

Southern University Board of Supervisors
9:00 a.m.
Friday, June 12, 2015
Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room
2nd Floor, J.S. Clark Administration Building
Southern University and A&M College
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Minutes

Atty. DeCuir administered the oath of office to Mr. Myron K. Lawson, representing the 5th Congressional District.

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors was convened by Chairman, Dr. Leon R. Tarver II. The invocation was given by Rev. Donald R. Henry.

PRESENT

Dr. Leon R. Tarver II - Chairman
Mr. Calvin W. Braxton, Sr. - Vice Chairman
Atty. Tony M. Clayton
Mr. Dominique Diamond
Mr. Raymond M. Fondel, Jr.
Dr. Curman L. Gaines
Rev. Donald R. Henry
Mr. Richard T. Hilliard
Mr. Myron K. Lawson
Atty. Patrick D. Magee
Mr. Mike A. Small
Mrs. Ann A. Smith
Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert, Jr.
Dr. Rani G. Whitfield

ABSENT

Rev. Joe R. Gant, Jr.

UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ATTENDING

System President Ronald Mason, Jr.
Chief of Staff Evola Bates
System Vice President for Academic Affairs Monique Guillory-Winfield
Assistant to the Vice President for Finance and Business Gloria Matthews
Interim System Vice President for IT Carlos Thomas
Chancellor Victor Ukpolo; Interim Chancellor Flandus McClinton, Jr. (SUBR), Vice Chancellors Adell Brown (representing Chancellor Leodrey Williams) (SUAREC), John Pierre (representing Chancellor Freddie Pitcher) (SULC) and Dr. Melva Williams (representing Chancellor Ray L. Belton)

BOARD COUNSEL

Attys. Winston DeCuir, Jr. and Tracie Woods

AGENDA ITEM 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

On motion of Atty. Magee, seconded by Mr. Fondel, the agenda was adopted as printed.

AGENDA ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEM 5: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. 2015 Board of Supervisors Meeting Schedule (July-December)

The 2015 Board of Supervisors Meeting Schedule (July-December) was received by the Board. The document can be found on the Board's website.

B. System President's Report

The System President provided an oral report to the Board.

C. Legislative Session Update, SUS

Mr. Kevin Cunningham and Mr. Rodney Braxton of Southern Strategy provided an update on the closing of the 2015 Legislative Session.

Mr. Cunningham expressed his gratitude to the Dr. Tarver, Dr. Mason, Dr. Broussard and the System Office for their support.

Dr. Tarver, on behalf of the Board, expressed appreciation to Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Braxton for their tireless dedication to the Southern University System.

D. Campus Reports

Reports submitted by the Campus Chancellors are on file in the Board's Office and posted on the Board's website for review.

Dr. Melva Williams invited Board members to Southern University - Shreveport Foundation Gentlemen's Cooking Classic on Saturday, June 20.

Vice Chancellor Pierre informed the Board that Chancellor Pitcher had surgery and he was doing well.

Continuing, Vice Chancellor Pierre presented to each Board member a book entitled "*Images of America : Scotlandville* and how it relates to the history of Southern University written by Dr. Rachel Emanuel, Professor Ruby Jean Simms and Dr. Charles Vincent who were in attendance at the Board meeting. He also invited Board members to the book launching on Friday, June 19 at Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church Family Life Center.

AGENDA ITEM 6: ACTION ITEMS

Atty. DeCuir administered the oath of office to the newly appointed Student Board member, Dominique Diamond.

A. Minutes of the May 15, 2015 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors

On motion Rev. Henry, seconded by Atty. Magee, the following resolution was approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the minutes of the May 15, 2015 regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Spring 2015 Election Results Affecting Student Self-Assessed Fees, SUBR

On motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Atty. Magee, the following resolution was approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the following Spring 2015 Elections results Affecting Student Self Assessed Fees for Southern University - Baton Rouge, effective Summer 2015 be and they are hereby approved:

1. For the purpose of creating a revenue source to fund much needed student scholarships, campus beautification projects, facility upgrades, student affairs' vehicle fleet maintenance, and other student-driven service initiatives with a fee of twenty-dollars and zero cents (\$20.00) to terminate after twenty semesters.

2. A new self-assessed non-refundable fee of three dollars and zero cents (\$3.00) for the Gold “N” Bluez Dance Team
3. An increase of the self-assessed non-refundable fee of one dollar and zero cents (\$1.00) to three dollars and zero cents (\$3.00) for the new Southern University Jaguar Ambassadors.
4. An increase of the self-assessed non-refundable fee of five dollars and zero cents (\$5.00) to ten dollars and zero cents (\$10.00) for the Southern University Human Jukebox.

Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Approval of GRAD Act Tuition Increase effective Fall, 2015 - SUBR, SULC and SUNO

On motion of Dr. Gaines and seconded by Mr. Braxton, the following resolution was approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, authorized Southern University and A&M College, Southern University - Law Center and Southern University - New Orleans administrators to increase their tuition by ten percent (10%), effective Fall 2015, be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

- D. Approval of BA-7 Number 9, 3rd Quarter GRAD Act Allocation, SUBR SULC and SUSLA

On motion of Atty. Magee and seconded by Rev. Tolbert, the following resolution was approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, approval of the BA-7 Number 9, 3rd Quarter GRAD Act Allocation for Southern University - Baton Rouge, Southern University - Law Center and Southern University - Shreveport, be and it is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

- E. Approval of Personnel Action on Positions greater than \$60,000 (*Executive session may be required*)

On motion of Atty. Magee, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board convened into executive session to discuss the recommendation of the interim appointment of Mrs. Gloria Matthews as Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call: 14 yeas: Tarver, Braxton, Clayton, Diamond, Fondel, Gaines, Henry, Hilliard, Lawson, Magee, Small, Smith, Tolbert, and Whitfield; 0 nays; 0 abstentions

-EXECUTIVE SESSION-

-OPEN SESSION-

Dr. Tarver announced that no actions were taken by the Board during its executive session.

On motion of Dr. Gaines, seconded by Mrs. Smith the Committee reconvened into open session.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 14 yeas: Tarver, Braxton, Clayton, Diamond, Fondel, Gaines, Henry, Hilliard, Lawson, Magee, Small, Smith, Tolbert and Whitfield; 0 nays; 0 abstentions

On motion of Atty. Magee, seconded by Mrs. Smith, the following resolution was approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the approval of positions with salaries greater than \$60,000 be and they are hereby approved.

Appointment of Interim Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs
Mrs. Gloria Matthews - \$153,000 - effective June 2, 2015

Motion carried unanimously.

- F. Consideration of Online Service Agreement, SU Lab School

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Atty. Magee, the following resolution was approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, to ratify the current Online Service Agreement between Southern University Laboratory School and Fuel Education be and it is hereby approved.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorized the System President and Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to enter any other agreements pertaining to the Online Service Agreement between Southern University Laboratory School and Fuel Education.

Motion carried. Rev. Tolbert abstained.

G. Resolutions

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the following resolutions were approved.

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Southern University, that the resolutions of condolences to the families named below be and they are hereby approved:

- Mrs. Ollie McClinton Lewis
- Dr. Dolores R. Spikes
- Mr. Leroy Sweeney, Jr.
- Mr. Louis Miller

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Tarver, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, expressed to Dr. Mason appreciation on the dedication that he has given to the Southern University System throughout his tenure. He also commended him on his next great opportunity as president of University of the District of Columbia.

Dr. Mason thanked his cabinet members, stating that he thought they were a good team- Mr. Tony Moore, (former) Vice President for IT, Mr. Kevin Appleton, (former) Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs, Mr. Lester Pourciau, Director of Human Resources, Ms. Michelle Hill, Executive Director of Online Learning, Dr. Monique Guillory-Winfield, Vice

President for Academic and Student Affairs, Mr. Carlos Thomas, Interim Vice President for IT, Mr. Henry Tillman, Director of Publications, Mr. Alfred Harrell, Executive Director of the Southern University System Foundation and Mrs. Evola Bates, Chief of Staff who will be accompanying Dr. Mason to the University of the District of Columbia.

Continuing, Dr. Mason thanked the Members of the Board of Supervisors for the opportunity they bestowed upon him to serve as president of the Southern University System. He also thanked the Chancellors, stating they were a great pleasure to work with.

Lastly, Dr. Mason stated that as always he will continue to ask God to bless the Jaguar Nation.

-RECESS-

-RECONVENTION-

- H. Recommendation from the President-Chancellor Search Committee of the two finalist candidates for the SU System President-Chancellor (*Executive session may be required*)
- I. President-Chancellor Candidate Interviews (*Executive session may be required*)

-Dr. Ray L. Belton

-Dr. Ivory A. Toldson

The Board interviewed candidate Dr. Ivory A. Toldson for the President-Chancellor position in an open session.

On motion of Atty. Magee, seconded by Mrs. Smith, the Board convened into executive session to interview candidate Dr. Ivory A. Toldson and discuss his qualifications for the president-chancellor position.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 14 yeas: Tarver, Braxton, Clayton, Diamond, Fondel, Gaines, Henry, Hilliard, Lawson, Magee, Small, Smith, Tolbert, and Whitfield; 0 abstentions; 0 nays

-EXECUTIVE SESSION-

-OPEN SESSION-

Dr. Tarver announced that the Board met in executive session and no actions were taken.

On motion of Dr. Gaines, seconded by Mrs. Smith the Committee reconvened into open session.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 14: Tarver, Braxton, Clayton, Diamond, Fondel, Gaines, Henry, Hilliard, Lawson, Magee, Small, Smith, Tolbert and Whitfield; 0 nays; 0 abstentions

The Board interviewed candidate Dr. Ray L. Belton for the President-Chancellor position in open session.

On motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Braxton, the Board convened into executive session to interview candidate Dr. Ray L. Belton and discuss his qualifications for the President-Chancellor position.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: 14 yeas: Tarver, Braxton, Clayton, Diamond, Fondel, Gaines, Henry, Hilliard, Lawson, Magee, Small, Smith, Tolbert, and Whitfield; 0 nays; 0 abstentions

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On motion of Mr. Braxton, seconded by Dr. Gaines, the Committee reconvened into open session.

Motion carried unanimously. Roll call: 14 yeas: Tarver, Braxton, Clayton, Diamond, Fondel, Gaines, Henry, Hilliard, Lawson, Magee, Small, Smith, Tolbert and Whitfield; 0 nays; 0 abstentions;

- J. Discussion and selection of the individual to fill the SU System President-Chancellor's position (*Executive session may be required*)

Atty. Clayton nominated Dr. Ivory A. Toldson for the position of President-Chancellor for the Southern University System. The nomination was seconded by Atty. Magee.

Motion failed. Roll call vote: 3 yeas: Clayton, Diamond and Magee; 10 nays: Tarver, Braxton, Fondel, Gaines, Henry, Hilliard, Lawson, Small, Smith and Whitfield; 1 abstention: Tolbert

Rev. Henry nominated Dr. Ray L. Belton for the position of president-chancellor for the Southern University System. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Small.

Motion carried. Roll call vote: 13 yeas: Tarver, Braxton, Clayton, Fondel, Gaines, Henry, Hilliard, Lawson, Magee, Small, Smith, Tolbert and Whitfield; 1 nay: Diamond; 0 abstentions

Dr. Ray L. Belton was selected as the new President-Chancellor for the Southern University System.

On motion of Atty. Clayton, seconded by Mr. Lawson, the Board authorized Chairman Tarver to begin negotiations with Dr. Belton regarding his employment contract for approval at its July 2015 Board meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Tarver expressed gratitude to Dr. Toldson for being part of the Southern University - President-Chancellor search process.

Dr. Belton expressed appreciation to the Board for his appointment as President-Chancellor for the Southern University System. He stated that it is an honor to be a part of this occasion to serve this Board and the Southern University System, whom he remained indebted to.

Continuing, Dr. Belton also stated that through his leadership, Southern University will continue and strengthen its contribution to the State of Louisiana and the nation.

AGENDA ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Atty. Clayton, the meeting was adjourned.