

MINUTES
LSU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
Board Room, University Administration Building
3810 West Lakeshore Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808
Friday, June 27, 2025 | 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 June 27, 2025.

Present

Mr. Scott Ballard, Chair
Mr. Lee Mallett, Vice-Chair
Mr. Rico Alvendia
Ms. Rebecca Boniol
Mr. John Carmouche
Mr. Lavar Henderson
Ms. Valencia Sarpy Jones
Ms. Esperanza Moran
Mr. Randy Morris
Mr. Rémy Starns
Mr. Collis Temple Jr.
Mr. James Williams
Mr. Blaise Zuschlag

Absent

Mr. Glenn Armentor
Ms. Laurie Lipsey Aronson
Mr. Patrick C. Morrow

Also participating in the meeting were the following: Dr. Matt Lee, Interim 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 Marine Forces Reserve Color Guard presented the colors.

The invocation was offered by Abry Layrisson, LSU A&M Student Government Vice-President and Mass Communication Senior from Ponchatoula, Louisiana, and the pledge given by Iyanna Robinson, LSU A&M Student Government Chief of Staff and Microbiology Senior from Atlanta, Georgia.

III. Oath of Office for Mr. Lavar R. Henderson

Mr. Lavar R. Henderson was sworn in by Mr. John Carmouche as the new student representative.

After the oath of office, Chairman Ballard recognized Representative Dixon McMakin, who made brief comments to the Board.

IV. Public Comment

There were not any individuals registered for public comment.

V. Committee Meetings

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

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

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

5.A.1 College of Engineering Capstone Project: Car Seat Alert System

Dean Vicki Colvin, Dean of the College of Engineering, delivered an informative presentation on the College of Engineering.

Victoria Irondi and Trevor Perrault, LSU College of Engineering graduates, delivered an informative presentation on their capstone project, the Car Seat Alert System.

No action needed on this item.

5.B. **Academic Committee**

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

5.B.1 Request LSU A&M to Award an Honorary Doctorate

Upon motion by Mr. Temple, 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 & Mechanical College does hereby approve the request from LSU A&M to Award an Honorary Doctor of Engineering to Lori Garrison.

5.B.2 Request to Approve the Academic Plans for all LSU Institutions

Upon motion by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Ms. Jones, 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 academic plans for all LSU institutions.

5.B.3 Request to Amend Article II, Section 6. of the Regulations of the Board from Louisiana State University

Upon motion by Mr. Temple, seconded by Ms. Jones, 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 amendment to Article II. Section 6. of the Regulations, as indicated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board endorses a revision to Permanent Memorandum 23 reflective of these changes and supports each LSU institution to implement policies compliant with these Regulations and with respect to unique institutional missions.

5.B.4 Request from LSU A&M to Establish the LSU Institute for Health and Performance of Champions

Upon motion by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Ms. Jones, 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 for initial designation of the LSU Institute for the Health and Performance of Champions.

5.B.5 Request from LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans to Establish the Traumatic Injury and Burn Research and Innovation Center of Research Excellence

Upon motion by Mr. Temple, seconded by Ms. Jones, 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 the LSU Health Sciences Center - New Orleans for the initial designation of the Traumatic Injury and Burn Research and Innovation Center of Research Excellence.

5.B.6 Consent Agenda

There were three items on the consent agenda.

Upon motion by Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. Temple, the following items were unanimously approved.

a. Request from LSU A&M for Continued Authorization of the Center for Rotating Machinery

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 authorization of the Center for Rotating Machinery.

b. Request from LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans for Continued Authorization of the Neuroscience Center of Research Excellence

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 3 Health Sciences Center - New Orleans for the continued authorization of the Neuroscience Center of Research Excellence.

c. Request from LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans for Continued Authorization of the Stanley S. Scott Center of Excellence in Cancer 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 the LSU Health Sciences Center - New Orleans for the continued authorization of the Stanley S. Scott Center of Excellence in Cancer Research.

Vice-Chair, Mr. Lee Mallett, requested that the Board Meeting be recessed. The Board Meeting resumed at approximately 1:25 p.m. CT.

5.C. Finance Committee

Present for the Finance Committee were Mr. Mallett, Mr. Zuschlag, Mr. Alvendia, Ms. Boniol, Mr. Carmouche, and Mr. Henderson.

Chairman Ballard briefly appointed himself to the Committee until Mr. Henderson returned to the Board Room.

5.C.1 FY 26 Preliminary Budget Presentation

Mr. Tommy Smith, Interim Chief Financial Officer, delivered the Preliminary Budget Presentation. No action needed on this item.

5.D. Property & Facilities Committee

Present for the Property & Facilities Committee were Mr. Alvendia, Ms. Boniol, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Mallett, and Mr. Zuschlag.

5.D.1 Approval of the FY 2026-2027 Five-Year Capital Outlay Budget Request and First Year Prioritized List for Louisiana State University

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College that the following list of projects to be submitted to the Board of Regents and the Division of Administration in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 39:101 et seq. and first year prioritized project list is approved and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of Louisiana State University, or his or her designee, be and he is hereby authorized to make adjustments as necessary in this request as circumstances dictate, including technical corrections, increasing or decreasing the amount requested for individual projects by not more than twenty percent (20%) of the amount approved in this resolution, combining or renaming projects and/or changing sources of funds and to add self-generated projects with individual project costs of less than \$1 million without further approval by the Board, provided, however, that such project additions be reported to the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that transactions included or referred to in the capital outlay request that otherwise require Board approval are not approved by inclusion in the capital outlay request per Article VII, Section 2, A of the Bylaws.

5.D.2 Request from LSU A&M to Authorize the Sale of Land on West Side of Nicholson Drive to LA DOTD for the Widening of Nicholson Drive

Upon motion by Mr. Zuschlag, 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 hereby authorizes the President of LSU or designee to execute: (1) an Act of Sale transferring to the Department of Transportation and Development of the State of Louisiana approximately 2.9 acres of land (126,317 sf), more or less, located along the railroad on Nicholson Dr. from Bayou Fountain to Bob Petit Blvd., (2) any other deeds, agreements, consents, approvals, or other documents needed to effectuate this transaction, with all deeds, agreements, consents, approvals, and other documents to contain such terms and conditions as the President, in consultation with the General Counsel, deems to be in the best interests of LSU.

5.D.3 Request from LSU A&M to Authorize the South Quad Project – Phase 4 P3 Housing Program

Upon motion by Mr. Henderson, 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 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 Ground Lease with any affiliate or subsidiary of the LSU Real Estate & Facilities Foundation ("REFF SPE"), to provide for the development of the South Quad Project – Phase 4 ("SQ-4"), with all such agreements and documents, as well as any subsequent amendments thereto, to contain the terms and conditions, including prices, that the President deems to be in the best interest of LSU;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College 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 a Facilities Lease and any related Facilities Operation and Maintenance Agreement with REFF SPE, to lease, maintain, and operate any and all student housing or related facilities owned by LSU or developed pursuant to the Ground Lease Agreement with REFF SPE, with all such agreements and documents as well as any subsequent amendments thereto, to contain the terms and conditions, including prices, that the President deems to be in the best interest of LSU;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby acknowledge that the schematic designs for the South Quad Project – Phase 4 are in general compliance with the Campus Design Guidelines and hereby delegates the approval of the detailed plans and specifications to the appropriate university employee designated by the President; 12 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby acknowledge that the SQ-4 facilities will constitute "Auxiliary Facilities" as defined in the General Bond Resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College on June 17, 1994, as supplemented and amended from time to time (the "General Bond Resolution"), and does hereby designate the SQ-4 facilities as Auxiliary Facilities and the revenues derived by LSU therefrom as "Auxiliary Revenues" as defined in the General Bond Resolution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the payment obligations of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College under the Facilities Lease shall be expressly subordinate to the payment of debt service on the Bonds (as defined in the General Bond Resolution heretofore or hereafter issued pursuant to the General Bond Resolution);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby find an acceptable university purpose, pursuant to the terms of the Uniform Affiliation Agreement between the Board and the LSU Real Estate and Facilities Foundation, for the LSU Real Estate and Facilities Foundation and any of its affiliates and subsidiaries to execute and deliver the Ground Lease Agreement with LSU, a Memorandum of Understanding or other agreement with RISE: A Real Estate Company to serve as Master Developer of SQ-4 and perform Advance Work for the project, and any and all other agreements reasonably connected with or required for the development of the South Quad Project - Phase 4 and related other housing developments, with the final terms and conditions of all such agreements subject to the approval of President of LSU or designee;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of LSU or designee is authorized, acting on behalf and in the name of the Board, and in consultation with general counsel, to execute one or more agreements with hotels or apartment complexes to provide for the temporary housing of LSU students prior to the opening of SQ-4; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at least 5 business days prior to final agreement execution, the President of LSU will notify the Board of the final terms of all agreements authorized by this Resolution.

5.E. Athletics Committee

Present for the Athletics Committee were Mr. Carmouche, Mr. Williams, Ms. Boniol, Mr. Starns, and Mr. Zuschlag.

5.E.1 Request from LSU Athletics to Approve New Employment Agreement for Assistant Men's Basketball Coach

Upon motion by Mr. Zuschlag, seconded by Mr. Starns, 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 Yasir Rosemond as described in this item and authorizes the President to execute the agreement in consultation with the Office of General Counsel.

5.E.2 Request from LSU Athletics to Approve New Employment Agreement for General Manager for Men's Basketball

Upon motion by Mr. Zuschlag, seconded by Mr. Starns, 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 Ronald Dupree as described in this item and authorizes the President to execute the Employment Agreement in consultation with the Office of General Counsel.

5.E.3 Request from LSU Shreveport to Approve New Employment Agreement for Women's Soccer Head Coach

Upon motion by Mr. Zuschlag, seconded by Mr. Williams, 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 Andrew Taplan

as described in this item and authorizes the Chancellor of LSUS to execute the Employment Agreement in consultation with the Office of General Counsel.

5.E.4 Request from LSU Shreveport to Approve New Employment Agreement for Baseball Head Coach
Upon motion by Mr. Zuschlag, seconded by Mr. Williams, 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 Bradley Neffendorf as described in this item and authorizes the Chancellor of LSUS to execute the Employment Agreement in consultation with the Office of General Counsel.

5.F. Risk Management Committee (Friday, June 25, 2025 | 8:00 a.m. CT | UAB – Room 104)

Present for the Risk Management Committee were Mr. Starns, Mr. Alvendia, Ms. Boniol, Mr. Carmouche, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Mallett, Ms. Moran, Mr. Morris, Mr. Temple, and Mr. Zuschlag.

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

5.F.1 Fiscal Year 2026 Audit Plan

Upon motion by Ms. Moran, seconded by Mr. Alvendia, the summary was received.

Upon motion by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Henderson, the Board entered into executive session to discuss the last two items.

5.F.2 *Professor Ken M. Levy v. Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University Agricultural and Mechanical College, Docket No. 758-368, 19th Judicial District Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge (This matter will be discussed in executive session pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17(A)(2)*

5.F.3 *Council of the City of New Orleans v. Edward Wisner Donation, et. al., Docket No. 2022-6765, Civil District Court, Parish of Orleans*

Upon motion by Mr. Mallet, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board adjourned the executive session.

Upon motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Ms. Moran the committee meeting was reconvened.

5.F.4 Adjournment

Upon motion by Mr. Carmouche, seconded by Ms. Moran, the committee was adjourned.

VI. Reconvene Board Meeting

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

Present

Mr. Scott Ballard, Chair
Mr. Lee Mallett, Vice-Chair
Mr. Rico Alvendia
Ms. Rebecca Boniol
Mr. John Carmouche
Mr. Lavar R. Henderson
Ms. Esperanza Moran

Mr. Rémy Starns
Mr. James Williams
Mr. Blaise Zuschlag

Absent

Mr. Glenn Armentor
Ms. Laurie Lipsey Aronson
Ms. Valencia Sarpy Jones
Mr. Randy Morris
Mr. Patrick C. Morrow
Mr. Collis Temple Jr.

VII. Approval of Committee Recommendations

Upon motion by Mr. Mallett, seconded by Mr. Starns, the committee recommendations were approved.

VIII. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the Board Professional Development Meeting on April 24, 2025, and April Board Meeting on April 25, 2025

Upon motion by Mr. Mallett, seconded by Mr. Alvendia, the minutes were unanimously approved.

IX. Personnel Actions Requiring Board Approval

Upon motion by Mr. Mallett, seconded by Mr. Alvendia, the personnel actions were unanimously approved.

X. Board of Regents Bi-Annual Report

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

XI. Reports to the Board

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

XII. Reports from Faculty and Staff Advisors

Dr. Tirone, Chair of the LSU Council of Faculty Advisors, provided an informative report on behalf of the Faculty Advisors.

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

XIII. President's Report

The president provided an informative report.

XIV. Chairman's Report

Chairman Ballard provided an informative report.

XV. Adjournment

Upon motion by Mr. Carmouche, seconded by Mr. Mallett, the meeting was adjourned.