

MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

October 4, 2018, Afternoon

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. James Williams, Chair, called to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College in the University Administration Building, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on October 4, 2018.

The secretary called the roll.

PRESENT

Mr. James Williams, Chair  
Ms. Mary L. Werner, Chair-elect  
Mr. Ronnie Anderson  
Mr. Glenn Armentor  
Mr. B. Wayne Brown  
Mr. Jack "Jay" Blossman  
Mr. Blake Chatelain

Mr. Robert S. Dampf  
Ms. Valencia Sarpy Jones  
Mr. Stewart Lockett  
Mr. Lee Mallett  
Mr. Rémy Voisin Starns  
Mr. Jimmie M. Woods  
Mr. Robert "Bobby" Yarborough

ABSENT

Mr. James W. Moore

Mr. Stephen Perry

Also present for the meeting were the following: Dr. F. King Alexander, President of LSU; Mr. Tom Skinner, General Counsel; LSU officers and administrators from their respective campuses; faculty representatives; interested citizens and representatives of the news media.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. James Williams, recognized Dr. Stacia Haynie, Interim Executive Vice President and Provost. Dr. Haynie introduced the two (2) student representatives and one (1) coach addressing the Board.

Ms. Marissa Nacori gave the Invocation. Ms. Cierra Phillips led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Williams requested a moment of silence in memory of slain LSU student.

Dr. Haynie asked Marissa and Cierra to let the Board know a few things about their studies and involvement at LSU.

Dr. Haynie introduced students to speak about undergraduate research for LSU Discover.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Board Meeting held on September 7, 2018

Upon motion of Mr. Yarborough, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on September 7, 2018.

4. Personnel Actions Requiring Board Approval

Upon motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Mallett, the Board voted to go into executive session pursuant to La. R.S. 14:17(A)(1) to discuss the personnel matter in regards to the annual evaluation of the President.

Mr. Williams requested a motion to conclude the executive session and no opposition was voiced.

In conclusion of the annual evaluation, the board moved to increase President Alexander's base salary by three percent and to extend the term of the President's contract by 5 years (expiring on June 30, 2023). There were no objections from other members of the Board.

5. Reports from Council of Staff Advisors and Council of Faculty Advisors

Dr. Ken McMillan, Council of Faculty Advisors gave an informational report. The Council of Staff Advisors did not have a report.

6. President's Report

Dr. F. King Alexander, President of LSU, informed the Board on various matters including:

Dr. Alexander recognized the possibility of this year's enrollment being at an all-time high.

Dr. Alexander reported that October is Louisiana College Application and Access month, which was proclaimed by Governor Edwards. This is celebrated by Sixth Grade Day and Capital Area Promise Campaign.

Dr. Alexander reported on the status of Safety and Security expertise.

Dr. Alexander reported a \$4 million gift to the College of Music & Dramatic Arts' Opera program.

Dr. Alexander mentioned the ranks and achievements of various colleges within LSU.

Dr. Alexander mentioned upcoming events on campus.

Dr. Alexander noted that continued work is being done to make changes to the College Scorecard by the US Department of Education; he noted that we are not in favor of the changes.

Dr. Alexander noted the progress of the Big Charity Project.

Dr. Alexander recognized LSU personnel involved in the Ochsner/LSU Health Shreveport arrangement.

7. Reports to the Board

Fall 2018 14<sup>th</sup> Day Enrollment & Trend Report was provided for informational purposes only. There was no presentation given on this matter.

8. Committee Reports

A motion was made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Werner to approve all Committee actions that were approved today. Mr. Yarborough requested to recuse himself from voting on items 4 and 6 in regards to the Property and Facilities Committee. The motion was adopted without objection.

8.A. Academic and Research Committee

Mr. Anderson calls Dr. Stacia Haynie to discuss (2) requests.

8.A.1. Request from LSU Alexandria to establish a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the does hereby approve the request to establish a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology at LSU Alexandria, subject to approval by the Louisiana Board of Regents.

8.A.2. Request from LSU A&M for Approval to Reconfigure the Master of Science in Human Ecology to a Master of Science in Child and Family Studies

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the Request to Reconfigure the MS in Human Ecology to a MS in Child and Family Studies (CIP: 19.0101) from Louisiana State University & Agricultural & Mechanical College, subject to approval by the Louisiana Board of Regents.

8.A.3. Presentation on LSU's Comprehensive Admissions Process

The Chairman introduced, by reading, a resolution affirming the comprehensive admissions process. There was no objection to the introduction of the resolution.

8.B. Finance Committee

Mr. Chatelain reported the committee had (2) items to discuss. Dan Layzell gave budget report and recommendation is approved.

8.B.1. Recommendation to approve the 2019-20 Operating Budget Request

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College ("Board") does hereby provide authority to President F. King Alexander ("President") to approve the preliminary proposed budget request for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. The budget request consists of state appropriations

and other operating budget funds for the LSU campuses and entities based on the requests of the respective campuses and entities and the preliminary Board of Regents funding formula.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board does hereby authorize the President to continue to work with the Board of Regents on the appropriate formula methodology and budget request for the LSU units to be used for the FY 2019-20 budget request and, with notice to the Board, to act on behalf of the Board in approving the final FY 2019-20 budget request for all LSU campuses and entities. The Board hereby delegates all such authority necessary to accomplish such purposes to the President.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board does hereby approve the proposed requests for operational or expanded need activities, based on the information provided by the respective LSU campuses and entities, which will be provided upon request to the higher education budget manager of the state Division of Administration.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that transactions included or referred to in the proposed operating budget that otherwise require Board approval are not approved by mere inclusion in the proposed operating budget.

8.B.2 Supplier Diversity Program Update Presentation

Tyler Kearney and Devon Stevenson presented Board with updates on the Supplier Diversity Program.

8.C. Property and Facilities Committee

Mr. Woods calls Tony Lambordo to discuss (6) requests that the committee received.

8.C.1. Request from LSU A&M to Approve the Schematic Design of the LSU Stephenson Veterinary Hospital

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the exterior elevations for the LSU Stephenson Veterinary Hospital.

8.C.2. Request from LSU A&M to Authorize an Agreement with Illinois Central Railroad Company, the Baton Rouge Area Foundation, and others regarding Rail Line Crossings

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby authorize Dr. F. King Alexander, President of the Louisiana State University, or his designee, acting on behalf and in the name of the Board, and in consultation with general counsel, to execute a construction lease, servitudes, release of servitudes, and other related agreements with the Baton Rouge Area Foundation (BRAAF), other entities identified by BRAAF for this purpose, the City-Parish of East Baton Rouge, Illinois Central Railroad Company, and the State of Louisiana for the construction of a roadway between Ben Hur Road and LSU's FETI facility, the abolishment of any servitude or right of use LSU may have over the existing railroad crossing by the FETI facility, and the relocation of the Ben Hur railroad crossing and portions of Ben Hur Road itself.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any agreements entered into by the authority of this Resolution shall comply with the following principles, as reasonably determined by the President. Third parties may authoritatively rely on any title transfer documents executed by the President pursuant to this resolution as a certification that the title transfer is in compliance with these conditions.

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1. BRAF will fund 100% of the costs of constructing the new road connecting FETI to Ben Hur Road.
2. BRAF will fund 100% of the costs of relocating any ancillary work associated with the new road, including but not limited to relocation of fencing and drainage, reconnection to LSU parking lots, new signage, etc.
3. The new road described in item 1 must be designed and constructed to: (a) meet the requirements of the current LA DOTD Road Design Manual; and (b) accommodate repeated and regular use by fire trucks and other heavy vehicles, including the sub grade, sub base, base course, and pavement sections of the roadway, with a commercially reasonable projected useful life for an asphalt road.
4. LSU must approve the plans and specifications for all construction, signage, and other work described in items 1 and 2.
5. LSU will engage an independent third-party engineering firm to review the plans and specifications for the road identified in item 1 and to monitor construction to ensure compliance with the approved plans and specifications.
6. If it is determined that the existing Ben Hur Road railroad crossing will be relocated as part of the project, BRAF or some other non-LSU party will fund 100% of the costs of relocating the existing Ben Hur railroad crossing to another location, including relocating those portions of Ben Hur Road surrounded by LSU property. The relocated portion of Ben Hur road and the new railroad crossing shall be of the same or higher quality as the existing road and crossing.
7. LSU will grant all servitudes and rights of way necessary to accomplish the foregoing.
8. Once construction of the new road identified in item 1 is completed, LSU will terminate any existing servitudes or rights of use it may have in the railroad crossing near the FETI facility and will allow for any construction necessary to physically remove the crossing, at the expense of BRAF, the railroad, or any other non-LSU party.

8.C.3. Request from LSU Health Sciences Center-New Orleans to Approve a cooperative Endeavor Agreement Among the LSU Board of Supervisors and the Board of Supervisors of Community

and Technical Colleges and the Delgado Community College Foundation

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby authorize F. King Alexander, in his capacity as President of Louisiana State University, or his designee, to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges, the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, and the Delgado Community College Foundation and an Act of Transfer from Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College to Delgado Community College Foundation for the transfer of a certain tract or parcel of ground designated as "*Tract C*" of the First Municipal District of Orleans Parish, and more particularly described on Exhibit "1" hereto, said Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and Act of Transfer to contain such terms and conditions as President Alexander deems to be in the best interest of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College.

- 8.C.4. Request from LSU Health Sciences Center-New Orleans to Approve a Partial Assignment & Assumption of Right of Use Possession & Occupancy between UMCMC & LSU Health Foundation, New Orleans for the Construction & Operation of a Parking Garage

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby authorize F. King Alexander, President of Louisiana State University, or his designee, to intervene in a Partial Assignment and Assumption of Right of Use, Possession and Occupancy among University Medical Center Management Corporation, LSU Health Foundation, New Orleans, the State of Louisiana through the Division of Administration, and Louisiana Children's Medical Center in order to consent to the assignment and assumption of rights related to Block 466 of the City of New Orleans originally granted in that certain Right of Use, Possession and Occupancy, dated May 29, 2013.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that F. King Alexander, President of Louisiana State University, or his designee is authorized to execute such other consents, approvals, and documents as are necessary to effectuate the Partial Assignment and Assumption of Right of Use, Possession and Occupancy and the construction of improvements on Block 466.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that F. King Alexander, President of Louisiana State University, or his designee, is authorized to include in said Partial Assignment and Assumption of Right of Use, Possession and Occupancy such terms and conditions as he deems in the best interest of the LSU Board of Supervisors.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the LSU Board of Supervisors, pursuant to the Uniform Affiliation Agreement by and between the LSU Board of Supervisors and the LSU Health Foundation, New Orleans, finds an Acceptable University Purpose for the LSU Health Foundation, New Orleans, to participate in the construction and operation of a parking garage, sidewalks, drives, lighting, signage, utilities, landscape and related improvements (including commercial improvements) all for the benefit of or in support of the LSU Health Sciences Center-New Orleans, and UMCMC Hospital.

- 8.C.5. Request from LSU Health Sciences Center-New Orleans to Approve the Purchase of Land in Squares 499 and 518, First District, New Orleans

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College that F. King Alexander, President of the Louisiana State University System, or his designee, is authorized on behalf of and in the name of the Board of Supervisors to purchase the non-State owned lots in Squares 499 and 518 in the First District of New Orleans, listed above, the first of which, with street address of 508 and 510 Galvez Street, New Orleans, LA 70112, is to be purchased immediately, and to execute any acts of sale or any other agreements necessary to effect and record such purchase(s). The final price will be negotiated per Division of Administration guidelines.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that F. King Alexander, President of the LSU System, or his designee, is hereby authorized by and empowered for and on behalf of and in the name of the Board of Supervisors, in consultation with General Counsel, to include in said approval to purchase said property any terms and conditions that he may deem in the best interest of the Board of Supervisors.

- 8.C.6. Request from LSU Health Sciences Center-New Orleans to Approve a Lease Agreement with University Medical Center Management Corporation for Parking spaces at the South Roman Street Garage located on the LSUHSC-NO Downtown Campus

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby authorize F. King Alexander, President of Louisiana State University, or his designee, to execute Lease Agreement between the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and the University Medical Center Management Corporation for parking facilities located at the South Roman Street Parking Garage Building, located at the LSUHSC-NO Downtown Campus.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that F. King Alexander, President of Louisiana State University, or his designee, is authorized to include in said Lease Agreement such terms and conditions as he deems in the best interest of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College.

8.D Athletic Committee

Mrs. Jones asks Mark Ewing and Chancellor Clark to speak about (4) requests received by the committee.

- 8.D.1. Request from LSU A&M to approve employment contracts with Co-Head Coaches David Geyer and Douglas Shaffer

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College authorizes Dr. F. King Alexander, President, or his designee, to sign the contracts with David Geyer and Douglas Shaffer as described in this item, and to include in such amendments any terms and conditions as he, in consultation with the General Counsel, deems to be in the best interests of LSU.

8.D.2. Request from LSU Shreveport to approve an employment contracts with three head coaches

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College authorizes Dr. F. King Alexander, President, or his designee, to sign the contracts with Kyle Blankenship, Matthew Cross, and Brent Lavallee as described in this item, and to include in such amendments any terms and conditions as he, in consultation with the General Counsel, deems to be in the best interests of LSU.

8.D.3. Request from LSU Shreveport to approve an Employment Contract for Athletic Director Lucas Morgan

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College authorizes Dr. F. King Alexander, President, or his designee, to sign the contracts with Lucas Morgan as described in this item, and to include in such amendments any terms and conditions as he, in consultation with the General Counsel, deems to be in the best interests of LSU.

8.D.4. Request from LSU A&M to approve Employment Contract with Yolanda “Nikki” Caldwell, Head Coach Women’s Basketball

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College authorizes Dr. F. King Alexander, President, or his designee, to sign the contract with Head Coach Yolanda “Nikki” Caldwell as described in this item, and to include in such amendments any terms and conditions as he, in consultation with the General Counsel, deems to be in the best interests of LSU.

8.E. Legal Affairs Committee

Mr. Dampf calls on Tom Skinner to discuss ACT 666. Trey Jones is also called upon to discuss this ACT.

8.E.1. Resolution on Free Expression in Compliance with ACT 666 of 2018 Regular Session

WHEREAS, one of the primary educational goals of the University is to prepare students for civic engagement and discourse;

WHEREAS, each campus should strive to ensure an environment that provides the fullest degree of intellectual freedom and free expression;

WHEREAS, universities have long served as the bastion of the marketplace of ideas, ensuring an open, robust environment is essential to advancing human knowledge and sparking discovery;

WHEREAS, in guaranteeing the free exchange of ideas, it is not the role of the University to shield individuals from speech protected by the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America and Article I, Section 7 of the Constitution of Louisiana, and other



applicable laws;

WHEREAS, with the limits of the law, expression should be preserved even if unwelcomed, disagreeable, or offensive, including that of faculty and scholars who offer perspectives within their fields that may not be popular;

WHEREAS, members of the LSU community have the freedom to discuss any topic that presents itself, as provided under the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America and Article I, Section 7 of the Constitution of Louisiana and other applicable laws permit and within the limits on time, place, and manner of expression that are consistent with this resolution and that are necessary to achieve a significant institutional interest;

WHEREAS, any such restrictions shall be published and provide ample alternative means of expression;

WHEREAS, members of the LSU community may assemble and engage in spontaneous expressive activity as long as such activity is not unlawful and does not materially and substantially disrupt the functioning of the institution;

WHEREAS, any lawful visitor to a campus may protest or demonstrate there, without fear of disruption, and may access traditional public forums open to any speaker;

WHEREAS, this resolution shall supersede and nullify any provision in the policies and regulations of any institution that restricts speech on campus and that any such provision is therefore inconsistent with this policy on free expression;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the President and each campus of the University shall effect the appropriate policies to comply with this resolution and the broader intention of Act 666 of the 2018 Regular Session.

8.F. Comprehensive Admissions Standards

The Chairman introduced a resolution on comprehensive admissions standards during committee. The resolution was reduced to writing and placed before the Board for approval. Mr. Anderson offered a motion to approve, and seconded by Ms. Werner. The motion passed without opposition. The text of resolution reduced to writing (shown below).

Resolution in Support of LSU's Comprehensive Admissions Process:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby affirm and support the LSU flagship campus's comprehensive admissions process. The Board acknowledges this process is in accordance with the national best practice among the nation's best performing universities and is currently in practice at 40 out of the 50 flagship universities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Board acknowledges research has shown grade point average and ACT or SAT scores alone do not provide the fullest, most accurate picture of a student's potential success. LSU still requires submission of the core curriculum GPA, overall high school GPA, and an ACT or SAT score. However, by adopting this comprehensive

admissions process, LSU is utilizing additional elements and all relevant factors to identify the top talent in the state of Louisiana, the United States of America, and the world who can be successful and contribute to our University.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Board recognizes that the comprehensive admissions policy is in alignment with the vision of LSU to be a leading research-extensive university, challenging undergraduate and graduate students to achieve the highest levels of intellectual and personal development. This process does not diminish the standards for admission to the state's flagship university but utilizes research and best practice to ensure a student body prepared for the highest levels of intellectual and personal development to drive the state of Louisiana forward.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Board is committed to both ensuring that all citizens have a fair opportunity to attend LSU and maintaining the level of academic excellence and achievement the University has worked very hard to attain. These are not mutually exclusive goals as the 2018 entering class proves. The Board will continue to monitor the outcomes of our admissions process to ensure that these and all of the University's goals are being met.

9. Chairman's Report

Mr. Williams gave thanks to Stephanie Tomlinson on behalf of the entire board in regards to her departure from the University. In return, Ms. Tomlinson gave a brief speech about her time at LSU.

Mr. Williams announced the next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held in Baton Rouge at the LSU Administration Building on November 2, 2018.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Williams asked for a motion to adjourn with no further business before the Board. Upon motion by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Dampf, the meeting was adjourned.