

MINUTES
LSU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
*Board Room, University Administration Building
3810 West Lakeshore Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808
Thursday, March 3 – Friday, March 4, 2022 | Time: 2:00 p.m. & 8:00 a.m. CT*

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Rémy Voisin Starns, Chair, called to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College on March 3, 2022.

Present

Mr. Rémy Voisin Starns, Chair
Ms. Valencia Sarpy Jones, Chair-elect
Mr. Robert Dampf, Past Chair
Ms. Monica Aguilera
Mr. Glenn Armentor
Mr. Wayne Brown
Mr. Jay Blossman
Mr. Lee Mallett
Mr. Randy Morris
Mr. Patrick C. Morrow
Mr. Collis Temple Jr.
Ms. Mary Leach Werner
Mr. James Williams

Absent

Ms. Laurie Aronson
Mr. Jimmie Woods
Mr. Richard Zuschlag

Also participating in the meeting were the following: Dr. William F. Tate IV, 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 of Allegiance were delivered by Michelle Lollie, a Physics PhD candidate.

III. Public Comment

There were no individuals registered for public comment.

IV. Committee Meetings

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

4.A. Research & Agricultural Extension Committee

Present for the Research & Agricultural Extension Committee were Ms. Werner, Ms. Aguilera, Mr. Brown, Mr. Morris, Ms. Jones, and Mr. Temple.

4.A.1. Briefing on Cancer Initiative

Overview from Dr. Nelson.

No action needed on the item.

4.B. Academic Committee

Present for the Academic Committee were Mr. Armentor, Mr. Morrow, Ms. Aguilera, Mr. Dampf, Ms. Jones, and Mr. Williams.

4.B.1. Request from the LSU Health Sciences Center - Shreveport for Continued Designation as a Center of Research Excellence for the Center for Emerging Viral Threats

Upon motion by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Dampf, the item was approved without objection.

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 – Shreveport for continued designation as a Center of Research Excellence for the Center for Emerging Viral Threats.

4.B.2. Request from LSU Health Sciences Center - Shreveport to Establish a PhD in Pathology and Translational Pathobiology

Upon motion by Ms. Aguilera, seconded by Mr. Morrow, the item was approved without objection.

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 PhD in Pathology & Translational Pathobiology.

4.B.3. Request from LSU Shreveport to Establish a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science and Physiology

Upon motion by Ms. Jones, seconded by Ms. Aguilera, the item was approved without objection.

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 to establish the Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science and Environmental Physiology.

4.B.4. Request from LSU Health Sciences Center - Shreveport to Establish a Bachelor of Science in Cardiovascular Technology

Upon motion by Ms. Aguilera, seconded by Ms. Jones, the item was approved without objection.

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 - Shreveport to establish the Bachelor of Science in Cardiovascular Technology.

4.B.5. Request from LSU A&M for Continued Authorization of the Transformational Technology & Cyber Research Center

Upon motion by Ms. Jones, seconded by Ms. Aguilera, the item was approved without objection.

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 Transformational Technology and Cyber Research Center.

4.B.6. Consent Agenda

There were eleven items on the consent agenda. Upon motion by Ms. Aguilera, seconded by Ms. Jones, the following items were approved without objection.

Request from LSU A&M to Change the Degree Title of the Bachelor of Science in Learning Experience Design & Innovation to the Bachelor of Science in Learning Experience and Instructional Design

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the request to change the degree title of the Bachelor of Science in Learning Experience Design & Innovation to the Bachelor of Science in Learning Experience and Instructional Design.

Request from LSU A&M to Change the Degree Title of the Bachelor of Arts in Art to the Bachelor of Arts in Art & Design

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the request to change the degree title of the Bachelor of Arts in Art to the Bachelor of Arts in Art & Design.

Request from LSU A&M to Award a Posthumous Degree to Ms. Courtney Lynn Kendall

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby authorize LSU A&M to award the Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Food Sciences (Dietetics concentration) to Ms. Courtney Lynn Kendall, posthumously.

Request from LSU Health Sciences Center - New Orleans to Establish Five 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 each of the following six Endowed Professorships:

1. AmeriHealth Mercy General Russell L. Honore' Professorship
2. Lori Whited Lacoste Professorship in Clinical/Trauma Surgery
3. Richard Robichaux Professorship
4. Sarah d'Autremont, MD Professorship
5. Cris Mandry, MD Professorship

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President is hereby authorized to execute any documents required to obtain the matching gift and otherwise complete the establishment of each of the following six endowed professorships at LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans:

1. AmeriHealth Mercy General Russell L. Honore' Professorship
2. Lori Whited Lacoste Professorship in Clinical/Trauma Surgery
3. Richard Robichaux Professorship
4. Sarah d'Autremont, MD Professorship
5. Cris Mandry, MD Professorship

Request from LSU Alexandria to Establish the LSUA Endowed Professorship in Experiential 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 LSU Alexandria to establish the LSUA Endowed Professorship in Experiential Excellence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President is hereby authorized to execute any documents required to obtain the matching gift and otherwise complete the establishment of the LSUA Endowed Professorship in Experiential Excellence.

Request from the LSU Agricultural Center to Establish Three 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 the LSU Agricultural Center to establish the following three endowed professorships:

1. Louisiana Farm Bureau Professorship in Agricultural Policy I
2. Louisiana Farm Bureau Professorship in Agricultural Policy II
3. Durwood Joseph Newton Professorship in Sugarcane Variety Development

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President is hereby authorized to execute any documents required to obtain the matching gift and otherwise complete the establishment of the LSU Agricultural Center to establish the following three endowed professorships:

1. Louisiana Farm Bureau Professorship in Agricultural Policy I
2. Louisiana Farm Bureau Professorship in Agricultural Policy II
3. Durwood Joseph Newton Professorship in Sugarcane Variety Development

Request from LSU A&M to Establish Three 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 A&M to establish the following three endowed professorships:

1. U. J. LeGrange Endowed Professorship in Accounting #12
2. Charles M. Smith Medical Endowed Professorship #1
3. Hannelore and Johannes Storz Professorship in Pathobiological Sciences

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President is hereby authorized to execute any documents required to obtain the matching gift and otherwise complete the establishment of LSU A&M to establish the following three endowed professorships:

1. U. J. LeGrange Endowed Professorship in Accounting #12
2. Charles M. Smith Medical Endowed Professorship #1
3. Hannelore and Johannes Storz Professorship in Pathobiological Sciences

Request from LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans 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 Health Sciences Center – New Orleans to establish each of the following three Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships:

1. Nursing School Superior Graduate Scholarship
2. The Hanson Scholarship in Nursing Superior Graduate Scholarship
3. Drs. Tricia Paulsen '82 and Tom Paulsen Scholarship Fund

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President is hereby authorized to execute any documents required to obtain the matching gift and otherwise complete the establishment of each of the following three endowed superior graduate student scholarships at LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans:

1. Nursing School Superior Graduate Scholarship
2. The Hanson Scholarship in Nursing Superior Graduate Scholarship
3. Drs. Tricia Paulsen '82 and Tom Paulsen Scholarship Fund

Request from LSU Shreveport to Change the Degree Title of the Bachelor of Science in Community Health to the Bachelor of Science in Public Health

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 to change the degree title of the Bachelor of Science in Community Health to the Bachelor of Science in Public Health.

Request from LSU Shreveport to Enhance the Dalton Woods Endowed Professorship in Teaching

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 to enhance the Dalton Woods Endowed Professorship in Teaching.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President is hereby authorized to execute any documents required to obtain the matching gift and otherwise complete the enhancement of the Dalton Woods Endowed Professorship in Teaching at LSU Shreveport.

Request from LSU Shreveport to Enhance the Dalton and Sugar Woods Endowed First Generation 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 Shreveport to enhance the Dalton and Sugar Woods Endowed First Generation Scholarship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President is hereby authorized to execute any documents required to obtain the matching gift and otherwise complete the request from LSU Shreveport to enhance the Dalton and Sugar Woods Endowed First Generation Scholarship.

4.C. Property & Facilities Committee

Present for the Property & Facilities Committee were Mr. Woods, Mr. Brown, Mr. Dampf, and Mr. Mallett.

4.C.1. Request from the LSU Agricultural Center for the Lease of Property at Rosepine Research Station in Vernon Parish, Rosepine, Louisiana

Upon motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Dampf, the item was approved without objection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby the President of Louisiana State University, or his or her designee, to execute lease agreement(s) with highest responsive and responsible bidder(s) for the purpose of generating revenue for the LSU AgCenter to be utilized to address budget shortfalls and/or supplement other priority programs and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of Louisiana State University, or his or her designee, be and he is hereby authorized to sign any subsequent lease(s) regarding the Rosepine Research Station which the President believes is in the best interest of LSU.

4.C.2. Update on Utilities Modernization Initiative

Ms. Kim Lewis reported the financial closing occurred the week prior to the meeting.

No action was required for this item.

4.C.3. Request to Amend the FY 2021-2022 Five-Year Capital Outlay Budget Request and First Year Prioritized Categories for Louisiana State University

Upon motion by Mr. Mallett, seconded by Mr. Dampf, the item was approved without objection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the adjustment to add \$2,900,000 to the existing capital outlay project titled "Student Success Center" at Louisiana State University of Alexandria for a new total project cost of \$12,900,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the existing LSU A&M capital outlay project, ""Library - Strategic Capital Plan Repairs and Upgrades" be renamed as "The Louisiana State University Library" project.

4.D. Athletics Committee

Present for the Athletics Committee were Mr. Temple, Mr. Blossman, Mr. Armentor, Mr. Brown, Mr. Dampf, Ms. Jones, Mr. Morrow, Ms. Werner, and Mr. Williams.

Request from LSU A&M to Approve New Employment Contract for Seven Assistant Coaches

Upon motion by Ms. Werner, seconded by Mr. Blossman, the item was approved without objection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College authorizes President William F. Tate, IV, Ph.D., or his designee, to execute the position changes with Kerry Cooks, Cortez Hankton, Jamar Cain, Joe Sloan, Matt House, Robert Steeples, and Michael Denbrock as described in this item, in consultation with General Counsel.

4.E. Risk Management Committee

The Risk Management Committee convened on Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Mallett. Roll call was conducted.

Present for the Risk Management Committee were Mr. Mallett, Ms. Jones, Mr. Armentor, Ms. Aguilera, Mr. Brown, Mr. Dampf, Mr. Morris, Mr. Morrow, Ms. Werner, and Mr. Williams.

Also present were, President William F. Tate IV, Chief Auditor Chad Brackin, and Executive Kimberly Lewis.

Tony Ollmann with the firm Baker Tilly presented on risk assessments of public-private partnerships.

The committee took the FY2022 2nd Quarter Audit Summary

V. Reconvene Board Meeting

On Friday, March 4, 2022, the regular meeting was called to order. Roll call was conducted.

Present

Mr. Rémy Voisin Starns, Chair
Ms. Valencia Sarpy Jones, Chair-elect
Mr. Robert Dampf, Past Chair
Ms. Monica Aguilera
Mr. Glenn Armentor
Mr. Jay Blossman
Mr. Wayne Brown
Mr. Lee Mallett
Mr. Randy Morris
Mr. Patrick C. Morrow
Mr. Collis Temple Jr.
Ms. Mary Leach Werner
Mr. James Williams

Absent

Ms. Laurie Aronson
Mr. Jimmie Woods
Mr. Richard Zuschlag

VI. Presentation on Large Procurements

Ms. Kimberly Lewis reported the RFP process has begun for dining services and software, as well as contract finalization of the Nike contract for Athletics.

There was no action needed for this item.

VII. Recommendation to Amend Bylaws Relative to Nominating Committee, Board Officers, and Agenda

Section 1. Chair, Chair-Elect and Immediate Past Chair

Louisiana Constitution, Article VIII, Section 7, creates the LSU Board of Supervisors which “shall supervise and manage the institutions, statewide agricultural programs, and other programs administered, through its system.” The uncommonly broad grant of constitutional authority allows the LSU Board of Supervisors to exercise broad jurisdiction, control, and authority over each and every aspect of the LSU System, including the structure, organization, personnel, assets, and activities of the University.

The term “Chair of the Board,” as used in these **Bylaws**, shall refer to the Supervisor who is the duly elected Chair or acting Chair of the Board of Supervisors. The Chair of the Board shall preside over all meetings of the board, serve as an ex officio member of all committees, name the appointive members of all standing and special committees of the Board, fill all vacancies in the membership of such committees, and conduct an annual self-evaluation of the Board in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws.

The Chair-Elect of the Board shall perform the duties of the Chair in the absence of the Chair. The Immediate Past Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair in the absence of the Chair and the Chair-Elect. In the event all three such officers are absent from a Board meeting, the Board shall elect a temporary chair from those present to preside over such meeting.

At the first regular meeting in the third quarter of each calendar year, the Board shall elect from among its Supervisors a Chair-Elect, who shall serve for a maximum of one term. The Nominating Committee shall nominate Supervisors who are qualified, have experience, and identify an interest in serving as an officer of the Board. Candidates shall have served as a Supervisor for a duration of two Chair-terms by the time of election to be qualified to stand for an officer position. Other candidates may be nominated from the floor by a Supervisor other than themselves and with the concurrence of five (5) Supervisors. A majority of Supervisors, present and voting, shall be required for election. The Chair-Elect shall automatically succeed to the office of the Chair, which office will be for a maximum one-year term only. At the end of the Chair's term, the Chair shall automatically become the Immediate Past Chair and shall serve a one-year term.

Should a vacancy occur in the office of Chair, the Chair-Elect will assume the position of Chair. Should a vacancy occur in the office of Chair-Elect, the Board shall elect a successor from its membership. Should a vacancy occur in the position of Immediate Past Chair, it shall not be filled again until the Chair completes their term and then becomes the Immediate-Past Chair. When a vacancy is filled for a Chair and/or Chair-Elect, the term of the Chair and/or Chair-Elect expires at the election of a new Chair-Elect at the first regular meeting in the third quarter of the calendar year.

By vote of 12 Supervisors, a Chair, Chair-Elect, or Past Chair may be removed from office, and the bylaw pertaining to vacancies shall apply.

ARTICLE III. MEETINGS

Section 6. Agenda

The Secretary of the Board shall collect items and organize an agenda for Board meetings.

All proposals for approval by the Board that emanate from the President or University officials shall be submitted to the President no less than fifteen (15) business days prior to the scheduled Regular Meeting date of the Board or Executive Committee at which action is requested. The President, with appropriate input from the Chancellors and University Officers, shall prepare and forward to each Supervisor a tentative agenda for the meeting at least ten (10) business days prior to such regular meeting. The President and University Officers will consult with the committees at least ten (10) business days prior to the scheduled meeting date. The Board will receive all proposals, reports, and agenda items five (5) business days prior to the scheduled meeting date.

Proposals emanating from Supervisors may be placed on the agenda with approval by the Chair five (5) business days prior to a Regular Meeting. Upon written request of three (3) Supervisors, an item shall be added to the agenda if the item is submitted to the Chair at least five (5) business days prior to the scheduled Regular Meeting date. In accordance with the law, an item may be added to the agenda during a meeting.

In exceptional circumstances, which should be rare, the Chair, in consultation with the Chair-Elect and the President, may authorize a later submission of a proposal, but in no event should such submission be made less than two (2) business days prior to the meeting of the Board or Executive Committee, or such other period of time necessary to allow appropriate review, whichever is greater.

In the event of a special Board meeting, the Chair shall dictate the timing of the preparations for an agenda.

The Board shall not act upon any matter not embraced in the notice for a meeting except upon unanimous vote consistent with La. R.S. 42:19.

When a major project is contemplated by a campus, such as construction of a new facility, major renovation of an existing facility, or creation of a new program, the campus shall notify the President and the appropriate University Officers well before making a formal submittal of the matter for approval, and prior to making any public announcement of the project. The President shall, in the President's discretion, promptly notify the Chair, the Chair-Elect, the immediate past Chair, and the chair of the relevant Board committee of the contemplated project. Contemplated major projects should not be pursued to near completion, or announced publicly, by a campus without this prior notice to and approval of the President.

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES

Section 6. Standing Committees

Unless and until otherwise decided by the vote of a majority of the membership of the Board of Supervisors, the standing committees of the Board shall consist of the committees described below:

L. Nominating Committee

Normally, to this committee shall be development of potential candidates for Board officer positions or other positions as requested by the Chair. The membership of this committee shall be

five members including the Chair, the Chair-Elect, the Immediate Past Chair, and the two Supervisors who most recently served as Chair of the Board. Candidates must indicate their interest in standing for office to the Nominating Committee by June 30 prior to the election. If a Supervisor who serves on the Nominating Committee indicates the intention to stand for election, they shall be recused from membership on the Nominating Committee. In the event there is a vacancy on the committee and no former chairs are available, vacancies shall be filled by 'alternates' assigned according to willingness to serve and seniority by date of first appointment to the Board. The terms of alternates shall terminate with the start of the term of the next Chair of the Board and be limited to a maximum of one year. If a Supervisor serves as a committee alternate, that Supervisor is prohibited from serving as an alternate in the subsequent year.

ARTICLE XIII. ADOPTION OF BYLAWS

These **Bylaws** shall be and become effective on the 4th day of March, 2022.

Upon motion by Mr. Mallett, seconded by Mr. Williams, the recommendation was approved without objection.

VIII. Approval of Minutes from the December 9-10, 2021 Board Meeting

Upon motion by Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. Dampf, the minutes were approved without objection.

IX. Reports to the Board

- a. Semi-Annual Report Financial Report for Six-Month Period Ending December 31, 2021
- b. LSU System Quarterly Investment Report for Period Ending December 31, 2021
- c. LSU Quarterly Supplier Diversity Spend Report for Period Ending December 31, 2021
- d. LSU Operational Autonomies Savings Report
- e. Facility Summary Reports
- f. Quarterly Personnel Actions Information Report

Upon motion by Mr. Mallett, seconded by Mr. Armentor, the reports were approved without objection.

X. Personnel Actions Requiring Board Approval

Upon motion by Mr. Temple, seconded by Mr. Mallett, the personnel actions were approved without objection.

XI. Reports from Faculty Advisors and Staff Advisors

Faculty report provided by Dr. Mandi Lopez.

Staff report provided by Patricia Gaspard.

XII. President's Report

Informative report provided by Dr. Tate.

XIII. Approval of Committee Recommendations

Upon motion by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Armentor, the recommendations were approved without objection.

XIV. Chair's Report

The chairman provided an informative report.

XV. Adjournment

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.