

MINUTES  
LSU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
*Board Room, University Administration Building*  
*3810 West Lakeshore Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808*  
*February 27, 2026 | 9:00 a.m. CT*

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Scott Ballard, Chairman, called to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College on February 27, 2026.

Present

Mr. John "Scott" Ballard, Chair  
Mr. Lee Mallett, Vice-Chair  
Mr. Roderick "Rico" Alvendia  
Ms. Laurie Lispey Aronson  
Ms. Rebecca F. Boniol  
Mr. John H. Carmouche  
Mr. Lavar R. Henderson  
Ms. Valencia Sarpy Jones  
Ms. Esperanza E. Moran  
Mr. Raymond R. "Randy" Morris  
Mr. Patrick C. Morrow  
Mr. Rémy Voisin Starns  
Mr. Collis B. Temple Jr.  
Mr. James M. Williams  
Mr. Joseph "Blaise" Zuschlag

Absent

Mr. Glenn J. Armentor

Also participating in the meeting were the following: Dr. Wade Rouse, President of LSU; Mr. Trey Jones, General Counsel for LSU; University officers and administrators of the campuses; faculty and staff representatives; interested citizens and representatives of the news media.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The LSU Chapter of the Perishing Rifle presented the Colors.

The Invocation was given by Hollister Davis, a Junior in Accounting from New Orleans, LA.

The Pledge was given by Elizabeth Cater, a Junior in Business Management from Tyler, TX and Matthew Evans, a Sophomore in Business Management with a concentration in strategic leadership from Baton Rouge, LA.

III. Public Comment

One submitted public comment:

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IV. Committee Meetings

Chairman Ballard adjourned the regular meeting to convene the committee meetings.

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

Present for the Research and Agricultural Extension Committee were Mr. Temple, Chair, Mr. Morris, Vice-Chair, Ms. Boniol, Mr. Mallett, Ms. Moran, and Mr. Starns.

4.A.1 Facilitating Determination of Postmortem Interval in Death Investigation.

Chairman Temple recognized Interim Provost Blanchard.

Interim Provost presented an informative presentation on the topic.

No action was required on this item.

4.B. **Academic Committee**

Present for the Academic Committee were Ms. Boniol, Chair, Mr. Alvendia, Vice-Chair, Mr. Henderson, Ms. Jones, Mr. Mallett, Mr. Morrow, Mr. Starns, Mr. Temple, and Mr. Williams.

Chairwoman Boniol recognized Interim Provost Blanchard to present the items.

4.B.1 Recommendation to Amend the Admissions Policies Related to Standardized Tests.

After discussion and upon Motion by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Mallett, the item was unanimously approved.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the Recommendation to Approve the Recommendation to Amend the Admissions Policies Related to Standardized Tests.

4.B.2 Request from LSU Shreveport to Offer a Bachelor of Science in Health Administration.

Upon motion by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Alvendia, the item was unanimously approved.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the Request from LSU Shreveport to Offer a Bachelor of Science in Health Administration.

4.B.3 Request from LSU Alexandria to Offer an Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Information Technology.

Upon motion from Mr. Alvendia, seconded by Mr. Henderson, the item was unanimously approved.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the Request from LSU Alexandria to Offer an Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Information Technology.

4.B.4 Request from LSU Alexandria to Offer an Accelerated Baccalaureate Degree in Bioinformatics.

Upon motion from Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. Alvendia, the item was approved unanimously.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the Request from LSU Alexandria to Offer an Accelerated Baccalaureate Degree in Bioinformatics.

4.B.5 Request from LSU Eunice to Offer an Associate of Applied Science in Physical Therapy Assistant.

Upon motion from Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. Henderson, the item was unanimously approved.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the Request from LSU Eunice to Offer an Associate of Applied Science in Physical Therapy Assistant.

4.B.6 Consent Agenda

There were eight items on the consent agenda.

Upon motion by Mr. Alvendia, seconded by Mr. Henderson, the following items were unanimously approved.

Request from LSU A&M to Name Three Spaces in the Our Lady of the Lake Health Interdisciplinary Science Building.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the Request from LSU A&M to Name Three Spaces in the Our Lady of the Lake Health Interdisciplinary Science Building.

Request from LSU A&M to Rename the School of Theater the School of Theater and Film.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the Request from LSU A&M to Rename the School of Theater the School of Theater and Film.

Request from LSU Shreveport to Rename the Department of Kinesiology and Health Science the Department of Public Health and Human Performance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the Request from LSU Shreveport to Rename the Department of Kinesiology and Health Science the Department of Public Health and Human Performance.

Request from LSU Shreveport to Rename the Bachelor of Science in Occupational Physiology the Bachelor of Science in Human Performance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the Request from LSU Shreveport to Rename the Bachelor of Science in Occupational Physiology the Bachelor of Science in Human Performance.

Request from LSU A&M to Establish the Edward Beauregard Picou, Jr. Distinguished Professorship.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the Request from LSU A&M to Establish the Edward Beauregard Picou, Jr. Distinguished Professorship.

Request from LSU A&M to Establish Four and Augment Three Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the Request from LSU A&M to Establish Four and Augment Three Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships.

Request from LSU A&M to Split the Marjory B. Ourso Distinguished Chair of Accounting Systems into Four Professorships.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve Request from LSU A&M to Split the Marjory B. Ourso Distinguished Chair of Accounting Systems into Four Professorships.

Request from LSU A&M to Augment the Dr. Bobby and Lori Kent Savoie Professorship in Mechanical and Industrial Engineering.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve Request from LSU A&M to Augment the Dr. Bobby and Lori Kent Savoie Professorship in Mechanical and Industrial Engineering.

4.B.6.A Chairman Ballard recognized President Rouse for additional remarks.

President made several remarks and discussion points about the LSU Alexandria campus.

4.C. **Finance Committee**

Present for the Finance Committee were Mr. Mallett, Chair, Mr. Zuschlag, Vice-Chair, Mr. Alvendia, Ms. Aronson, Ms. Boniol, Mr. Carmouche, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Morrow.

Chairman Mallett recognized Mr. Tommy Smith, LSU A&M Chief Financial Officer, to present the item.

- 4.C.1 Request from LSU A&M to Authorize the Issuance of Auxiliary Revenue Refunding Bonds and Application to the Louisiana State Bond Commission for Approval of the Issuance of Bonds.

Upon motion from Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Alvendia, the item was unanimously approved.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the Request from LSU A&M to Authorize the Issuance of Auxiliary Revenue Refunding Bonds and Application to the Louisiana State Bond Commission for the Approval of the Issuance of Bonds.

4.D **Property and Facilities Committee**

Present for the Property and Facilities Committee was Ms. Aronson, Chair, Mr. Morrow, Vice-Chair, Mr. Alvendia, Ms. Boniol, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Mallett, Mr. Morris, Mr. Temple, and Mr. Zuschlag.

Chairwoman Aronson recognized Dr. Anzi Gilmore, LSU A&M Associate Vice President of Facility and Property Oversight, to present the items.

- 4.D.1 Request from LSU A&M to Approve a Late Submission to the FY 2026-27 Capital Outlay Budget Request.

Upon motion from Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Alvendia, the item was unanimously approved.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the Request from LSU A&M to Approve a Late Submission to the FY 2026-27 Capital Outlay Budget Request.

- 4.D.2 Request from LSU Ag Center to Enter into Lease for the Pony Farm Property off Nicholson Drive.

Upon motion by Mr. Zuschlag, seconded by Mr. Henderson, the item was unanimously approved.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the Request from LSU Ag Center to Enter into Lease for the Pony Property off Nicholson Drive.

- 4.D.3 Request from LSU Health-Shreveport to Approve a P3 Research Lab Development Project.

Upon motion by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Henderson, the item was unanimously approved.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the Request from LSU Health-Shreveport to Approve a P3 Research Lab Development Project.

4.E **Athletic Committee**

Present for the Athletic Committee was Mr. Carmouche, Chair, Mr. Williams, Vice-Chair, Ms. Aronson, Ms. Boniol, Mr. Morris, Mr. Starns, Mr. Temple, and Mr. Zuschlag.

Chairman Carmouche recognized Deputy Athletic Director, Ms. Lori Williams, to present the items.

All items in the Athletic Committee were voted on as one item, unanimously approved after motion from Mr. Starns, seconded by Mr. Morris.

- 4.E.1 Request from LSU A&M to Approve First Amendment to Employment Agreement for Women's Soccer Coach (Sian Hudson).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the Request from LSU A&M to Approve First Amendment to the Employment Agreement for the Women's Soccer Coach.

- 4.E.2 Request from LSU Athletics to Approve Employment Agreement for Head Strength and Conditioning Coach (Nick Savage).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the Request from LSU Athletics to Approve Employment Agreement for Head Strength and Conditioning Coach.

- 4.E.3 Request from LSU Athletics to Approve Employment Agreement for 5 Assistant Football Coaches (Chris Kiffin; Sterling Lucas; Jacob Olenson; Corey Raymond; Dane Stevens).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the Request from LSU Athletics to Approve Employment Agreement for 5 Assistant Football Coaches.

- 4.E.4 Request from LSU Athletics to Approve Employment Agreement for Senior Executive Director of Football Operations (Thaddeus Rivers).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the Request from LSU Athletics to Approve Employment Agreement for Senior Executive of Football Operations.

- 4.E.5 Request from LSU Athletics to Approve Employment Agreement for Senior Director of Recruiting (Dwike Wilson).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the Request from LSU Athletics to Approve Employment Agreement for Senior Director of Recruiting.

- 4.E.6 Request from LSU Athletics to Approve Employment Agreement for Senior Executive Director of Player Personnel (Mike Williams).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the Request from LSU Athletics to Approve Employment Agreement for Senior Executive Director of Player Personnel.

- 4.E.7 Request from LSU Athletics to Approve Employment Agreement for Assistant General Manager Internal Operations (Adam Clark).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the Request from LSU Athletics to Approve Employment Agreement for Assistant General Manager of Internal Operations.

- 4.E.7.1 Chairman Zuschlag recognized General Counsel, Mr. Trey Jones, to introduce the last item on the Athletic Agenda.

Request from LSU Shreveport to Approve New Employment Agreement for Women's Head Volleyball Coach (Callie Houlihan).

Upon motion from Mr. Starns, seconded by Mr. Zuschlag, the item was unanimously approved.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the Request from LSU Shreveport to Approve New Employment Agreement for Women's Head Volleyball Coach.

#### **4.F. Risk Management Committee**

Mr. Rémy Starns, Chair, called to order the Risk Management Committee Meeting of the LSU Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural College on February 27, 2026.

##### Present

Mr. Rémy Voisin Starns, Chair  
Mr. Roderick "Rico" Alvendia  
Ms. Rebecca F. Boniol  
Mr. John H. Carmouche  
Mr. Lavar R. Henderson  
Ms. Esperanza E. Moran  
Mr. Raymond R. "Randy" Morris  
Mr. Patrick Morrow  
Mr. Collis B. Temple Jr.  
Mr. Joseph Blaise Zuschlag

##### Absent

Mr. James M. Williams, Vice-Chair  
Mr. Glenn J. Armentor  
Ms. Laurie Lispey Aronson  
Ms. Valencia Sarpy Jones  
Mr. Lee Mallett

4.F.1. Upon motion from Mr. Henderson, seconded by Ms. Aronson, the committee entered executive session to discuss: 1. *Darrell Glasper, Sr. v. Louisiana State University Economic Development District and LSU EDD Athletic Subdistrict, Docket No. 771,817, 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge*; 2. *In Re: Aqueous Film-Forming Foams Products Liability Litigation, MDL Case No. 2873, United States District Court for the District of South Carolina*.

Upon Motion by Ms. Esperanza, seconded by Ms. Aronson, the committee returned to open session.

Upon return to open session, a motion was made by Ms. Moran, seconded by Ms. Aronson, to appoint the Louisiana Attorney General to represent the Board of Supervisors in *In Re: Aqueous Film-Forming Foams Products Liability Litigation*. The item and resolution, as included in the board packet, was unanimously approved.

Chairman Starns recognized Mr. Chad Brackin, Chief Auditor of LSU A&M, to present the FY 2026 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Audit Summary.

Upon motion by Mr. Mallett, seconded by Mr. Zuschlag, the FY 2026 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Audit was received.

Chairman Starns recognized Mr. Robert. M. Stuart Jr., LSU Foundation President and CEO, to present an LSU Foundation update.

V. Reconvene Board Meeting

The regular meeting was called back to order and roll call was conducted.

Present

Mr. John "Scott" Ballard, Chair  
Mr. Lee Mallett, Vice-Chair  
Mr. Roderick "Rico" Alvendia  
Ms. Laurie Lispey Aronson  
Ms. Rebecca F. Boniol  
Mr. John H. Carmouche  
Mr. Lavar R. Henderson  
Ms. Valencia Sarpy Jones  
Ms. Esperanza E. Moran  
Mr. Raymond R. "Randy" Morris  
Mr. Patrick Morrow  
Mr. Rémy Voisin Starns  
Mr. Collis B. Temple Jr.  
Mr. James M. Williams  
Mr. Joseph Blaise Zuschlag

Absent

Mr. Glenn J. Armentor

VI. Approval of Committee Recommendations

Upon motion by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Ms. Moran, the committee recommendations were unanimously approved.

VII. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the November 21, 2025 Board Meeting.
- B. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the December 10, 2025 Board Professional Development.
- C. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the December 10, 2025 Executive Committee Meeting.
- D. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from the December 11, 2025 Board Meeting.

Upon motion by Mr. Morris, seconded by Ms. Moran, the minutes were unanimously approved.

VIII. Personnel Actions Requiring Board Approval

Upon motion by Mr. Alvendia, seconded by Mr. Morrow, the Personnel Actions were unanimously approved.

IX. Reports to the Board

Upon motion by Mr. Zuschlag, seconded by Mr. Morrow, the reports were received.

X. Reports from Faculty Advisors and Staff Advisors

Chairman Ballard recognized Dr. Daniel Tirone, to present on behalf of the faculty Advisors and LSU A&M Staff Senate President Quinneke McDonald to present on behalf of the Staff Advisors.

XI. Presidents Report

Dr. Wade Rouse, President of LSU, provided an informative report.

XII. Chair's Report

Chairman Ballard addressed the Board Room with a meaningful speech on the future of the university, as his term as Chair ends.

A resolution is read for Chairman Scott Ballard.

Upon motion by Mr. Starns, seconded by Mr. Morrow, the resolution is unanimously passed.

XIII. Oath of Office for Chairman Lee Mallett

Former Chairman Ballard then recognized Mr. Lee Mallett and Ms. Kym DiGiovanni for Mr. Mallett's oath of office.

He also welcomed United States District Judge James Cain, Jr. for the Western District of Louisiana, to administer the oath of office.

Supervisor Mallett took his oath of office and addressed the Board Room.

XIV. Election of Vice Chair

Chairman Mallett then opened the floor for Vice-Chair Nominations.

Mr. John Carmouche was nominated by Mr. Starns.

There was a voice vote to close nominations.

The Board then took a voice vote to approve the elected supervisor, Mr. John Carmouche.

Vice-Chair John Carmouche then took the Boardroom Floor for his swearing in.

XV. Adjournment

Chairman Mallett called for a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the LSU Board of Supervisors.

Upon motion by Mr. Ballard, seconded by Mr. Morris, the meeting was adjourned.