1, 2019.*

- K.3. Northwestern State University's request for approval to continue the appointment of Dr. Frances Conine as Interim Vice President for Student Experience effective July 1, 2019.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Northwestern State University's request to continue the appointment of Dr. Frances Conine as Interim Vice President for Student Experience effective July 1, 2019.*

- K.4. Northwestern State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Francene Lemoine as Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences effective July 1, 2019.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Northwestern State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Francene Lemoine as Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences effective July 1, 2019.*

- K.5. Northwestern State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Greg Handel as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs effective July 1, 2019.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Northwestern State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Greg Handel as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs effective July 1, 2019.*

- K.6. Northwestern State University's request for approval to appoint Mr. Patrick Jones as Chief Financial Officer effective July 1, 2019.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Northwestern State University's request for approval to appoint Mr. Patrick Jones as Chief Financial Officer effective July 1, 2019.*

- K.7. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to appoint Dr. Alberto Ruiz as Vice President for Academic Affairs effective June 1, 2019.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to appoint Dr. Alberto Ruiz as Vice President for Academic Affairs effective June 1, 2019.*

- K.8. Consideration of personnel issues related to Presidents and compensation plans.

At 3:46 p.m., upon motion of Mr. Salter, seconded by Ms. Dunahoe, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Yeas: James Carter, Jimmy Clarke, Edward Crawford III, Lola Dunahoe, Pamela Egan, Thomas Kitchen, Rachel Lautigar, Mildred "Mimi" Methvin, Shawn Murphy, Alejandro "Al" Perkins, Elizabeth Pierre, Virgil Robinson, Mark Romero, Kristine Russell, Joe Salter

Nays: None

Absent: John Condos

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At 5:00 p.m., upon motion of Ms. Russell, seconded by Mr. Kitchen, the Board unanimously voted to reconvene in Open Session.

Upon motion of Ms. Pierre, seconded by Mr. Salter, the following motion was approved:

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that, in light of the risks associated with becoming fully vested while remaining in continuous active service in the Louisiana State Employees Retirement System, the System President be authorized to effect and execute all personnel actions and documents necessary to allow the Presidents of (1) University of Louisiana at Lafayette and (2) University of Louisiana at Monroe to affix their retirement benefits and then resume and continue their employment as Presidents of their respective institutions.*

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In the absence of Dr. Nick Bruno, Vice President for Business Affairs William Graves introduced Dr. Alberto Ruiz, newly approved Vice President for Academic Affairs at University of Louisiana at Monroe. Dr. Ruiz said that he was happy to join the university and looked forward to the opportunity to serve.

Northwestern State University President Chris Maggio introduced Dr. Greg Handel as the new Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Dr. Handel said that, as a lifelong educator, he was excited to continue his journey in this new role.

Dr. Mitch Adrian, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at McNeese State University, introduced Dr. Frederick LeMieux as Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences. Dr. LeMieux indicated that he was enthusiastic about the new structure of the campus and was thankful to be joining the leadership team.

**L. SYSTEM PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS**

**L.1. Personnel Actions**

President Henderson indicated that Board members had received personnel actions for their review. He said that System staff had reviewed all personnel actions and recommends approval.

*Upon motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Ms. Dunahoe, the Board unanimously voted to approve the System personnel actions.*

**L.2. System President's Report**

***Ashley Mitchell-Carter***

Dr. Henderson said that one of the System staff members, Ashley Mitchell-Carter, had regrettably passed away at the end of May. He said that Ms. Carter had joined the team in 2018 and had worked diligently through five legislative sessions since that time. She had dedicated countless hours to ensure that policy issues had been addressed by the legislature.

***Legislative Report***

Dr. Henderson gave a brief recap of the recent Legislative session. He said that a \$9.2 million increase to higher education had been approved, of which the UL System will receive \$3.5 million. He also stated that ULM school of Pharmacy had received \$5 million for accreditation needs. As well, additional money had been allocated for deferred maintenance and campus demolition projects.

***Louisiana Tech University***

Dr. Henderson also reported on the damage that had occurred in Ruston and Louisiana Tech University because of a tornado. Facilities damage was limited to the loss of athletic facilities and building damage on the campus. However, the tornado tragically also took the life of a Grambling graduate student Kendra Butler and her son Remington.



***Emergency Preparedness Seminar and Student Affairs Workshop***

Dr. Henderson also reported that the System office had hosted an Emergency Management Preparedness Seminar earlier in the month. Additionally, he said that on July 16 the System office is presenting a Risk Factor Workshop, which will facilitate candid discussion about ways to promote a culture of safety among members of student organizations. Dr. Henderson thanked Bruce Janet and Erica Calais for their leadership in facilitating these two events.

***Presidents' Retreat***

President Henderson reminded Board members and Presidents that the Presidents' Retreat will take place at the end of July in Baton Rouge. He said that this annual two-day gathering will allow for reflection on the past year and strategy for the future of the Universities of Louisiana. He thanked Dr. Kahn for coordinating the programming for the retreat.

***Task Force on Inclusion in the Workplace***

Dr. Henderson said that, after receiving the first report of the Task Force at the April Board meeting, the members had met and made some adjustments to the search process policies. He said that there will be another update at the August Board meeting.

***Faculty Highlight***

Dr. Henderson acknowledged the great work of faculty among the system institutions. He congratulated one faculty member from University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Liz Skilton, who had recently released *Tempest: Hurricane Naming and American Culture*.

***Management and Leadership Institute (M&LI)***

Dr. Henderson announced that the third class of M&LI members has been nominated by the institution Presidents. He said that the class will begin its schedule in August.

***Compete LA***

Dr. Henderson updated the Board on the progress of the Compete LA launch. He said that nearly 300 applicants had registered through the System's website to date.

M. **Board Chair's Business**

M.1. **Board Chair's Report**

***New Student Board Member***

Mr. Romero again recognized Ms. Rachel Lautigar. He indicated that included in the folders was an updated contact sheet including her information as well as an updated Standing Committees listing for the remainder of the year.

*Opioid Update*

Mr. Romero reminded the Board that a motion at the last Board meeting had authorized him to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee on Opioid Litigation Review. He said that this Committee met on April 24 and asked Mr. Winston DeCuir, Jr. to update the Board. Mr. DeCuir indicated that a claim has been filed on behalf of the Board and it is anticipated that settlement discussions will begin this fall.

*LSU Board Dinner*

On behalf of the Board, Chair Romero expressed thanks to the LSU Board Chair for an invitation to join them for dinner. He said that it was a good opportunity to enjoy fellowship as the two boards come together to discuss common interests and concern for higher education.

N. **Other Business**

Mr. Romero reminded the Board that the next scheduled meeting is August 22 in Baton Rouge.

O. **Adjournment**

Upon motion of Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Salter, at 5:30 p.m., the Board voted to adjourn.