

MINUTES
LSU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
Board Room, University Administration Building
3810 W Lakeshore Dr, Baton Rouge, LA 70808
Friday, February 21, 2025 | 9:00 a.m. CT

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Scott Ballard, Chair, called to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College on February 21, 2025.

Present

Mr. Scott Ballard, Chair
Mr. Lee Mallett, Vice Chair
Mr. Roderick Rico Alvendia
Ms. Laurie Lipsey Aronson
Ms. Rebecca Boniol
Mr. John Carmouche
Ms. Valencia Jones
Ms. Esperanza Moran
Mr. Randy Morris
Mr. Patrick C. Morrow
Ms. Emily Otken
Mr. Rémy Starns
Mr. Collis Temple Jr.
Mr. James Williams
Mr. Blaise Zuschlag

Absent

Mr. Glenn Armentor
Ms. Esperanza Moran

Also participating in the meeting were the following: Dr. William F Tate IV, President of LSU; Mr. Trey Jones, Deputy 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 Pershing Rifle presented the Colors.

The invocation was offered by Sydney Ballard, a sophomore majoring in Marketing and Professional Sales.

III. Oath of Office for Chair Mr. Scott Ballard

Mr. Scott Ballard was sworn in by Mr. Cameron Henry, President of the Louisiana State Senate, as the Chairman for the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College.

IV. Oath of Office for Mr. Roderick "Rico" Alvendia

Mr. Roderick "Rico" Alvendia was sworn in by Mr. Cameron Henry, President of the Louisiana State Senate, as a supervisor representing the second congressional district.

V. Nomination and Election of Vice Chair

Upon motion by Mr. Temple, seconded by Mr. Williams, Mr. Mallett was nominated for Vice Chair. Without objection, the motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Starns to close nominations for Vice Chair. Motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. Without objection, the nominations were closed.

Mr. Mallett was elected as Vice Chair.

VI. Public Comment

Officials of LCMC Health gave an informational presentation.

Ryan Spalt, commenting on Academic Committee – Agenda Item 10, PM 79 – Free Speech & Expression

Zane Sutor-Benfield, commenting on Academic Committee – Agenda Item 10, PM 79 – Free Speech & Expression

Gabriela Juárez, commenting on Academic Committee – Agenda Item 10, PM 79 – Free Speech & Expression

VII. Committee Meetings

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

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

7.A.1 Undergraduate Student Research: Computer Vision Deep Learning Algorithm for Traffic Light Detection on Automated Vehicles

A presentation was given on Computer Vision Deep Learning Algorithm for Traffic Light Detection on Automated Vehicles.

No action needed on this item.

7.A.2 Graduate Student Research: Glycoconjugate Vaccine Development as a Sustainable Solution against Acinetobacter Baumannii

A presentation was given on Glycoconjugate Vaccine Development as a Sustainable Solution against Acinetobacter Baumannii.

No action needed on this item.

7.B. Academic Committee

Present for the Academic Committee were Ms. Boniol, Mr. Alvendia, Ms. Jones, Mr. Mallett, Mr. Morrow, Ms. Otken, Mr. Starns, and Mr. Williams.

7.B.1 Request from LSU A&M to Award a Posthumous Degree to Ms. Ashley Reed Maryland

Upon motion by Mr. Starns, 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 & Mechanical College does hereby approve the request from LSU A&M to Award a Posthumous Degree to Ms. Ashley Reed Maryland.

7.B.2 Request from LSU A&M to Award a Posthumous Degree to Mr. Garrett Logan Maxwell

Upon motion by Ms. Jones, 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 & Mechanical College does hereby approve the request from LSU A&M to Award a Posthumous Degree to Mr. Garrett Logan Maxwell.

7.B.3 Request from LSU Eunice to Award a Posthumous Degree to Ms. Amanda Nicole Fontenot

Upon motion by Ms. Jones, 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 Eunice to Award a Posthumous Degree to Ms. Amanda Nicole Fontenot.

7.B.4 Request from LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans to Establish an Off-Campus Instructional Site

Upon motion by Ms. Otken, 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 Health Sciences Center – New Orleans to Establish an Off-Campus Instructional Site.

7.B.5 Request from LSU A&M to Establish a Bachelor of Science in Applied Data Science

Upon motion by Mr. Morrow, 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 & Mechanical College does hereby approve the request from LSU A&M to Establish a Bachelor of Science in Applied Data Science.

7.B.6 Request from LSU Alexandria to Establish a Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity Technology

Upon motion by Ms. Otken, 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 Alexandria to Establish a Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity Technology.

7.B.7 Request from LSU Alexandria to Establish a Bachelor of Science in Disaster Preparedness and Response

Upon motion by Ms. Otken, 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 the request from LSU Alexandria to Establish a Bachelor of Science in Disaster Preparedness and Response.

7.B.8 Request from LSU Health Sciences Center - New Orleans to Establish Five Certificate Programs

Upon motion by Mr. Alvendia, seconded by Mr. Williams, 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 Health Sciences Center - New Orleans to Establish Five Certificate Programs.

7.B.9 Request from LSU Agricultural Center to Establish the Aquatic Germplasm and Genetic Resources Research Center of Excellence

Upon motion by Ms. Otken, 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 & Mechanical College does hereby approve the request from LSU Agricultural Center to Establish the Aquatic Germplasm and Genetic Resources Research Center of Excellence.

7.B.10 Request for Adoption of Revised Permanent Memorandum 79 Regarding Free Speech and Expression

Upon motion by Mr. Starns, 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 & Mechanical College does hereby approve the request for Adoption of Revised Permanent Memorandum 79 Regarding Free Speech and Expression.

7.B.11 Request from LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans to Review and Reaffirm the LSU Health New Orleans Mission Statement

Upon motion by Ms. Otken, 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 & Mechanical College does hereby approve the Request from LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans to Review and Reaffirm the LSU Health New Orleans Mission Statement.

7.B.12 Consent Agenda

There were thirteen items on the consent agenda.

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

Request from LSU Health Sciences Center – Shreveport to Establish the Kenneth Abreo, MD & Fleurette Abreo, MD Endowed Professorship in Nephrology

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 to Establish the Kenneth Abreo, MD & Fleurette Abreo, MD Endowed Professorship in Nephrology

Request from LSU Health Sciences Center – Shreveport to Establish the Maria Luisa Ampil Memorial Endowed Scholarship for Medical Students

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 to Establish the Maria Luisa Ampil Memorial Endowed Scholarship for Medical Students.

Request from LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans to Establish the Drs. Linda Cao and Phuong Nguyen Opportunity 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 Health Sciences Center – New Orleans to Establish the Drs. Linda Cao and Phuong Nguyen Opportunity Scholarship.

Request from LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans to Establish Four 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 Health Sciences Center – New Orleans to Establish Four Endowed Professorships.

Request from LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans to Establish Three Endowed Chairs

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 Establish Three Endowed Chairs.

Request from LSU A&M to Establish the Patsy H. Perritt Chair in Youth Services

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 Patsy H. Perritt Chair in Youth Services.

Request from LSU A&M to Establish Three Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships

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 Three Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships.

Request from LSU A&M to Convert the Gordon A. & Mary Cain Chair #3 in Chemical Engineering to 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 to Convert the Gordon A. & Mary Cain Chair #3 in Chemical Engineering to Professorships.

Request from Pennington Biomedical Research Center to Revert the LPFA Endowed Postdoctoral Fellowship to an Endowed Chair

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the request from Pennington Biomedical Research Center to Revert the LPFA Endowed Postdoctoral Fellowship to an Endowed Chair.

Request from LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans to Offer the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program 100% Online

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 Offer the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program 100% Online.

Request from LSU A&M to Name LSU Athletics Facilities

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 Name LSU Athletics Facilities.

Request from LSU A&M for Continued Authorization of the Leadership Development 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 Leadership Development Institute.

Request from LSU A&M for Continued Authorization of the Center for Internal Auditing & Cybersecurity Risk Management

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 Center for Internal Auditing & Cybersecurity Risk Management.

7.C. Property and Facilities Committee

Present for the Property and Facilities Committee were Ms. Aronson, Mr. Morrow, Mr. Alvendia, Ms. Boniol, Mr. Mallett, Mr. Morris, Ms. Otken, and Mr. Zuschlag.

7.C.1 Request from LSU A&M to Approve the Schematic Design for the LSU Library

Upon motion by Mr. Alvendia, seconded by Mr. Zuschlag, the following 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 Approve the Schematic Design for the LSU Library.

7.C.2 Request from LSU A&M to Approve Schematic Designs for the New Delta Tau Delta House

Upon motion by Mr. Zuschlag, seconded by Ms. Otken, the following 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 Approve Schematic Designs for the New Delta Tau Delta House.

7.C.3 Request from LSU A&M to Authorize the President to Execute a Lease for Construction with Tiger Athletic Foundation for LSU Gymnastics Practice Facility, 2nd Floor Expansion

Upon motion by Mr. Zuschlag, seconded by Mr. Morrow, the following 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 Authorize the President to Execute a Lease for Construction with Tiger Athletic Foundation for LSU Gymnastics Practice Facility, 2nd Floor Expansion.

7.C.4 Request from LSU A&M to Approve a Sublease of the Pi Kappa Phi House to Phi Kappa Theta

Upon motion by Mr. Zuschlag, seconded by Ms. Otken, the following 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 Approve a Sublease of the Pi Kappa Phi House to Phi Kappa Theta.

7.C.5 Request from LSU A&M to Authorize an Intent to Lease Agreement with the LSU Real Estate and Facilities Foundation for Student Housing

Upon motion by Mr. Zuschlag, seconded by Mr. Morris, the following 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 Authorize an Intent to Lease Agreement with the LSU Real Estate and Facilities Foundation for Student Housing.

7.C.6 Request from LSU Agricultural Center to Approve a Lease for Construction of the Burden Welcome Center

Upon motion by Mr. Zuschlag, seconded by Mr. Morrow, the following 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 Agricultural Center to Approve a Lease for Construction of the Burden Welcome Center.

7.C.7 Request from LSU Alexandria to Enter into a Ground Lease Agreement to Construct and Manage Multi-family Housing on the LSU Alexandria Golf Course Site

Upon motion by Mr. Zuschlag, seconded by Ms. Otken, the following 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 Alexandria to Enter into a Ground Lease Agreement to Construct and Manage Multi-family Housing on the LSU Alexandria Golf Course Site.

7.C.8 Request from LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans to Approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement to Purchase Property from the LSU Health Foundation

Upon motion by Mr. Zuschlag, seconded by Ms. Otken, the following 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 Health Sciences Center – New Orleans to Approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement to Purchase Property from the LSU Health Foundation.

7.D. Athletics Committee

Present for the Athletics Committee were Mr. Carmouche, Ms. Aronson, Ms. Boniol, Mr. Morris, Mr. Starns, Mr. Zuschlag.

7.D.1 Request from LSU Athletics to Approve New Employment Agreement for Assistant Football Coach

Upon motion by Mr. Starns, seconded by Mr. Zuschlag, 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 request from LSU Athletics to Approve New Employment Agreement for Assistant Football Coach.

7.D.2 Request from LSU A&M to Approve Second Amendment to MultiMedia Rights Agreement with Playfly Sports Properties

Upon motion by Mr. Starns, seconded by Mr. Zuschlag, 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 request from LSU A&M to Approve Second Amendment to MultiMedia Rights Agreement with Playfly Sports Properties.

7.D.3 Request from LSU A&M to Approve Assignment Agreement to Allow Tiger Athletic Foundation to Negotiate Future Apparel Sponsorship Agreement to Benefit LSU Athletics

Upon motion by Mr. Zuschlag, seconded by Ms. Aronson, 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 request from LSU A&M to Approve Assignment Agreement to Allow Tiger Athletic Foundation to Negotiate Future Apparel Sponsorship Agreement to Benefit LSU Athletics.

7.E. Risk Management Committee (Friday, February 21, 2025 | 8:00 a.m. CT | Board Conference Room)

Present for the Risk Management Committee were Mr. Starns, Mr. Alvendia, Ms. Aronson, Mr. Ballard, Mr. Morrow, Ms. Boniol, Ms. Jones, Mr. Mallett, Mr. Morris, Mr. Temple, and Mr. Zuschlag.

Mr. Ballard, chair of the board, appointed himself to the Risk Management Committee.

Also present were Mr. Chad Brackin, Chief Internal Auditor, Trey Jones, Deputy General Counsel, Dr. David Guzik, Chancellor Dean of LSU Health Shreveport, and Ramey Benfield, Chief Financial Officer LSU Health Shreveport.

Dr. David Guzik provided updates on LSU Health Shreveport's campus.

7.E.1. Update FY 2025 2nd Quarter Audit Summary

Mr. Chad Brackin, Chief Internal Auditor, provided an update on the quarterly budget report.

Mr. Ramey Benfield, Chief Financial Officer LSU Health Shreveport, gave updates on matters regarding items for Shreveport in the quarterly audit report.

7.E.2. Provost Update

Provost Roy Haggerty provided an informational update.

No action needed for this item.

7.E.3. Adjournment

Upon motion by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Ms. Otken, the Risk Management Committee meeting was adjourned.

VIII. Reconvene Board Meeting

Upon motion by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Zuschlag, the regular meeting was called back to order and roll call conducted.

Present

Mr. Scott Ballard, Chair
Mr. Lee Mallett, Vice Chair
Mr. Patrick C. Morrow
Mr. Roderick Rico Alvendia
Ms. Laurie Lipsey Aronson
Ms. Rebecca Boniol
Mr. John Carmouche
Mr. Randy Morris
Ms. Emily Otken

Mr. Rémy Starns
Mr. Blaise Zuschlag

Absent

Mr. Glenn Armentor
Ms. Valencia Jones – she closed the meeting – please list her as present.
Ms. Esperanza Moran
Mr. Collis Temple Jr.
Mr. James Williams

IX. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the December 4, 2024 Executive Committee Meeting
- B. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the December 4, 2024 Board Professional Development
- C. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the December 5, 2024 Board Meeting

Upon motion by Mr. Zuschlag, seconded by Ms. Otken, the minutes were unanimously approved.

X. Reports to the Board

Upon motion by Mr. Zuschlag, seconded by Mr. Morrow, the Reports to the Board were unanimously received.

XI. Reports from Faculty Advisors and Staff Advisors

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

Ms. Olivia Phelps, LSU A&M Staff Senate President, provided an informative report on behalf of the Staff Advisors.

XII. Approval of Committee Recommendations

Upon motion by Mr. Mallett, seconded by Ms. Aronson, all committee recommendations were unanimously approved.

XIII. President's Report

The president provided an informative report.

XIV. Chair's Report

Mr. Ballard provided an informational report.

XV. Oath Office for Vice Chair Lee Mallett

Mr. Lee Mallett was sworn in by Mr. Rémy Starns, Member of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, as the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College Vice Chair.

XVI. Adjournment

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