

MINUTES  
LSU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
*Board Room, University Administration Building  
3810 West Lakeshore Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808  
Friday, September 10, 2021 | Time: 10:00 a.m. CT*

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Robert Dampf, Chair, called to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College on September 10, 2021.

Present

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

Absent

Mr. James Williams

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 was offered by Mr. Kevin George, Director of the University Lab School.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Catherine Rosenfeld's kindergarten class from the University Lab School.

III. Public Comment

There were twelve individuals registered for public comment.

Robert Mann made comments related to Item 1 on the Academic & Research Committee.

The following individuals made comments related to Item 7 on the Academic & Research Committee, Resolution to Name Court for Dale Brown: Javin Bowman, Sen. Stewart Cathey, Jordy Hultberg, Ricky Blanton, Rev. Cary Hughes, Rudy Macklyn, Trent Angers, John Brody, and Jim Engster.

Motion by Mr. Armentor to suspend the rules and to take up agenda item IV, A, 7, the Dale Brown Court Naming, out of order and have the item considered by the full Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Temple.

Objection to the motion by Ms. Werner. With 11 yeas and 4 nays, the motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Aguilera to revise the resolution to name the court after Dale Brown and Sue Gunter. The motion was seconded by Ms. Werner. With 3 yeas and 12 nays, the motion failed.

Motion by Ms. Aguilera to table the original resolution. Motion seconded by Ms. Jones. With 4 yeas and 11 nays, the motion failed.

Roll call vote on the original motion to name the court for Dale Brown. With a vote of 12 yeas and 3 nays, the resolution was approved.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby name the men's basketball court in the Pete Maravich Assembly Center to be named for Dale Brown and will hereafter be referred to as "Dale Brown Court".

#### IV. Committee Meetings

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

##### 4.A. **Academic Committee**

Present for the Academic Committee were Ms. Jones, Ms. Aguilera, Mr. Armentor, Ms. Aronson, Mr. Blossman, Mr. Starns, and Ms. Werner.

Ms. Jones presented several accolades the University received.

##### 4.A.1. Request to Amend Board Regulations

Item deferred.

##### 4.A.2. Request to Reauthorize the Admissions Policies Related to Standardized Tests for a Limited Term for All LSU Campuses

Upon motion by Mr. Starns, seconded by Ms. Aronson, the item was approved without objection.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College (the "Board") does hereby approve the extension of the authorization to remove the requirement of a standardized test score to apply to terms and sessions starting in Academic Year 2022-23 for all LSU campuses.

##### 4.A.3. Request from LSU Health Sciences Center – Shreveport for a Letter of Intent for the Bachelor of Science in Cardiovascular Technology

Upon motion by Ms. Aguilera, seconded by Mr. Armentor, 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 for a Letter of Intent for the Bachelor of Science in Cardiovascular Technology.

4.A.4. Request from LSU Health Sciences Center – Shreveport for Approval of Mission Statement

Upon motion by Ms. Aronson, seconded by Mr. Starns, 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 revised mission statement from LSU Health Sciences Center – Shreveport to be as follows:

The primary mission of Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport (LSUHSC-S) is to TEACH, HEAL and DISCOVER, in order to advance the well-being of the State, region, and beyond. LSUHSC-S encompasses the Schools of Medicine, Graduate Studies and Allied Health Professions in Shreveport.

To implement its mission, LSUHSC-S is committed to:

- Prepare learners for careers in health care service, teaching and research using state-of-the-art curricula, methods, and facilities.
- Provide a growing, diverse regional patient population with state-of-the-art clinical care, including a range of tertiary special services.
- Achieve distinction and international recognition for basic science and clinical research programs that contribute to the body of knowledge and practice of science and medicine.
- Utilize research and knowledge to support economic growth and prosperity of the region and State by engaging in productive partnerships with the private sector.
- Foster a culture of diversity and inclusion that promotes mutual respect for all.

4.A.5. Request from LSU A&M to Establish an Undergraduate Certificate in Construction Management

Upon motion by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Mr. Blossman, 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 to establish an Undergraduate Certificate in Construction Management.

4.A.6. Request from Pennington Biomedical Research Center for Support of the Renewal Application of the Louisiana Clinical and Translational Science Center for the NIH IDeA Grant

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College (the “Board”) does hereby declare that it recognizes and

supports the collective efforts of the institutions of the Louisiana State University institutions that are collaborating in the Louisiana Clinical and Translational Science Center and encourages those collaboration with other Louisiana higher education institutions engaged in clinical and translational research; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors of the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College recognizes the Louisiana Clinical and Translational Science Center at Pennington Biomedical Research Center to be the lead institution for the award of a National Institutes of Health IDeA Clinical and Translational Research Center.

4.A.7. Resolution to Name Court for Dale Brown

Item taken up prior to Committee Meeting

4.A.8. Request from LSU A&M to Name the Ochsner Wellness Center in the Huey P. Long Fieldhouse

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College (the "Board") does hereby name the wellness facility within the Huey P. Long Fieldhouse as the "Ochsner Wellness Center".

**4.B. Finance Committee**

Present for the Finance Committee were Mr. Brown, Mr. Woods, Ms. Aronson, Mr. Blossman, Mr. Mallett, Mr. Morris, Mr. Temple, and Mr. Zuschlag.

4.B.1. Recommendation to Approve the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Operating Budget

Upon motion by Mr. Zuschlag, seconded by Mr. Morris, 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 operating budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, providing:

- a) Final approval and commitment authorization of funds for unrestricted educational and general, medical, and related expenses in the amount of \$1,190,016,205 for the campuses shown below.

LSU A&M LSU Agricultural Center  
LSU Alexandria  
LSU Eunice  
LSU Shreveport  
LSU Health Sciences Center, New Orleans  
LSU Health Sciences Center, Shreveport  
LSU Pennington Biomedical Research Center  
The Hospital and Central Office of the LSU Health Care Services Division

- b) Commitment authorizations for auxiliary enterprises, grants and contracts, and other restricted funds estimated to be \$1,964,876,382.

- c) Transactions included or referred to in the operating budget that otherwise require Board approval are not approved by mere inclusion in the operating budget.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that each campus shall prepare a semi-annual financial report. The format of the report will include the following:

1. Budget and actual for unrestricted revenues by source of funds
2. Actual for unrestricted expenditures by object and by function
3. Beginning account balances and actual revenues and expenditures/transfers for restricted operations
4. Any significant changes in the budget that should be brought to the attention of the President and Board
5. An explanation of any significant reduction in anticipated revenues or significant increase in expenditures

Any subsequent modification to the reporting format will be approved by the President with notification to the Board.

#### **4.C. Property & Facilities Committee**

Present for the Property & Facilities Committee were Mr. Woods, Mr. Brown, Ms. Aronson, Mr. Armentor, Ms. Jones, Mr. Mallett, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Temple.

- 4.C.1. Request for the Approval of the FY 2022-2023 Five-Year Capital Outlay Budget Request and First Year Prioritized List for Louisiana State University

Upon motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Temple, 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 that the following list of projects to be submitted to 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 their designee, 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 2A of the Bylaws.

- 4.C.2. Request from Pennington Biomedical for Approval of Agreements Related to Development of a Center of Excellence for Bariatric/Metabolic Surgery

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors does hereby, authorize the President of Louisiana State University, or their designee, on behalf of Pennington Biomedical

Research Center, and in consultation with the General Counsel's Office, to execute the lease as presented with Our Lady of the Lake Physicians Group. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the President is authorized to make adjustments to the lease determined to be in the best interest of the University.

**4.D. Healthcare & Medical Education Committee**

Present for the Healthcare & Medical Education Committee were Mr. Morris, Ms. Jones, Mr. Armentor, Mr. Blossman, Mr. Brown, Mr. Morros, Mr. Starns, Mr. Woods, and Mr. Zuschlag.

**4.D.1. Request for Amendment of Contracts with Ochsner/LSU Health Shreveport Health System**

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College (the "Board") does hereby authorize the President, in consultation with the General Counsel, to execute the Second Amendment to Academic Affiliation Agreement, First Amendment to Professional Services Agreement, First Amendment to Faculty Services Agreement, First Amendment to Academic and Clinical Collaboration Agreement, First Amendment to Shared Services Agreement, and the Settlement Agreement as presented to the Board on September 10, 2021, and to authorize the President to make any subsequent amendments to the presented contracts, that the President deems in the best interest of LSU.

**4.E. Athletics Committee**

Present for the Athletics Committee were Ms. Werner, Mr. Temple, Mr. Blossman, Mr. Brown, Ms. Jones, Mr. Morrow, Mr. Starns, Mr. Woods, and Mr. Zuschlag.

**4.E.1. Request from LSU A&M to Approve Contract of Jay Johnson, Baseball Head Coach**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College authorizes the President, or his designee, to sign the contract with Jay Johnson as described in this item, and to include in such amendments any terms and conditions as he, in consultation with the General Counsel, deems to be in the best interests of LSU.

**4.E.2. Request from LSU A&M to Approve Contract with Rick Bishop, Swimming & Diving Co-Head Coach**

Motion to approve Items 1 and 2 by Mr. Zuschlag; seconded by Mr. Morrow. Without objection, the motion passed.

**4.E.3. Request from LSU A&M to Amend Contract with Dennis Shaver, Track & Field Head Coach**

Item 3 was removed from the agenda.

**4.E.4. Request from LSU Alexandria to Approve the Employment Contract with Harrison Houle, Head Coach of Women's Soccer**

Upon motion by Ms. Jones, 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 and Mechanical College does hereby authorize the President of LSU, or his designee, to execute the employment agreement with Harrison Houle as presented; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the President of LSU, or his designee, be and he is hereby authorized by and empowered for and on behalf of and in the name of the Board of Supervisors, in consultation with General Counsel, to include in the Agreement any and all provisions and stipulations that he deems in the best interest of the University.

V. Reconvene Board Meeting

The regular meeting was called to order.

VI. Approval of Minutes from the August 6, 2021 Board Meeting

Upon motion by Mr. Mallett, seconded by Mr. Zuschlag, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2021 meeting.

VII. Reports to the Board

- A. LSU Semi-Annual Financial Report for the Six-Month Period Ending June 30, 2021
- B. Annual Audit Report

Upon motion by Mr. Mallett, seconded by Mr. Morrow, the Board voted unanimously to approve the report.

VIII. Reports from Faculty Advisors and Staff Advisors

Dr. Mandi Lopez reported on behalf of the Faculty Advisors.

The Staff Advisors submitted a written report.

IX. President's Report

President Tate provided an informational report.

X. Approval of Committee Recommendations

Upon motion by Ms. Jones, seconded by Ms. Werner, the Board voted unanimously to approve the committee recommendations.

XI. Chair's Report

Mr. Dampf provided his last report as Chairman, thanking individuals for a great year.

XII. Oath of Office for Chair

Mr. Starns was sworn in as Chair by his wife, Mrs. Pam Starns.

XIII. Election and Oath for Chair-Elect

The floor was opened for nominations. Mr. Woods made a motion to nominate Ms. Jones as Chair-elect. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dampf. Without further names, the nomination process was closed. Without objection, Ms. Jones was unanimously voted as Chair-elect.

Ms. Jones was sworn in by Mr. Starns.

The following resolution was read into record.

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Robert S. Dampf has been a proud LSU Tiger all of his life and graduated from the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Dampf was appointed to the LSU Board of Supervisors on June 5, 2018 by Governor John Bel Edwards and was duly confirmed by the Louisiana Senate; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Dampf was elected Chair-Elect by acclamation of his peers and become Chair on September 11, 2020; and,

**WHEREAS**, when Mr. Dampf became Board Chair, the United States and the world were in the midst of the SARS-COVID-19 pandemic unseen since the Spanish Flu pandemic, which resulted in the University broadcasting all courses for the fall 2020 semester; and,

**WHEREAS**, members of the media brought claims to light about the handling of Title IX cases, forcing great introspection on the part of the University and requiring wholesale change in the approach to Title IX enforcement and compliance; and,

**WHEREAS**, the University was in need of a president and Mr. Dampf appointed a search committee that resulted in the identification of William F. Tate, IV; and,

**WHEREAS**, during his tenure as Chair, the University mounted the most vigorous COVID-19 mitigation strategy among its peers; and,

**WHEREAS**, with his support as Chair and that of the Board as a whole, the University is nearing completion of the Title IX transformation to make it a model in the nation; and,

**WHEREAS**, LSU initiated a once-in-a-generation program to overhaul the utilities infrastructure of the campus in Baton Rouge, a negotiation benefitting from Mr. Dampf's leadership and skill; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Dampf was a great mediator of opinions and took great care in hearing the concerns of all members and working vigorously to build consensus; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Dampf used those mediation skills to work tirelessly in support of the University to great positive impact.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the colleagues of Mr. Robert S. Dampf who serve on the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College do hereby convey their gratitude and appreciation for his loyalty and ferocity advocating for the University; and,



**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, those same colleagues are grateful to Mrs. Courtney Dampf for supporting her husband during his work with the Board, herself serving as a great ambassador for the University, and opening her home to further our cause.

XIV. Adjournment

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