

MINUTES
LSU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
University Center Ballroom, LSU Shreveport
3810 West Lakeshore Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808
Friday, April 8, 2022 | Time: 11:00 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 April 8, 2022.

Present

Mr. Rémy Voisin Starns, Chair
Ms. Valencia Sarpy Jones, Chair-elect

Ms. Monica Aguilera
Mr. Glenn Armentor
Mr. Wayne Brown
Mr. Lee Mallett
Mr. Randy Morris
Mr. Patrick C. Morrow
Mr. Collis Temple Jr.
Ms. Mary Leach Werner
Mr. Jimmie Woods
Mr. Richard Zuschlag

Absent

Mr. Robert Dampf, Past Chair
Ms. Laurie Aronson
Mr. Jay Blossman
Mr. James Williams

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

LSU Shreveport students Abbagail Huddleston-Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance and Karolyn Hasler offered the invocation.

III. Public Comment

There were no individuals registered for public comment.

Chairman Starns recognized members of the Legislature who were present. He also addressed the necessity of the national cancer designation.

IV. Committee Meetings

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

4.A. Research & Agricultural Extension Committee

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

4.A.1. Presentation on Cybersecurity Research & Education at LSU-Shreveport

Presentation given by Dr. Julie Lessiter.

No action needed on the item.

4.B. Healthcare and Medical Education Committee

Present for the Healthcare and Medical Education Committee are Mr. Morris, Mr. Armentor, Mr. Brown, Mr. Dampf, Ms. Jones, and Mr. Woods.

4.B.1. Discussion on Cancer Initiative

Presentation on the overview of the NCI Designation by Dr. Steve Nelson and Dr. David Lewis.

No action needed on the item.

4.C. Academic Committee

Present for the Academic Committee were Mr. Armentor, Mr. Morrow, Ms. Aguilera, Ms. Jones, and Mr. Woods.

4.C.1. Request from LSU Shreveport to Establish a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Media Studies

Upon motion by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Morrow, 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 request from LSU Shreveport to establish the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Media Studies.

4.C.2. Request from LSU Shreveport to Establish a Bachelor of Science in Nonprofit Administration

Upon motion by Ms. Aguilera, seconded by Mr. Morrow, 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 request from LSU Shreveport to establish the Bachelor of Science in Nonprofit Administration.

4.C.3. Request from LSU Shreveport to Establish an Undergraduate Certificate in Nonprofit Administration

Upon motion by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Woods, 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 request from LSU Shreveport to establish the Undergraduate Certificate in Nonprofit Administration.

- 4.C.4. Request from LSU Health Sciences Center – Shreveport for Continued Designation of the Center of Academic Excellence in Patient Centered Rehabilitation

Upon motion by Ms. Aguilera, 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 request from the LSU Health Sciences Center – Shreveport for continued designation of the Center for Academic Excellence in Patient Centered Rehabilitation.

- 4.C.5. Recommendation to Approve Conferral of Degrees for CY2022 Commencement Exercises

Upon motion by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Morrow, 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 degrees to be conferred on candidates meeting degree requirements for graduation from the campuses of the University during commencement exercises in Calendar Year 2022.

- 4.C.6. Consent Agenda

There were six items on the consent agenda. Upon motion by Mr. Woods, seconded by Ms. Jones, the following items were approved without objection.

Request from LSU A&M to Award a Posthumous Degree to Mr. Robert Justin Fields

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby authorize LSU A&M to award the Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering to Mr. Robert Justin Fields, posthumously.

Request from LSU A&M to Terminate the Graduate Certificate in Teaching in the Health Professions

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 terminate the Graduate Certificate in Teaching in the Health Professions.

Request from LSU A&M to Terminate the Graduate Certificate in Fisheries Science and Assessment

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 terminate the Graduate Certificate in Fisheries Science and Assessment.

Request from LSU Health Sciences – New Orleans to Change the Name of the Department of Rehabilitation and Counseling to the Department of Counseling

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 – New Orleans to change the name of the Department of Clinical Rehabilitation and Counseling to the Department of Counseling.

Request from LSU Shreveport to Name the LSU Shreveport Boat House for Dr. Lacy & Edie 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 Shreveport to name the Dr. Lacy & Edie Williams Boathouse.

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

Chairman Starns extended a period of time for present legislators to address the Board.

Rep. Thomas Presley expressed his concern for the lack of opportunities in the Shreveport-Bossier area.

Rep. Jack McFarland expressed his concern about communication channels between the university and the legislature.

Rep. Sam Jenkins encouraged collaborative efforts to ensure success in the future.

Rep. Cedric Glover, Rep. Larry Bagley, and Sen. also expressed his concern for the lack of opportunities in the Shreveport-Bossier area.

Rep. Larry Bagley expressed his gratitude for the services provided at LSU/Ochsner Hospital.

Sen. Barrow Peacock shared his views in that the university's reach should extend beyond the Baton Rouge campus.

Rep. Dodie Horton addressed the Board.

The meeting was recessed.

4.D. Athletics Committee

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

4.D.1. Request from LSU A&M to Approve Employment Agreement for the Head Football Coach

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College authorizes William F. Tate IV, President, or his designee, to execute the Employment Agreement for Brian Kelly as described in this item, in consultation with the Office of General Counsel.

Items 2 and 3 were taken together as one vote.

- 4.D.2. Request from LSU A&M to Approve New Employment Contracts for Ten Assistant Football Coaches

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College authorizes the President to execute the employment agreements of Jamar Cain, Kerry Cooks, Michael Denbrock, Jacob Flint, Cortez Hankton, Matt House, Brian Polian, Joe Sloan, Robert Steeples, and Frank Wilson as described in this item, in consultation with the Office of General Counsel.

- 4.C.3. Request from LSU A&M to Approve Amendment to Employment Agreement for Assistant Football Coach

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College authorizes the President, William F. Tate IV, or his designee, to execute the First Amendment to Employment Agreement for Brad Davis as described in this item, in consultation with the Office of General Counsel.

Upon motion by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Ms. Jones, the items were approved without objection.

- 4.C.4. Request from LSU A&M to Approve Employment Agreement for the Head Volleyball Coach

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College authorizes the President, William F. Tate IV, or his designee, to execute the Employment Agreement for Tonya Johnson as described in this item, in consultation with the Office of General Counsel.

- 4.C.5. Request from LSU A&M to Approve Term Sheet for the Head Men's Basketball Coach

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College authorizes William F. Tate IV, President, or his designee, to execute the term sheet for Matt McMahon as described in this item, in consultation with the Office of General Counsel.

Chairman Starns called on Dr. Phillip Rozeman to share remarks. Dr. Rozeman shared a community perspective for the vision of LSUS.

- V. Reconvene Board Meeting

The Regular Meeting was called back to order. Roll call was conducted.

- VI. Recommendation to Amend Bylaws Relative to Nominating Committee, Board Officers, and Agenda

Chairman Starns appointed an ad-hoc committee to address items that were on the meeting agenda, which includes term length of the Board chair, number of Supervisors needed to add an agenda item, and matters related to the Faculty/Senate. Ms. Jones will serve as chair. The other

members are Mr. Dampf, Mr. Armentor, Mr. Blossman, Mr. Mallett, Mr. Morrow, and Mr. Williams.

The chairman gave formal notice that the items will be reviewed by the ad hoc committee will be addressed at the next scheduled Board meeting.

VII. Approval of Minutes from the March 3-4, 2022 Board Meeting

Upon motion by Mr. Temple, seconded by Mr. Mallett, the minutes were approved without objection.

VIII. Reports to the Board

Upon motion by Mr. Mallett seconded by Mr. Temple the following report was approved without objection.

A. Affiliated Entities Reimbursement Report

IX. Reports from Faculty Advisors and Staff Advisors

The Staff Advisors submitted a written report.

The Faculty Senate report was provided by Dr. Christina Notarianni.

X. President's Report

President Tate discussed the status of the chancellor search, strategic planning, and communications.

XI. Chancellor's Report

Each campus representative gave an update on the matters for their respective campus.

XII. Approval of Committee Recommendations

Upon motion by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Ms. Werner, the recommendations were approved without objection.

Chairman Starns read the following resolution into the record.

WHEREAS, Ms. Monica Aguilera Perez resides in Forest Hill, Louisiana;

WHEREAS, Ms. Aguilera chose to attend LSU of Alexandria and has become an active member of the student body participating in many organizations, most notably, the Academic Integrity Task Force on Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Aguilera is active in the community outside of our university, using her talents as a translator in service to her church and at a local driving academy; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Aguilera was twice-elected student body president at LSU of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Aguilera serves the Louisiana Higher Education Council of Student Body Presidents as a commissioner at large; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Aguilera is planning to graduate with two degrees in May 2022 - a bachelor in Accounting and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with Concentrations in International and Business Administration and minors in Spanish and Psychology, and intends to continue her studies by pursuing an advanced degree; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Aguilera has been a valuable member of the LSU Board of Supervisors by remaining exceptionally engaged, sharing the students' perspective, and representing the Board at several events across our state.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby offer its appreciation to Ms. Monica Aguilera Perez for her service to the Board and her dedication to serving our students.

Motion to adopt the resolution by Ms. Jones, unanimously seconded by the Board.

XIII. Chair's Report

The chairman shared his perspective on the outlook of LSU and higher education in the state. He announced LSU will host a higher education summit in August.

XIV. Adjournment

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.