

MINUTES  
LSU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

*Board Room, University Administration Building  
3810 West Lakeshore Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808*

*Thursday, September 8 – Friday, September 9, 2022 | Time: 2:00 p.m. & 9:00 a.m. CT*

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Rémy Voisin Starns, Chair, called to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College on September 8, 2022.

Present

Mr. Rémy Voisin Starns, Chair  
Ms. Valencia Sarpy Jones, Chair-elect  
Mr. Robert Dampf, Past Chair  
Ms. Laurie Lipsey Aronson  
Mr. Glenn Armentor  
Mr. Wayne Brown  
Mr. Randy Morris  
Mr. Patrick C. Morrow  
Ms. Lizzie Shaw  
Mr. Collis Temple Jr.  
Ms. Mary Leach Werner  
Mr. James Williams  
Mr. Jimmie Woods  
Mr. Richard Zuschlag

Absent

Mr. Jay Blossman  
Mr. Lee Mallett

Also participating in the meeting were the following: Dr. William F. Tate IV, President of LSU; Mr. Winston DeCuir, General Counsel for LSU; University officer and administrators of the campuses; faculty and staff representatives; interested citizens and representatives of the news media.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was offered by Mr. Brandon LaGrone, mass communications junior and member of the President's Millennial Scholars Program. The Pledge of Allegiance was delivered by MS. Lizzie Shaw and Mr. Carlos Brister, Southern University Student Body President.

III. Public Comment

There were no individuals registered for public comment.

IV. Committee Meetings

Mr. Starns adjourned the regular meeting to convene the committee meetings.

**4.A. Research and Agricultural Extension Committee**

Present for the Research and Agricultural Extension Committee were Ms. Werner, Ms. Aronson, Mr. Brown, Ms. Jones, Mr. Morris, Ms. Shaw and Mr. Temple.

4.A.1. Presentation on LSU AgCenter Rice Breeding and Genetics

Adam Famoso, rice breeder and geneticist, provided an informative report.

No action needed on the item.

**4.B. Academic Committee**

Present for the Academic Committee were Mr. Armentor, Mr. Morrow, Mr. Dampf, Ms. Jones, Ms. Shaw, Mr. Woods, and Mr. Williams.

4.B.1. Recommendation to Approve a Tuition Increase for LSU's University Laboratory School

Upon motion by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Dampf, the item was approved without objection

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the tuition increase for LSU's University Laboratory School.

4.B.2. Consent Agenda

There were six items on the consent agenda.

Upon motion by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Williams, the following items were approved without objection.

Request from LSU A&M for Continued Authorization of the Stephenson Disaster Management Institute

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the request from LSU A&M for continued authorization of the Stephenson Disaster Management Institute.

Request from LSU Eunice to Establish the Margaret Edwards Nursing Scholarship

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the request from LSU Eunice to establish the Margaret Edwards Nursing Scholarship.

Request from LSU Eunice to Establish the LSUE Athletic Scholarship

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the request from LSU Eunice to establish the LSUE Athletic Scholarship.

Request from LSU Alexandria to Name the Alexandria Business Foundation Conference Room

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the request from LSU Alexandria to name the Alexandria Business Foundation Conference Room.

Request from the LSU A&M to Convert the Hermann Moyses, Jr./Louisiana Bankers Association Chair of Banking into Two Endowed Professorships

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the request from LSU A&M for a conversion of the Hermann Moyses, Jr./Louisiana Bankers Association Chair of Banking into two endowed professorships:

- Herman Moyses, Jr./Louisiana Bankers Association Professorship in Financial Services
- Hermann Moyses, Jr./Louisiana Bankers Association Professorship in Banking

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the President is hereby authorized to execute any documents required to obtain the matching gift and otherwise complete the request from LSU A&M to convert the Hermann Moyses, Jr./Louisiana Bankers Association Chair of Banking into two endowed professorships:

- Herman Moyses, Jr./Louisiana Bankers Association Professorship in Financial Services
- Hermann Moyses, Jr./Louisiana Bankers Association Professorship in Banking

Recommendation to Approve an Addition to the LSU Campuses' Three-year Academic Plan

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the addition to the LSU Campuses' Three-year Academic Plan.

#### **4.C. Finance Committee**

Present for the Finance Committee were Mr. Brown, Mr. Woods, Ms. Aronson, Ms. Werner, and Mr. Zuschlag.

##### **4.C.1. Recommendation to Approve the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget**

Upon motion by Ms. Aronson, seconded by Ms. Werner, the item was approved without objection.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the operating budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, providing:

- a) Final approval and commitment authorization of funds for unrestricted educational and general, medical, and related expenses in the amount of \$1,268,550,270 for the campuses shown below.

LSU A&M  
LSU Agricultural Center  
LSU Alexandria  
LSU Eunice  
LSU Shreveport  
LSU Health Sciences Center, New Orleans

LSU Health Sciences Center, Shreveport  
LSU Pennington Biomedical Research Center  
The Hospital and Central Office of the LSU Health Care Services Division

- b) Commitment authorizations for auxiliary enterprises, grants and contracts, and other restricted funds estimated to be \$2,000,563,290.
- c) Transactions included or referred to in the operating budget that otherwise require Board approval are not approved by mere inclusion in the operating budget.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that each campus shall prepare a semi-annual financial report. The format of the report will include the following:

1. Budget and actual for unrestricted revenues by source of funds
2. Actual for unrestricted expenditures by object and by function
3. Beginning account balances and actual revenues and expenditures/transfers for restricted operations
4. Any significant changes in the budget that should be brought to the attention of the President and Board
5. An explanation of any significant reduction in anticipated revenues or significant increase in expenditures

Any subsequent modification to the reporting format will be approved by the President with notification to the Board.

4.C.2. Supplier Diversity Update

Ms. Kimberly Lewis provided current statistics on the status of the Supplier Diversity Program.

4.C.3. Board Scholarship Program

This item was tabled for a later date.

**4.D. Property and Facilities Committee**

Present for the Property and Facilities were Mr. Morrow, Mr. Brown, Ms. Aronson, Mr. Dampf, Mr. Woods, and Mr. Zuschlag.

4.D.1. Request for the Approval of the FY 2023-2024 Five-Year Capital Outlay Budget Request and First Year Prioritized List for Louisiana State University

No action taken on the item. (*See item VIII*)

4.D.2. Utilities Initiative Update

Status report of the initiative given by Mr. Tony Lombardo.

**4.E. Athletics Committee**

Present for the Athletics Committee were Mr. Temple, Mr. Armentor, Mr. Brown, Mr. Dampf, Ms. Jones, Mr. Morrow, Ms. Werner, and Mr. Williams.

4.E.1. Request from LSU Athletics to Increase Baseball Ticket Prices, Parking, and Tradition Fund

Upon motion by Mr. Dampf, seconded by Mr. Williams, the item was approved without objection.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College (the "Board") does hereby approve the amendment to the LSU Athletic Ticket, Parking, and Tradition Fund Policy pertaining Schedule C for LSU Baseball season ticket pricing as presented on September 8, 2022; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Board authorizes season parking increases up to \$25 per lot per season with written approval by the President or designee, in consultation with the Board Chair and Athletics Committee Chair.

**4.F. Risk Management Committee**

Present for the Risk Management Committee were Ms. Aronson, Mr. Armentor, Mr. Brown, Mr. Dampf, Ms. Shaw, Mr. Temple, Ms. Werner, Mr. Williams, Mr. Woods, and Mr. Zuschlag.

Also present were Mr. Chad Brackin, Chief Auditor, and Ms. Stephanie Rhodes.

4.F.1. Update on Clinical Trials Program at HSCNO/HCS

Mr. Brackin provided an informative report.

4.F.2. 2022 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Audit Summary

Upon motion by Mr. Dampf, seconded by Mr. Woods, the report was accepted without objection.

4.F.3. Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Report

Upon motion by Ms. Werner, seconded by Mr. Dampf, the report was accepted without objection.

V. Reconvene Board Meeting

On Friday, June 17, 2022, the regular meeting was called to order. Roll call was conducted.

Present

Mr. Rémy Voisin Starns, Chair  
Ms. Valencia Sarpy Jones, Chair-elect  
Mr. Robert Dampf, Past Chair  
Ms. Laurie Lipsey Aronson  
Mr. Glenn Armentor  
Mr. Wayne Brown  
Mr. Lee Mallett  
Mr. Randy Morris  
Mr. Patrick C. Morrow  
Ms. Lizzie Shaw  
Mr. Collis Temple Jr.  
Ms. Mary Leach Werner  
Mr. James Williams  
Mr. Jimmie Woods

Mr. Richard Zuschlag

Absent

Mr. Jay Blossman

VI. Approval of Minutes from the August 2, 2022 Meeting

Upon motion by Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. Morrow, the minutes were approved.

VII. Policy Updates following 2022 Legislative Session

- A. Act 727 of 2022 (Free Speech Policy)
- B. Act 464 of 2022 (Student Discipline Policy)

Upon motion by Mr. Temple, seconded by Mr. Zuschlag, the policy changes were approved without objection.

VIII. Approval of the FY 2023-2024 Five-Year Capital Outlay Budget Request and First Year Prioritized List for Louisiana State University

Upon motion by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Dampf, the item was approved without objection.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College that the following list of projects to be submitted to the Division of Administration in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 39:101 et seq. and first year prioritized project list is approved and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President of Louisiana State University, or his or her designee, be and he is hereby authorized to make adjustments as necessary in this request as circumstances dictate, including technical corrections, increasing or decreasing the amount requested for individual projects by not more than twenty percent (20%) of the amount approved in this resolution, combining or renaming projects and/or changing sources of funds and to add self-generated projects with individual project costs of less than \$1 million without further approval by the Board, provided, however, that such project additions be reported to the Board.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that transactions included or referred to in the capital outlay request that otherwise require Board approval are not approved by inclusion in the capital outlay request per Article VII, Section 2, A of the Bylaws.

IX. Personnel Actions Requiring Board Approval

Upon motion by Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. Mallett, the item was approved without objection.

X. Reports to the Board

- A. LSU Semi-Annual Financial Report for the Six-Month Period Ending June 30, 2022
- B. LSU Quarterly Supplier Diversity Spend Report for Period Ending June 30, 2022
- C. Affiliated Entities Reimbursement Report
- D. Q4 Personnel Actions Information Report

Upon motion by Ms. Werner, seconded by Mr. Dampf, the reports were approved.

XI. Reports from Faculty Advisors and Staff Advisors

Dr. Kamboj provided an informative report on behalf of the Faculty Advisors

Ms. Tammy Millican provided an informative report on behalf of the Staff Advisors.

XII. President's Report

The president provided an informative report.

XIII. Chancellor's Report

The chancellors provided updates and news from their respective campuses.

XIV. Approval of Committee Recommendations

Mr. Starns called for a motion to accept all committee recommendations. Motion to approve by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Mr. Mallett. Without objection, the recommendations were approved.

XV. Chair's Report

Mr. Starns reflected on the past year as chairman.

XVI. Oath of Office for Chair

Mr. James Williams administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Valencia Sarpy Jones.

XVII. Election of Chair-Elect

Mr. Williams reported that the Nominating Committee met on July 18. After due deliberation, the committee voted to nominate Mr. Jimmie Woods, Sr. as Chair-Elect.

Chairman Jones opened the floor for additional nominations. Motion by Mr. Starns to close nominations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Morrow. Without objections, the nominations were closed.

Chairman Jones called for a vote in favor of electing Mr. Jimmie Woods as chair-elect. Without objection, Mr. Woods was elected as chair-elect.

XVIII. Oath of Office for Chair-Elect

Former Appellate Court Judge Regina Bartholomew-Woods administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Jimmie Woods, Sr.

XIX. Resolution Reading

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, Chairman Jones presented a resolution to Mr. Starns for his service as the 2021-22 Chair. The Board voted unanimously to approve the following resolution.

**WHEREAS**, Chairman Rémy Voisin Starns was appointed by Governor John Bel Edwards to the LSU Board of Supervisors on June 5, 2018, from the First Congressional District; and

**WHEREAS**, Chairman Starns was chosen among his peers as Chair-Elect and assumed the role of Chairman on September 10, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Chairman Starns' leadership focus encompassed the entirety of LSU's 8 campuses, agricultural extension, and extensive research across 64 parishes; and

**WHEREAS**, Chairman Starns conferred degrees on the largest and most diverse graduating classes; and

**WHEREAS**, Chairman Starns shaped the future of LSU by initiating long-term efforts such as NCI Designation, carbon capture and hydrogen fuel initiatives, procurement of a brand-new supercomputer, creation of the cyber security program, and the complete revamping of the Title IX, Diversity, and Inclusion programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Chairman Starns successfully led historic diplomatic efforts for LSU, meeting with congressional delegation partners in Washington D.C. and across the State of Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS**, Chairman Starns established and hosted the first ever Louisiana Higher Education Leadership Dinner attended by Governor John Bel Edwards, the Supervisors and System Presidents of all higher education systems in Louisiana, and the Regents; and

**WHEREAS**, Chairman Starns supported and advocated for increased access to educational opportunities for all students by the permanent installation of test-optional admissions at LSU; and

**WHEREAS**, Chairman Starns spotlighted medical education and research, including a bariatric surgical procedure that he personally experienced; and

**WHEREAS**, Chairman Starns cultivated an environment which resulted in record legislative appropriations and donations which exceeded \$500 million; and

**WHEREAS**, Chairman Starns championed efforts to increase opportunities for all prospective students particularly those from historically underrepresented or resource-challenged backgrounds; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College wishes to express its deepest gratitude and appreciation to Chairman Rémy Voisin Starns for his tireless devotion, exemplary leadership, and unequalled service in support of the entire university system and for fulfilling his role as Chairman while exhibiting the highest standards of honor, courage, and professionalism.

XX. Remarks

Remarks presented to the chairman by Ms. Katrina Dunn, the Immediate Past President of the A.P. Tureaud, Sr., LSU Black Alumni Chapter.

XXI. Adjournment

Without an further business before the Board, a motion to adjourn by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Mallett.



