

MINUTES  
LSU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
*Board Room, University Administration Building  
3810 West Lakeshore Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808  
Friday, June 28, 2024 | 9:00 a.m. CT*

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Jimmie Woods, Chair, called to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College on June 28, 2024.

Present

Mr. Jimmie Woods, Chair  
Mr. Patrick Morrow, Vice-Chair  
Ms. Valencia Sarpy Jones, Past-Chair  
Mr. Glenn Armentor  
Mr. John "Scott" Ballard  
Ms. Rebecca Boniol  
Mr. John Carmouche  
Mr. Lee Mallett  
Ms. Esperanza Moran  
Mr. Randy Morris  
Ms. Emily Otken  
Mr. Rémy Starns  
Mr. Collis Temple, Jr.

Absent

Ms. Laurie Lipsey Aronson  
Mr. James Williams

Also participating in the meeting were the following: Dr. William Tate, 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 and pledge were offered by LSU A&M Student Body President Joseph Liberto, a junior majoring in international trade and Finance.

III. Oaths of Office

Mr. Scott Ballard was sworn in by Cameron Henry, President of the Louisiana State Senate, as a supervisor representing the first congressional district.

Ms. Rebecca Boniol was sworn in by Mr. Les Mut, as a supervisor representing the third congressional district.

Mr. Lee Mallett was sworn in by Ms. Kym DiGiovanni, as a supervisor member at large.

Ms. Esperanza Moran was sworn in by Mr. Remy Starns, as a supervisor representing the fourth congressional district.

Ms. Emily Otken was sworn in by Mr. and Mrs. Otken, as the new student representative.

Mr. Remy Starns was sworn in by Mrs. Pamela Turgeau, as a supervisor representing the first congressional district.

Mr. John Carmouche was sworn in by his sons Mr. Ethan Carmouche and Mr. Jett Carmouche, as a supervisor representing the sixth congressional district.

#### IV. Public Comment

There were no persons registered for public comment.

#### V. Resolution for Mr. Richard Zuschlag

Immediate Past Chair Jones presented a resolution honoring Mr. Richard Zuschlag.

Upon motion by Mr. Starns, seconded by Mr. Morrow, the Resolution was unanimously approved.

#### VI. Board Development

##### **5.A. Board of Regents Bi-Annual Report.**

Mr. Todd Manual, Vice President of Engagement, Civil Rights, and Title IX presented the Board of Regents Bi-Annual Report.

Upon motion by Mr. Temple, seconded by Ms. Jones, the board unanimously received the report.

##### **5.B. Power-Based Violence Prevention Annual Mandatory Training**

Mr. Joshua Jones, Associate Vice President for Civil Rights & Title IX Coordinator with the office of Civil Rights & Title IX, conducted Power-Based Violence Prevention Annual Mandatory Training. (1 hour)

VII. Committee Meetings

**7.A. Research & Agricultural Extension Committee**

Present for the Research and Agricultural Extension Committee were Mr. Temple, Mr. Armentor, Ms. Otken, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Starns.

7.A.1 Sepsis Test Innovation

Provost Haggerty gave his presentation on Sepsis Test Innovation.

No action needed on this item.

**7.B. Academic Committee**

Present for the Academic Committee were Mr. Armentor, Ms. Boniol, Mr. Mallett, Mr. Morrow, Mr. Starns, and Mr. Temple.

7.B.1 Recommendation to Approve the LSU Campuses' Three-Year Academic Plans

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve each LSU campus' three-year academic plans from AY 2024-25 to AY 2026-27.

7.B.2 Request from LSU of Alexandria for Approval of Changes to its Academic Departments and Colleges

Upon motion by Mr. Morrow, 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 & Mechanical College does hereby approve LSU Alexandria's proposed changes to its Academic Departments and Colleges.

7.B.3 Request from LSU Health Sciences Center – Shreveport to Establish the Dr. Richard J. Courtney Endowed Professorship in Virology

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the request from LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport to establish the Dr. Richard J. Courtney Endowed Professorship in Virology, subject to approval by the Louisiana Board of Regents:

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and/or the President, as may be appropriate, are hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents required to obtain the matching gift and otherwise complete the establishment of the Dr. Richard J. Courtney Endowed Professorship in Virology.

7.B.4 Request from LSU A&M to Establish a Bachelor of Arts in Honors Interdisciplinary Leadership

Upon motion by Mr. Mallett, seconded by Mr. Morrow, the item was unanimously approved.

**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 Honors Interdisciplinary Leadership.

7.B.5 Request from LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans for Approval of Mission Statement

Upon motion by Ms. Moran, 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 request from LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans to adopt the newly submitted mission statement in preparation for their upcoming reaffirmation of the accreditation by SACSCOC.

7.B.6 Consent Agenda

There were two items on the consent agenda.

Upon motion by Mr. Starns, seconded by Mr. Morrow, the following items were unanimously approved.

Request from LSU in Shreveport for Continued Authorization of the Institute for Nonprofit Administration and Research

**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 for the continued authorization of the Institute for Nonprofit Administration and Research.

Request from LSU of Alexandria for Approval to Change the Name of its Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning to the Mary Boone Treuting Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve LSU of Alexandria's request that its Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning be renamed the Mary Boone Treuting Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning.

#### **7.C. Finance Committee**

Present for the Finance Committee were Mr. Mallett, Mr. Ballard, Mr. Morris, Mr. Morrow, and Mr. Temple.

##### **7.C.1 Request to Prohibit All LSU Institutions from Withholding Student Transcripts Due to Outstanding Debt**

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that all m Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, in accordance with Act 334 of the 2020 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature and the U.S. Department of Education regulations, will be prohibited from withholding student transcripts due to an outstanding debt. Each institution shall employ alternative measures to collect outstanding student debt. Each institution shall designate an individual(s) with authority to exercise professional judgment in collecting outstanding debt.

7.C.2 Request from LSU Health Sciences Center - Shreveport to Approve the FY2025 Expenditure of Carroll W. Feist Legacy Funds for the Feist Weiller Cancer Center and to Make Determinations of Acceptable University Purposes 3. Preliminary Budget Presentation

Upon motion by Mr. Temple, seconded by Mr. Ballard, the item was unanimously approved.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby (a) approve the budget request of \$3,614,422 from the Feist Legacy Account for the benefit of the Feist Weiller Cancer Center programs at the LSU Health Sciences Center – Shreveport and (b) that the Board determines that the use of those funds constitute and appropriate and acceptable university purpose.

7.C.3 Preliminary Budget Presentation

**7.D. Property & Facilities Committee**

Present for the Property & Facilities Committee were Mr. Armentor, Ms. Moran, Ms. Otken, and Mr. Temple.

7.D.1 Request from LSU A&M to Approve Lease with Delta Tau Delta

Upon motion by Ms. Moran, seconded by Mr. Temple, the item was unanimously approved.

**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 designee to execute a Ground Lease with Delta Tau Delta or its affiliated housing corporation, with such Ground Lease to contain such terms and conditions as the President, in consultation with the General Counsel, deems to be in the best interests of LSU.

7.D.2 Request from LSU A&M to Consent to Assignment of Lease of Kappa Alpha Theta House to the National Housing Corporation

Upon motion by Mr. Temple, seconded by Ms. Moran, the item was unanimously approved.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College (the "Board"), does hereby authorize the President of LSU, or designee, acting on behalf and in

the name of the Board, and in consultation with general counsel, to execute and deliver a Consent to Assignment and Assumption of Lease from Delta Kappa House Corporation of Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity to Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity Housing Corporation required by the terms of its Agreement and Act of Lease with LSU dated February 2 , 1965 and to provide any other approvals or authorizations necessary for this transaction.

7.D.3 Request from LSU Agricultural Center to Approve a Lease of Property to the Caddo/Bossier Port Commission

Upon motion by Ms. Moran, seconded by Mr. Temple, 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 authorize the President of LSU, to execute a lease agreement with the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission for a portion of the Pecan Research Station, with the lease agreement to contain such terms and conditions as the President, in consultation with General Counsel, deems in the best interest of the Board of Supervisors.

7.D.4 Request from LSU Agricultural Center to Approve the Schematic Design for the Burden Welcome Center

Upon motion by Ms. Otken, seconded by Ms. Moran, 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 Schematic Design for the Burden Welcome Center.

7.D.5 Request from LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans to Authorize a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City of New Orleans for Street Improvements Related to the Campus Stormwater Infrastructure Capital Outlay Project

Upon motion by Mr. Temple, seconded by Ms. Otken, the item was unanimously approved.

**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 designee to execute the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for the Gravier St. improvements as well as subsequent agreements for

street improvements related to the approved Campus Stormwater Infrastructure Capital Outlay project with the City of New Orleans with such agreement to contain such terms and conditions as the President, in consultation with the General Counsel, deems to be in the best interests of LSU.

7.D.6 Request from LSU to Approve a Lease Agreement with the LSU Foundation for University House

Upon motion by Mr. Temple, seconded by Ms. Moran, 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 authorize the President of LSU, or designee, to execute a lease agreement with University House L3C in which the property at 188 S. Lakeshore Drive will be leased to the University, with the lease to contain such terms and conditions as the President, in consultation with the General Counsel, deems to be in the best interests of LSU.

**BE FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board finds an acceptable university purpose for University House L3C, a subsidiary of the LSU Foundation, to enter into such a lease.

7.E. **Athletics Committee**

Present for the Athletics Committee were Mr. Armentor, Mr. Ballard, Ms. Jones, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Temple.

7.E.1 Request to Approve New Employment Agreement for Men's Basketball Assistant Coaches

Upon motion by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Mr. Temple, the item was unanimously approved.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College approves the Employment Agreement for Jalen Courtney-Williams and the Employment Agreement for David Patrick as described in this item and authorizes President William F. Tate IV to execute both agreements in consultation with the Office of General Counsel.

7.E.2 Request to Approve New Employment Agreement for Men's Golf Head Coach



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

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

7.E.3 Request to Approve New Employment Agreement for Women's Gymnastics Head Coach

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

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

7.E.4 Request to Approve New Employment Agreement for Women's Softball Head Coach

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

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

7.E.5 Request to Approve New Employment Agreement for Men's and Women's Track & Field Head Coach

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College approves the Employment Agreement for Dennis Shaver as described in this item and

authorizes President William F. Tate IV to execute the Employment Agreement in consultation with the Office of General Counsel.

7.E.6 Request to Approve the Inclusion of Vehicle Allowances as Compensation for Select Employees

Upon motion by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Mr. Temple, the item was unanimously approved.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the provision of vehicle allowances to select Athletics Department employees at the Associate Athletics Director level and above, as described in this item.

7.F. **Risk Management Committee** (Friday, June 28, 2024 | 8:00 a.m. CT | UAB – Room 104)

Present for the Risk Management Committee were Mr. Starns, Mr. Armentor, Mr. Ballard, Ms. Boniol, Mr. Carmouche, Ms. Jones, Mr. Mallett, Ms. Moran, Mr. Morris, Mr. Morrow, Ms. Otken, and Mr. Temple.

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

7.F.1 FY 2025 Audit Plan

Upon motion by Ms. Moran, seconded by Mr. Morrow, the item was unanimously approved.

The committee had a discussion on the Shreveport and All Campus Mental Health Audit.

7.F.2 Chief Auditor Performance Evaluation

The Supervisors completed their written evaluation of the chief auditor.

7.F.3 LSU Health Sciences Center – Shreveport Audit Update

Upon motion by Mr. Mallett, seconded by Mr. Ballard, the item was unanimously approved.

7.F.4 LSU Health Foundation New Orleans Update

The Risk Management Committee excused LSU Health Foundation New Orleans from providing an update.

7.F.5 Compliance Program Update

An update was provided on a plan to create a Centralized Compliance Function.

7.F.6 Adjournment

Upon motion by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Armentor, the Risk Management Committee was adjourned.

VIII. Reconvene Board Meeting

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

Present

Mr. Jimmie Woods, Chair  
Mr. Patrick Morrow, Vice-chair  
Ms. Valencia Sarpy Jones, Past-chair  
Mr. Glenn Armentor  
Mr. John "Scott" Ballard  
Ms. Rebecca Boniol  
Mr. John Carmouche  
Ms. Esperanza Moran  
Mr. Randy Morris  
Ms. Emily Otken  
Mr. Rémy Starns  
Mr. Collis Temple Jr.

Absent

Ms. Laurie Lipsey Aronson  
Mr. Lee Mallett  
Mr. James Williams  
Mr. Richard Zuschlag

IX. Approval of Meeting Minutes

8.A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the April 25, 2024 Board Professional Development

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

8.B. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the April 26, 2024 Board Meeting

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

X. Policy Updates Related to Executive Order JML 24-84 Regarding Flying of Flags

Upon motion by Mr. Ballard, seconded by Mr. Morrow, the Policy Updates were unanimously approved.

XI. Consideration of Contract Extension for President

Upon motion by Mr. Ballard, seconded by Mr. Armentor, the Supervisors agreed to go into an executive session for the President's contract consideration. A roll call vote was conducted.

The following Supervisors voted Yay: Mr. Woods, Mr. Morrow, Ms. Jones, Mr. Armentor, Mr. Ballard, Ms. Boniol, Mr. Carmouche, Mr. Mallett, Ms. Moran, Mr. Morriss, Ms. Otken, Mr. Starns, and Mr. Temple.

There were no nays.

Upon motion by Mr. Ballard, seconded by Mr. Morrow, the Board returned to open session. A roll call vote was conducted.

The following Supervisors voted Yay: Mr. Woods, Mr. Morrow, Ms. Jones, Mr. Armentor, Mr. Ballard, Ms. Boniol, Mr. Carmouche, Mr. Mallett, Ms. Moran, Mr. Morris, Ms. Otken, Mr. Starns, and Mr. Temple.

There were no nays.

Upon motion by Mr. Mallett, seconded by Mr. Morrow, the Board Supervisors authorized the chairman to execute a 3-year extension of the President's contract with a base salary of \$750,000 and appropriate and reasonable performance incentives in consultation with the Board's Vice-Chair and Chair of the Finance Committee. The Board took a roll call vote for this motion.

The following Supervisors voted Yay: Mr. Woods, Mr. Morrow, Ms. Jones, Mr. Armentor, Mr. Ballard, Ms. Boniol, Mr. Carmouche, Mr. Mallett, Ms. Moran, Mr. Morris, Ms. Otken, Mr. Starns, and Mr. Temple.

No present Board members voted Nay for the motion.

Mr. Carmouche, noted for the record, comments regarding his points on incentives and possible penalties in future contracts.

XII. Reports to the Board

Upon motion by Mr. Mallett, seconded by Mr. Ballard, the Reports to the Board were unanimously received.

XIII. Reports from Faculty Advisors and Staff Advisors

Mr. Joshua Duplechain, LSU A&M Staff Senate President, provided an informative report on behalf of the Staff Advisors.

XIV. Approval of Committee Recommendations

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

XV. Chair's Report

Mr. Woods provided an informational report.

XVI. Adjournment

Upon motion by Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. Armentor, the meeting was adjourned.