

MINUTES
LSU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
*University Administration Building Board Room
Louisiana State University
3810 W. Lakeshore Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808*
MEETING TO BE CONDUCTED TELEPHONICALLY
Wednesday, May 6, 2020 | Time: 1:00 p.m. CT

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic still affecting Louisiana, the Board of Supervisors called a meeting for May 6, 2020 under the restrictions afforded by Governor John Bel Edwards' emergency order and allowance for meeting through telephonic means. A certificate of inability to meet in person was properly posted along with the meeting agenda.

CERTIFICATION OF INABILITY TO ACHIEVE IN-PERSON QUORUM
&
NOTICE TO MEET THROUGH ELECTRONIC MEANS

Issued April 30, 2020

In order to address the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor John Bel Edwards took measures to protect the public and issued several proclamations pertaining the crowd sizes and public buildings. Those proclamations were:

- On March 11, 2020, Emergency Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020 declared the existence of a statewide public health emergency.
- On March 17, 2020, Proclamation Number 30 JBE 2020 (Section 4) was issued permitting public meetings through electronic means so long as conditions are met for public participation.
- On March 23, 2020 Proclamation Number 33 JBE 2020 closed all public buildings, ordering a "stay at home" mandate, limiting public gatherings to ten people, and expiring on April 13, 2020.
- On April 2, 2020, Proclamation Number 41 JBE 2020 was issued extending the "stay at home" order through April 30, 2020.
- On April 30, the Governor's Proclamation Number 52 extended the "stay at home" order through May 11, 2020.

The mandates of the above executive orders prevent a quorum of the LSU Board of Supervisors from meeting in person with members of the public. In order to deal with the current emergency, the Board will conduct its meeting on May 6, 2020 through electronic means.

The LSU Board of Supervisors will follow its normal procedures by posting the agenda and supporting materials in advance of the meeting on its website. The website will also have instructions for individuals to provide public comment and view the meeting in real time. Information and instructions about the meeting will be posted at: <https://www.lsu.edu/bos/minutes.php>

Thank you in advance for your understanding in these unusual circumstances.

/s/Jason Droddy

Jason Droddy

Office of the LSU Board of Supervisors

The Meeting was conducted telephonically.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Ms. Mary Werner, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order. Roll Call was conducted by Mr. Jason Droddy.

Present

Ms. Mary Werner, Chair

Mr. Robert Dampf, Chair-elect

Mr. James Williams, Past Chair

Mr. Glenn Armentor

Mr. Jay Blossman

Mr. Richard Brazzel

Mr. Wayne Brown

Mr. Blake Chatelain

Ms. Valencia S. Jones

Mr. James Moore

Mr. Stephen Perry

Mr. Rémy V. Starns

Mr. Jimmie Woods

Mr. Robert "Bobby" Yarborough

Absent

Mr. Ronnie Anderson

Mr. Lee Mallett

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was offered by Ms. Valencia Jones and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. James Williams.

III. Public Comment

There were no individuals registered for public comment.

IV. Presentation by AGB and Discussion Related to Leadership Structure and the Presidency

Madame Chair made introductory comments about the structural study requested by the Board. She then invited the consultants from the Association of Governing Boards (AGB) to conduct their presentation.

Lynn Sommerville, George Pernsteiner, Carol Cartwright, and Rich Novak provided a presentation on their process and preliminary options (presentation material added to the publicly posted agenda). The consultants interviewed more than 100 people during their process representing a cross-section of the University. They offered guiding principles in deliberations with the central question of: Is LSU an integrated university or is it system of institutions with distinct missions?

The consultants offered five options on the structure. The first was no change; by which they mean that the system president and LSU chancellor are unified into one role. The second option was to increase some staff inside the President's Office to assist with some functions that are currently shouldered by people performing multiple roles. The third option was to leave the president as the head of the LSU A&M campus but to make the provost a chief operating officer for the campus and shedding the system duties currently held by the existing provost. The fourth option was to return to the pre-2013 structure of separate President and Chancellor. The fifth option incorporated the fourth option with the addition of a research component to facilitate cross-institutional collaboration.

The Board members were invited to ask questions and make comments.

V. Adjournment

Upon motion by Mr. Yarborough, the meeting adjourned.