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MINUTES  
LSU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
*Meeting held telephonically via Zoom Webinar  
Friday, December 4, 2020 | 10:00 a.m. CST*

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Robert Dampf, Chair, called to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College on December 4, 2020.

Present

Mr. Robert S. Dampf, Chair-elect  
Mr. Rémy Voisin Starns, Chair-elect  
Ms. Mary Werner, Past Chair  
Mr. Ronnie Anderson  
Mr. Glenn Armentor  
Mr. Jack "Jay" A. Blossman, Jr.  
Mr. B. Wayne Brown  
Mr. Stone Cox  
Ms. Valencia Sarpy Jones  
Mr. Lee Mallett  
Mr. Randy Morris  
Mr. Patrick C. Morrow  
Mr. Jimmie M. Woods, Sr.  
Mr. Richard E. Zuschlag

Absent

Mr. Collis B. Temple Jr.

Also participating in the meeting were the following: Mr. Thomas Galligan, Interim President of LSU; Mr. Winston DeCuir, General Counsel for LSU; University officers; and, administrators of the campuses; faculty representatives; interested citizens and representatives of the news media.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was offered by Mr. Anderson. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Morris.

III. Public Comment

There were no individuals registered for public comment.

The Board recessed the regular meeting to convene the committee meetings.

IV. Committee Meetings

4.A. Academic & Research Committee

Provost Haynie introduced two of the newest academic administrators: Jared Llorens, College of Business dean and Jim Spencer, vice provost and dean of the Graduate School.

4.A.1. Request from LSU A&M to Establish the Bachelor of Arts in African & African American Studies

Upon motion by Mr. Williams, and seconded by Mr. Cox, the Committee recommended the following resolution for Board approval:

**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 to establish the Bachelor of Arts in African & African American Studies.

4.A.2. Request from LSU A&M to Establish the Bachelor of Science in Business Analytics

Upon motion by Mr. Armentor, and seconded by Ms. Werner, the Committee recommended the following resolution for Board approval:

**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 to establish the Bachelor of Science in Business Analytics.

4.A.3. Request from LSU Health Sciences Center – Shreveport for Full, Five-Year Approval of the Center for Emerging Viral Threats as a Center for Excellence

Upon motion by Ms. Werner, and seconded by Mr. Blossman, the Committee recommended the following resolution for Board approval:

**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 Health Sciences Center – Shreveport for the full, five-year approval of the Center for Emerging Viral Threats as a Center of Excellence.

4.A.4. Request from LSU A&M to Award a Posthumous Degree to Ms. Katelyn Lamb

Upon motion by Mr. Blossman, and seconded by Mr. Starns, the Committee recommended the following resolution for Board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize Louisiana State University to award the Master of Science in Oceanography & Coastal Sciences degree to Katelyn Lamb, posthumously, at the Fall 2020 Commencement Exercises (be they virtual or on-campus).

4.A.5. Request from LSU A&M to Award a Posthumous Degree to Mr. Eber Abissai Rivas

Upon motion by Mr. Starns, and seconded by Ms. Werner, the Committee recommended the following resolution for Board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize Louisiana State University to award the Bachelor of Architecture degree to Eber Abissai Rivas, posthumously, at the Spring 2021 Commencement Exercises (be they virtual or on-campus).

4.A.6. Request from LSU Eunice to Rename the Acadian Center to the Dr. Anthony Mumphrey Center

A representative from the Mumphrey family offered remarks.

Upon motion by Ms. Werner, and seconded by Mr. Armentor, the Committee recommended the following resolution for Board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the request from LSU Eunice to rename the Acadian Center the Dr. Anthony Mumphrey Center.

4.A.7. Recommendation to Approve the Conferral of Degrees at the 2021 Spring Commencement Exercises

Upon motion by Mr. Starns, and seconded by Mr. Cox, the Committee recommended the following resolution for Board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the degrees to be conferred on candidates meeting degree requirements for graduation from the campuses of the University at 2021 spring commencement exercises on or after the dates specified herein:

LSU A&M	May 14, 2021
Paul M. Hebert Law Center	May 28, 2021
School of Veterinary Medicine	May 10, 2021
LSU Alexandria	May 7, 2021
LSU Eunice	May 14, 2021
LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans	May 13, 2021
LSU Health Sciences Center Shreveport	May 22, 2021
LSU Shreveport	May 14, 2021

4.A.8. Recommendation to Approve the Conferral of Degrees for Students of Online Programs for CY 2021 and Establish Anticipated Dates of Conferral

Upon motion by Mr. Armentor, and seconded by Mr. Blossman, the Committee recommended the following resolution for Board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the conferral of degrees to students have completed their course of study in online degree programs in Calendar Year 2021 and have been recommended by the faculty to receive their degree; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, degree candidates completing their requirements may be awarded their degrees on or after by the dates provided herein:

LSU A&M: March 9, May 7, July 6, August 13, October 19, and December 17, 2021; LSU Alexandria: May 7, August 15, and December 10, 2021; LSU Eunice: May 14 and December 17, 2021; and LSU Shreveport: March 9, May 14, July 6, August 31, October 26, and December 17, 2021.

4.A.9. Recommendation to Amend the Admissions Policies Related to Standardized Tests for a Limited Term

Upon motion by Ms. Werner, and seconded by Mr. Williams, the Committee recommended the following resolution for Board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College has determined that COVID-19 has made the administration and taking of national standardized tests extraordinarily difficult and has hindered the timely admission of students across the nation; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Board approves the amendment of undergraduate admissions policies by removing the requirement of a standardized test score for academic sessions or terms starting during Calendar Year 2021 and terms within Academic Year 2021-22.

4.A.10. Consent Agenda

- a. Request from LSU Eunice to Establish the Mayci Breaux Memorial Scholarship Fund as a Two-Year Workforce Scholarship
- b. Request from LSU Eunice to Establish the Super1 Foods Focus on the Future Endowed Scholarship as a Two-Year Workforce Scholarship
- c. Request from LSU Eunice to Establish the Fritz Lang Endowed Scholarship as a Two-Year Workforce Scholarship
- d. Request from LSU A&M for Continued Approval of the LSU Center for Coastal Resilience
- e. Request from LSU A&M for Continued Approval of the Professional Sales Institute
- f. Request from LSU A&M to Establish Four Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships
- g. Request from LSU A&M to Augment the Carrigan Graduate Student Scholarship in History

Upon motion by Mr. Starns, and seconded by Mr. Armentor, the Committee recommended the following resolution for Board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize LSU Eunice to establish the Mayci Breaux Memorial Scholarship Fund #2; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the interim President, as may be appropriate, is hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents required to obtain the matching gift and otherwise complete the establishment of the Mayci Breaux Memorial Scholarship Fund #2.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize LSU Eunice to establish the Super1 Foods Focus on the Future Endowed Scholarship; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the interim President, as may be appropriate, is hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents required to obtain the matching gift and otherwise complete the establishment of the Super1 Foods Focus on the Future Endowed Scholarship.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize LSU Eunice to establish the Fritz Lang Endowed Scholarship; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the interim President, as may be appropriate, is hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents required to obtain the matching gift and otherwise complete the establishment of the Fritz Lang Endowed Scholarship.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the request from LSU A&M for the continued, five-year approval of the LSU Center for Coastal Resiliency.

**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 the continued, five-year approval of the Professional Sales Institute.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the request from LSU A&M to establish each of the following four endowed superior graduate student scholarships:

- a. J. Lanier Yeates Scholarship in Law
- b. Lopez Family Graduate Student Scholarship in Chemical Engineering #2
- c. Louise W. Kinney Endowed Superior Graduate Award in Opera Studies
- d. Larry and Catherine Vollmer Superior Graduate Scholarship in Engineering; and .

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the interim President, as may be appropriate, is hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents required to obtain the matching gift and 3 otherwise complete the establishment of the following four endowed superior graduate student scholarships:

- a. J. Lanier Yeates Scholarship in Law
- b. Lopez Family Graduate Student Scholarship in Chemical Engineering #2
- c. Louise W. Kinney Endowed Superior Graduate Award in Opera Studies
- d. Larry and Catherine Vollmer Superior Graduate Scholarship in Engineering

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the request from LSU A&M to augment the Carrigan Graduate Student Scholarship in History; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the interim President, as may be appropriate, is hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents required to obtain the matching gift and otherwise complete the augmentation of the Carrigan Graduate Student Scholarship in History.

4.B. Finance Committee

4.B.1. Request to Approve Changes to the Competitive Thresholds for Information Technology and Consulting Services Procurements

Upon motion by Mr. Starns, and seconded by Mr. Armentor, the Committee recommended the following resolution for Board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College approves increasing the competitive thresholds for information technology and consulting services procurements to \$150,000 and \$75,000, respectively.

4.B.2. Request from LSU Shreveport to Approve an MOU with Bossier Parish Community College for Tuition Discount for Their Employees

Upon motion by Mr. Woods, and seconded by Mr. Temple, the Committee recommended the following resolution for Board approval:

**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 for a 50% tuition waiver for employees of Bossier Parish Community College meeting certain criteria.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors does hereby authorize the President, or his designee, to execute the MOU between LSUS and BPCC providing for 50% tuition waivers for full-time BPCC employees.

- 4.B.3. Request from LSU Alexandria to Approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Alexandria Country Day School (ACDS) to continue operations of University Academy on the LSUA Campus

Upon motion by Mr. Woods, and seconded by Mr. Anderson, the Committee recommended the following resolution for Board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby authorize the President of LSU, or his designee, to execute the proposed cooperate endeavor agreement between LSUA and the Alexandria Country Day School (ACDS), under which ACDS will be allowed to continue operations of University Academy on the LSU Alexandria campus as outlined.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the President of LSU, or his designee, be and he 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 the Agreement any and all provisions and stipulations that he deems in the best interest of the Board of Supervisors.

4.C. Property & Facilities Committee

- 4.C.1 Request from LSU A&M to Approve an Act 959 Project for UPS1 Replacement and System Upgrades at the Fred C. Frey Computing Services Center Building

Upon motion by Mr. Armentor, and seconded by Mr. Brown, the Committee recommended the following resolution for Board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College hereby authorizes the President of LSU or his designee to approve the following project and process the project through the appropriate administrative channels of review and approval, namely, the Board of Regents, the Division of the Administration, Office of Facility Planning and Control, and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget, pursuant to Act 959 of the 2003 Regular Legislative Session enacting R.S. 39:128(B)(4) as amended pursuant to Act No. 78 of the 2006 Regular Legislative Session: Frey: UPS1 Replacement and System Upgrades. Estimated total project cost is \$2,250,000.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President of LSU, or his designee, is duly authorized by and empowered for and on behalf of and in the name of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana 3 State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College to approve the plans and specifications for the proposed improvements and to approve cost increases up to 20% of the amount approved to accommodate unforeseen conditions.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the LSU President, or his designee, is duly authorized by and empowered for and on behalf of and in the name of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College to take such action the he may deem in the

best interest of the Board of Supervisors to process and obtain administrative approvals for this project.”

4.C.2. Request from LSU A&M to Approve the Schematic Design of the LSU Mobility Implementation - Phase 1

Upon motion by Mr. Brown, and seconded by Mr. Temple, the Committee recommended the following resolution for Board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the schematic design for the LSU Mobility Implementation - Phase 1.

4.C.3. Request from LSU Agricultural Center to Approve the Schematic Design of the Welcome Center for Burden Museum & Gardens

Upon motion by Mr. Armentor, and seconded by Mr. Anderson, the Committee recommended the following resolution for Board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the schematic design for the LSU Agricultural Center’s Welcome Center for Burden Museum & Gardens.

4.C.4. Request to Approve Late Submissions to the FY 2021-22 Capital Outlay Budget Request and First Year Prioritized Categories for Louisiana State University

Upon motion by Mr. Anderson, and seconded by Mr. Brown, the Committee recommended the following resolution for Board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College that the FY 2021-2022 Five-Year Capital Outlay Budget Request and First Year Prioritized Categories for Louisiana State University be amended to modify and include the projects listed below:

**LSU Health Sciences Center Shreveport**

Project Title: Center for Medical Education and Wellness

Existing authorization: \$60,000,000

Supplemental Funding \$14,000,000 (\$12,000,000 Self-Gen, \$2,000,000 GOB)

New Total \$74,000,000

**LSU Agricultural Center**

Project Title: Dean Lee Tornado Damage Building Repairs and Reconstruction

Funding: \$2,160,000 in state funds.

4.C.5. Request from LSU Health Sciences Center - New Orleans to Amend Prior Authorization for the President to Determine an Acceptable University Purpose for the Purchase of Immovable Property by the LSU Health Foundation, New Orleans

Upon motion by Mr. Morris, and seconded by Mr. Brown, the Committee recommended the following resolution for Board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College hereby authorizes the President, or his designee or successor, to determine if an Acceptable University Purpose exists, for purposes of the Uniform Affiliation Agreement, for the LSU Health Foundation, New Orleans to purchase or otherwise acquire immovable property located within one-half mile of any property boundary of the LSUHSC-NO campus, provided that:

1. Before making such a determination the President shall consult with the Chair, the Chair-Elect, the Chair of the Property and Facilities Committee, and the Chair of the Finance, Infrastructure, and Core Development Committee of the Board regarding the proposed property transaction;
  2. This authorization shall not extend to the purchase of immovable property where the purchase price is greater than \$6 million; and
  3. This authorization shall not be construed as a commitment, formal or informal, by the Board to purchase or acquire any such property from the LSU Health Foundation, New Orleans in the future.
- 4.C.6. Request from LSU Alexandria for the LSUA Foundation to Accept a Donation of Property at 5608 Grove Lane in Alexandria, Rapides Parish, Louisiana

Upon motion by Mr. Brown, and seconded by Mr. Armentor, the Committee recommended the following resolution for Board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, pursuant to the Uniform Affiliation Agreement between it and the LSUA Foundation, authorizes the President, or his designee, to determine if an acceptable university purpose exists for the LSUA Foundation to accept the donation of a house and other immovable property located in Rapides Parish, Louisiana from Richard B. Crowell, upon receipt of all appropriate due diligence efforts and review of the final act of donation to insure it includes such terms and conditions as the President of LSU, in consultation with the Office of General Counsel, deems to be in the best interests of LSU.

4.D. Affiliated Organization Oversight Committee

- 4.D.1. Recommendation to Approve an Affiliation Agreement with the Pennington Biomedical Research Foundation

Recommendation to Approve an Affiliation Agreement with the LSU Health Foundation, New Orleans

Recommendation to Approve an Affiliation Agreement with the LSU School of Medicine - New Orleans Alumni Association, Inc.

Recommendation to Approve an Affiliation Agreement with the LSU HSC Foundation in Shreveport

Recommendation to Approve an Affiliation Agreement with the Louisiana 4-H Foundation

Upon motion by Mr. Morrow, and seconded by Ms. Werner, the Committee recommended the following resolution for Board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors authorizes the President to execute the affiliation agreement with the Pennington Biomedical Research Foundation, as presented.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors authorizes the President to execute the affiliation agreement with the LSU Health Foundation, New Orleans, as presented.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors authorizes the President to execute the affiliation agreement with the LSU School of Medicine-New Orleans Alumni Association, Inc., as presented.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors authorizes the President to execute the affiliation agreement with the LSU Health Science Center Foundation in Shreveport, as presented.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors authorizes the President to execute the affiliation agreement with the Louisiana 4-H Foundation, as presented.

V. Reconvene Board Meeting

After adjournment of the Committee Meetings, the Regular Board Meeting was called back to order.

VI. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Upon motion by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Woods, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Board meeting held on October 23, 2020.

VII. Report from Chair of Presidential Search Committee and Related Matters

Mr. Williams provided an update to the Board on the progress of the work of the presidential search committee.

Comments by Ms. Laurie Wilder and Ms. Porsha Williams from Parker Executive Search related to listening sessions with constituency groups, drafting of job description and university structure.

VIII. Personnel Actions Requiring Board Approval

Upon motion by Ms. Werner, seconded by Mr. Starns, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Personnel Actions.

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

The Staff Advisors provided a written report given to the Board prior to the meeting.

Dr. Jim Robinson provided an informational reports for the Faculty Advisors.

X. President's Report

President Galligan reported on the following: Update of LSU sexual misconduct and media responses; north Louisiana visits; accomplishments on various campuses; main campus commencement plans; and COVID guidelines.

XI. Reports to the Board

Upon motion by Mr. Zuschlag, seconded by Mr. Morrow, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following reports.

- A. 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Informational Report
- B. FY2020-21 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter LSU Investment Report
- C. 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Audit Report

XII. Approval of Committee Reports

Upon motion by Mr. Blossman, seconded by Ms. Jones, the Board voted unanimously to approve all Committee recommendations.

XIII. Board Self Evaluation

The Chairman reported that the Board self-evaluation was completed.

XIV. Chairman's Report

Mr. Dampf shared the following message on behalf of the Board of Supervisors.

The LSU Board of Supervisors wants to assure our community that we are actively engaged in resolving the recent accusations of mishandled sexual violence cases. We publicly reaffirm our commitment to preventing sexual violence, addressing any culture that leads to this type of behavior, and supporting victims and survivors.

We support President Galligan's engagement of Husch Blackwell, an experienced third party, to review past cases for compliance. It will take some time for them to work through the facts. If errors were made, we want them fixed. If any members of our university community failed to fulfill their responsibilities, they will then be held appropriately accountable.

While Husch Blackwell's work is in progress, the President is meeting with student leaders and advocacy groups to learn how we can better serve our students in their most vulnerable times and provide better support. LSU will not stand still on this issue.

Every member of the University community must be treated fairly, equitably, and with respect. The University's missions of education, research and service require an open and welcoming environment conducive to growth, learning, and exploration. We can achieve our mission only when every member of the LSU family feels safe from sexual violence, discrimination or any other unacceptable behavior.

In closing, we echo President Galligan's commitment to transparency and change.

XII. Adjournment

Mr. Dampf announced the next meeting is scheduled for January 2021.

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned.