

**MINUTES**  
**LSU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**  
*Board Room, University Administration Building*  
*3810 West Lakeshore Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808*  
*Friday, September 05, 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 September 05, 2025.

**Present**

Mr. John "Scott" Ballard, Chair  
Mr. Lee Mallett, Vice-Chair  
Mr. Roderick "Rico" Alvendia  
Ms. Laurie Lipsey Aronson  
Ms. Rebecca F. Boniol  
Mr. John H. Carmouche  
Mr. Lavar R. Henderson  
Ms. Valencia Sarpy Jones  
Ms. Esperanza E. Moran  
Mr. Raymond R. "Randy" Morris  
Mr. Patrick C. Morrow  
Mr. Rémy Voisin Starns  
Mr. James M. Williams  
Mr. Joseph Blaise Zuschlag

**Absent**

Mr. Glenn J. Armentor  
Mr. Collis B. Temple Jr.

Also participating in the meeting were the following: Dr. Matt Lee, Interim President of LSU; Mr. Trey Jones, Office of 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 the Pershing Rifles presented the Colors.

The invocation was offered by Catherine Mansfield, the LSU A&M Drum Major.

The pledge was given by Mike the Tiger and LSU A&M Cheerleading Seniors:

- Connor McCrossen from Destrehan, LA majoring in Civil Engineering,
- Kade Bouillion from Lake Charles, LA majoring in Finance,
- JT Canale from Metairie, LA majoring in Civil Engineering,
- Olivia Brown from Destrehan, LA majoring in Accounting,
- Cullen Neil from Kenner, LA majoring in Mechanical Engineering,
- Ella Simoneaux from Lake Charles, LA majoring in Human Development and Family Science,
- Chloe Townsend from Katy, TX majoring in Sports Management,

- Haley Lonegrass from Mandeville, LA majoring in Biology,
- Brooklyn Alston from Houma, LA majoring in Sports Administration, and
- Colin Womac from New Orleans, LA majoring in Accounting.

III. Public Comment

There were not any individuals registered for public comment.

IV. Request to Appoint Six Boyd Professors

Troy Blanchard, LSU A&M Interim Provost, presented the request for the appointment of Six Boyd Professors.

V. Board Development

5.A. **Power-Based Violence Prevention Annual Mandatory Training**

Mr. Osvaldo Gomez, Associate Vice President for Civil Rights & Title IX Coordinator, provided the board development annual mandatory training for power-based violence and prevention.

VI. Committee Meetings

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

6.A. **Academic Committee**

Present for the Academic Committee were Ms. Boniol, Mr. Alvendia (?), Mr. Henderson, Ms. Jones (?), Mr. Mallett (?), Mr. Morrow, Mr. Starns, and Mr. Williams.

6.A.1 Consent Agenda

There were nine items on the consent agenda.

Upon motion by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Ms. Jones (?), the following items were unanimously approved.

Request from LSU A&M to Name a School of Music Recital Hall

**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 a School of Music Recital Hall.

Request from LSU Shreveport to Name a Room in the College of Business

**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 a Room in the College of Business.

Request from LSU A&M to Rename the Leadership Development Institute

**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 Rename the Leadership Development Institute.

Request from LSU A&M for the Continued Authorization of the Reilly Center for Media and Public Affairs

**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 for the Continued Authorization of the Reilly Center for Media and Public Affairs.

Request from LSU A&M for the Continued Authorization of the Center for Economics, Business and Policy Research

**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 for the Continued Authorization of the Center for Economics, Business and Policy Research.

Request from LSU A&M for the Continued Authorization of the George and Jean Pugh Institute for Justice

**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 for the Continued Authorization of the George and Jean Pugh Institute for Justice.

Request from the LSU Agricultural Center and LSU A&M for Continued Authorization of the Center of Research Excellence for the Study of Invasive Species

**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 the LSU Agricultural Center and LSU A&M for Continued Authorization of the Center of Research Excellence for the Study of Invasive Species.

Request from LSU Health Sciences Center-Shreveport for Continued Authorization of the Feist Weiller Cancer Center of Research Excellence

**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-Shreveport for Continued Authorization of the Feist Weiller Cancer Center of Research Excellence.

Request from LSU A&M to Name the Offensive Line Meeting Room

**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 Offensive Line Meeting Room.

#### **6.B. Finance Committee**

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

6.B.1 Recommendation to Approve Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Operating Budget

Mr. Tommy Smith, Interim Chief Financial Officer, presented the 2025-2026 Operating Budget.

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

**6.C. Property & Facilities Committee**

Ms. Anzi Gilmore, Associate Vice President of Facility & Property Oversight, presented the items.

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

6.C.1 Request from LSU A&M to Approve an Act 959 Project for the Student Union Restroom Renovations.

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 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 and Act No. 395 of the 2023 Regular Legislative Session:

**Student Union Restroom Renovations** Estimated total project cost is \$1,700,000.

**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 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 for Louisiana State University, 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 as he may deem in the best interest of the Board of Supervisors to process and obtain administrative approvals for this project.

6.C.2 Request from LSU A&M to Approve (i) a Late Submission to the FY 2026-2027 Capital Outlay Budget Request and (ii) the Contracts for the related LSU PERTT Lab Research Well #3 Project.

Upon motion by Mr. Zuschlag, seconded by Mr. Morris, 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 FY 2026-2027 Five-Year Capital Outlay Budget Request and First Year Prioritized Categories for Louisiana State University be amended to include the project listed below:

## Louisiana State University

### Project Title:

Louisiana State University Research Well #3  
Total Project Cost: \$3,240,000 Federal Funds  
6,920,000 Self-Generated Funds  
\$10,160,000 Total

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby authorize the Interim President of LSU (or any permanent officer successor to the Interim President) or his/her designee, acting on behalf of and in the name of the Board of Supervisors, to execute and deliver the following contracts in connection with the LSU PERTT Lab Research Well #3 project (collectively, the "PERTT Lab Project Contracts"):

1. AIA Document C132-2019 – Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Construction Manager as Advisor between LSU and Lemoine Disaster Recovery LLC;
2. Consulting Services Agreement between LSU and ExxonMobil Low Carbon Solutions Onshore Storage LLC;
3. Services Donation Agreement between LSU and Halliburton Energy Services, Inc.; and
4. Drilling Bid Proposal and Daywork Drilling Contract – U.S. (between LSU and H&P),

together with all amendments thereto and all ancillary agreements, certificates and instruments required in connection therewith, such PERTT Lab Project Contracts to be in substantially the form presented to the Board of Supervisors with only such changes deemed by the Interim President of LSU (or any permanent officer successor to the Interim President), in consultation with General Counsel, to be in the best interest of the Board of Supervisors.

6.C.3 Request from LSU Eunice to Approve (i) a Third Amended and Restated Ground Lease Agreement and (ii) a First Amended and Restated Facilities Lease Agreement, each with Bengal Village LLC relating to the Bengal Village Student Housing Facility.

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College ("LSU") that LSU does hereby consent to (i) the incurrence of indebtedness by Bengal Village LLC (the "Company") from JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. (the "Lender") in a principal amount not exceeding \$5,350,000, bearing interest at a fixed rate not exceeding 5.20% per annum and having a balloon maturity of September 8, 2032, with payments based on amortization through February 8, 2044 (the "Chase Loan") for the purpose of refinancing outstanding indebtedness relating to the Bengal Village student housing facility (the "Facility") located on the campus of Louisiana State University at Eunice and (ii) the granting by the Company to the Lender of a mortgage and security interest in and to the Facility for the purpose of securing the Chase Loan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by LSU that the Interim President of LSU (or any permanent officer successor to the Interim President) or his/her designee, acting on behalf of or in the name of LSU, is hereby authorized to execute and deliver that certain Third Amended and Restated Ground Lease Agreement and that certain First Amended and Restated Facilities Lease Agreement, each between LSU and Bengal Village LLC, together with such certificates and instruments required in connection with the Chase Loan and such agreements as necessary or appropriate for the operation and maintenance of the Facility, such Lease Agreements to be in

substantially the form presented to LSU with only such changes deemed by the Interim President of LSU (or any permanent officer successor to the Interim President), in consultation with General Counsel, to be in the best interest of LSU.

6.C.4 Request from LSU to Deny Consent to Sale of the Virginia K. Shehee Biomedical Research Institute.

Upon motion by Mr. Morris, 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 and Mechanical College hereby denies its consent to the sale of the Virginia K. Shehee Biomedical Research Institute as proposed by the Biomedical Research Foundation of Northwest Louisiana.

**6.D. Athletics Committee**

Ms. Lori Williams, Deputy Athletic Director, presented the items.

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

6.D.1 Request from LSU Athletics to Increase Baseball Season Ticket Prices, Parking, and Tradition Fund.

Upon motion by Mr. Starns, 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 amendment to the LSU Athletic Ticket, Parking, and Tradition Fund Policy pertaining Schedule C for LSU Baseball season ticket pricing as presented herein.

6.D.2 Request from LSU Athletics to Increase Women's Basketball Ticket Prices, Parking and Tradition Fund.

Upon motion by Mr. Morris, 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 amendment to the LSU Athletic Ticket, Parking, and Tradition Fund Policy pertaining to Schedules B and D for LSU Women's Basketball season ticket and parking pricing as presented herein.

6.D.3 Request from LSU Athletics to Increase Gymnastics Ticket Prices and Tradition Fund.

Upon motion by Mr. Morris, 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 amendment to Schedule B of the LSU Athletic Ticket, Parking, and Tradition Fund Policy for LSU Gymnastics season ticket pricing as presented herein.

6.D.4 Request from LSU Athletics to Approve New Employment Agreement for Executive Deputy Athletics Director/Chief Operating Officer.

Upon motion by Mr. Morris, 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 approves the Employment Agreement for Julie Cromer as described in this item and authorizes the President to execute the Employment Agreement in consultation with the Office of General Counsel.

6.D.5 Request from LSU Athletics to Approve New Employment Agreement for Baseball Head Coach.

Upon motion by Mr. Starns, 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 approves the Employment Agreement for Jay Johnson as described in this item and authorizes the President to execute the agreement in consultation with the Office of General Counsel.

6.D.6 Request from LSU Athletics to Approve New Employment Agreements for Two Assistant Baseball Coaches.

Upon motion by Ms. Aronson, seconded by Mr. Morris, 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 Agreements for Josh Jordan and Josh Simpson as described in this item and authorizes the President to execute the agreements in consultation with the Office of General Counsel.

6.D.7 Request to Approve New Employment Agreement for Assistant Women's Basketball Coach.

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

6.E. Risk Management Committee (Friday, September 5, 2025 | 8:00 am C.T. | UAB – Room 104)

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

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

6.E.1 F4 2025 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Audit Summary

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

6.E.2 Discussion and consideration of prospective litigation concerning the formal written demand for mediation by Alena Allen.

Upon motion by Mr. Williams, all members of the Risk Management Committee agreed to go into executive session for the discussion of this item.

VII. Reconvene Board Meeting

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

Present

Mr. John "Scott" Ballard, Chair  
Mr. Lee Mallett, Vice-Chair  
Mr. Roderick "Rico" Alvendia  
Ms. Laurie Lipsey Aronson  
Ms. Rebecca F. Boniol  
Mr. John H. Carmouche  
Mr. Lavar R. Henderson  
Ms. Valencia Sarpy Jones  
Ms. Esperanza E. Moran  
Mr. Raymond R. "Randy" Morris  
Mr. Patrick C. Morrow  
Mr. Rémy Voisin Starns  
Mr. James M. Williams  
Mr. Joseph Blaise Zuschlag

Absent

Mr. Glenn J. Armentor  
Mr. Collis B. Temple Jr.

VIII. Approval of Committee Recommendations

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

IX. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the June 26, 2025 Board Professional Development
- B. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the June 26, 2025 Executive Committee Meeting
- C. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the June 27, 2025 Board Meeting

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

X. Reports to the Board

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

XI. Reports from Faculty Advisors and Staff Advisors

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

Ms. Quinneka McDonald, LSU A&M Staff Senate President, provided an informative report.

XII. President's Report

Dr. Matt Lee, Interim President of LSU, provided an informative report.

XIII. Chairman's Report

Mr. John "Scott" Ballard provided an informative report.

XIV. Adjournment

Upon motion by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Ms. Moran, the meeting was adjourned.