

MINUTES
LSU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
Board Room, University Administration Building
3810 West Lakeshore Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808
Tuesday, November 04, 2025 | 9:00 a.m. CT

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Scott Ballard, Chairman, called to order the Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College on November 04, 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
Mr. Raymond R. "Randy" Morris
Mr. Patrick C. Morrow
Mr. Rémy Voisin Starns
Mr. Collis B. Temple Jr.
Mr. James M. Williams
Mr. Joseph Blaise Zuschlag

Absent

Mr. Glenn J. Armentor
Ms. Esperanza E. Moran

Also participating in the meeting were the following: 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 LSU Chapter of the Pershing Rifles presented the Colors.

The invocation and pledge were given by Supervisor Lavar Henderson.

III. Public Comment

There were seven individuals registered for public comments.

The following individuals made comments related to Item IV on the Board Meeting Agenda, Review of Presidential Finalists and Selection: Calvin Feldt, Ethan Elmer, Ryan Spalt, Raine Halpin, Stella Smith, Weston Davis, and Ziad Eissa.

Chairman Ballard recognized Representative Dixon McMakin.

IV. Review of Presidential Finalists and Selection

The LSU Board of Supervisors reviewed the presidential finalists and each candidate appeared before the Board to provide a final statement of consideration. The following candidates presented their final statements for consideration: James Dalton, Ph.D., Robert C. Robbins, M.D., and Wade Rousse, Ph.D.

Upon motion by Mr. Starns, seconded by Mr. Williams, the Board entered the Executive Session for purposes of deliberation pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17(A)(1).

Upon motion by Mr. Starns, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board reconvened in Open Session.

Upon returning to Open Session, the Board proceeded to a vote on the selection of the next President of Louisiana State University.

Upon motion by Mr. Henderson and seconded by Mr. Temple, the Board nominated Dr. Rousse as President of the LSU and Dr. Dalton as Executive Vice President and Chancellor of the flagship campus.

Ms. Aronson objected.

Motion carried 12 to 1.

Upon motion by Mr. Starns, seconded by Mr. Zuschlag, the Board moved to authorize the General Counsel, draft amendments to the Board Bylaws to reflect the organizational structure changes for presentation at the next board meeting.

V. Discussion of Organizational Structure of the LSU System

Chairman Ballard recognized President Wade Rousse, who provided a brief overview of his vision for the proposed organizational structure of the LSU System.

President Rousse then invited Dr. Jim Dalton, Executive Vice President for the LSU System and Chancellor of the flagship campus, to offer additional comments.

VI. Adjournment

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