

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM
June 24, 2021**

A. **Call to Order**

On Thursday, June 24, 2021, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met in Room 100, Louisiana Purchase Room, of the Claiborne Building at 1201 North Third Street in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order by Chair Carter at 11:00 a.m.

B. **Roll Call**

PRESENT

Mr. James Carter	Ms. Elizabeth Pierre
Dr. Jimmy Clarke	Mr. Mark Romero
Mr. Steve Davison	Ms. Kristine Russell
Ms. Lola Dunahoe	Mr. Joe Salter
Mr. Thomas Kitchen	Mr. Brad Stevens
Ms. Mildred "Mimi" Methvin	

ABSENT

Mr. Barry Busada	Mr. Virgil Robinson
Dr. John Condos	Ms. L'Oreal Williams
Mr. Alejandro "Al" Perkins	

A quorum was established. Also present were System President Jim Henderson, System staff, University Presidents, and Attorney Brandon DeCuir.

C. **Invocation**

Mr. Joe Salter opened the meeting with an invocation.

D. **Approval of Minutes of April 22, 2021 Board Meeting**

Upon motion of Mr. Romero, seconded by Ms. Pierre, the Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2021 Board Meeting.

E. **Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

Dr. Clarke asked Dr. Jeannine Kahn, System Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, to present the agenda items.

Dr. Kahn described two academic items, E.1. and E.2. Upon motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Ms. Russell, the Board unanimously voted to approve Items E.1. and E.2.

- E.1. Nicholls State University’s request for approval to offer Undergraduate Certificates in Foundations of Management, Foundations of Marketing, and Foundations of Business Analytics.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Nicholls State University’s request for approval to offer Undergraduate Certificates in Foundations of Management, Foundations of Marketing, and Foundations of Business Analytics.

- E.2. University of New Orleans’ request for approval to name the School of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering the “Boysie Bollinger School of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of New Orleans’ request for approval to name the School of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering the “Boysie Bollinger School of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering.”

- E.3. Faculty and Student Spotlights

Dr. Kahn introduced a video of Dr. Liz Skilton, author of Tempest, a book that discusses the naming of hurricanes in light of American Culture. The book focuses on examples of Gulf Coast disasters. Dr. Skilton is an Associate Professor of History at University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Ms. Erica Calais, System Vice President for Student Affairs and Governance, announced the 2021 Student Advisory Council.

Grambling State University	- Cameron Jackson
Louisiana Tech University	- Kiarra Bombard
McNeese State University	- Sarah Stafford
Nicholls State University	- Tyler Legnon
Northwestern State University	- Tja’h Edwards
Southeastern Louisiana University	- L’Oreal Williams
University of Louisiana at Lafayette	- Reed Broussard
University of Louisiana at Monroe	- Lauren Fee
University of New Orleans	- Amber Lemelle

Ms. Calais also noted that Ms. L’Oreal Williams will serve as the current UL System Student Board Member and Mr. Cameron Jackson as the Board of Regents Student Member.

F. **Athletic Committee**

Vice Chair Kristine Russell asked Mr. Bruce Janet, System Director of Internal and External Audits, to discuss the athletic items under consideration. Mr. Janet described Items F.1.-F.21.

Upon motion of Mr. Romero, seconded by Ms. Methvin, Items F.1. through F.21. were unanimously approved by the Board.

- F.1. Grambling State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Donte Jackson, Head Men's Basketball Coach, effective July 1, 2021.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Grambling State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Donte Jackson, Head Men's Basketball Coach, effective July 1, 2021.*

- F.2. Grambling State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Freddie Murray, Head Women's Basketball Coach, effective July 1, 2021.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Grambling State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Freddie Murray, Head Women's Basketball Coach, effective July 1, 2021.*

- F.3. McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Ms. Giorgia Pozzan, Head Women's Tennis Coach, effective July 1, 2021.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Ms. Giorgia Pozzan, Head Women's Tennis Coach, effective July 1, 2021.*

- F.4. McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Brendon James Gilroy, Head Men/Women's Track Coach, effective July 1, 2021.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Brendon James Gilroy, Head Men/Women's Track Coach, effective July 1, 2021.*

- F.5. McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. James E. Landreneau, Head Women's Softball Coach, effective July 1, 2021.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. James E. Landreneau, Head Women's Softball Coach, effective July 1, 2021.*

- F.6. McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Ronald Letson, Assistant Football Coach, effective June 1, 2021.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves McNeese State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Ronald Letson, Assistant Football Coach, effective June 1, 2021.*

- F.7. McNeese State University's request for approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement to have its athletic training service provided by Ochsner Clinic Foundation.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves McNeese State University's request for approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement to have its athletic training services provided by Ochsner Clinic Foundation.*

- F.8. Northwestern State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Donald Pickett, Head Softball Coach, effective July 1, 2021.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Northwestern State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Donald Pickett, Head Softball Coach, effective July 1, 2021.*

- F.9. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Ms. Ayla Guzzardo, Head Women's Basketball Coach, effective May 1, 2021.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Ms. Ayla Guzzardo, Head Women's Basketball Coach, effective May 1, 2021.*

- F.10. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. William Narro, Head Golf Coach, effective July 1, 2021.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. William Narro, Head Golf Coach, effective July 1, 2021.*

- F.11. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Richard Fremin, Head Softball Coach, effective June 1, 2021.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Richard Fremin, Head Softball Coach, effective June 1, 2021.*

- F.12. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Corey Mistretta, Head Track and Field Coach, effective August 1, 2021.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Corey Mistretta, Head Track and Field Coach, effective August 1, 2021.*

- F.13. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Jeremy White, Head Women's Volleyball Coach, effective June 1, 2021.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of contract with Mr. Jeremy White, Head Women's Volleyball Coach, effective June 1, 2021.*

- F.14. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Timothy Donnelly, Associate Men's Baseball Coach, effective July 1, 2021.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of contract with Mr. Timothy Donnelly, Associate Men's Baseball Coach, effective July 1, 2021.*

- F.15. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Benjamin Gipson, Assistant Men's Baseball Coach, effective July 1, 2021.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Benjamin Gipson, Assistant Men's Baseball Coach, effective July 1, 2021.*

- F.16. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Kenneth Lee, Associate Women's Basketball Coach, effective July 1, 2021.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of contract with Mr. Kenneth Lee, Associate Women's Basketball Coach, effective July 1, 2021.*

- F.17. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a contract with Dr. Bryan Maggard, Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics (VPIA), effective July 1, 2021.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a contract with Dr. Bryan Maggard, Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics, effective July 1, 2021.*

- F.18. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a Third Amendment and Restated Contract with Mr. William Napier, Head Football Coach, effective July 1, 2021.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval of a contract with Mr. William Napier, Head Football Coach, effective July 1, 2021.*

- F.19. University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s request for approval of amended Contracts for Employment for various coaches, effective July 1, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s request for approval of the amendments to the contracts of Matt Deggs, Head Baseball Coach; Garry P. Brodhead, Head Women’s Basketball Coach; Robert Marlin, Head Men’s Basketball Coach; Gerald Glasco, Jr., Head Softball Coach; and Lance Key, Head Soccer Coach; effective July 24, 2021.

- F.20. University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s request for approval of Contracts for Employment for various assistant football coaches.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s request for approval of contracts with Jeffrey Burris; William Neighbors; James Norrid; Galen Scott; and Darnell Stapleton.

- F.21. University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s request for approval of a contract with Ms. Kristi Gray, Head Volleyball Coach, effective May 1, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s request for approval of a contract with Ms. Kristi Gray, Head Volleyball Coach, effective May 1, 2021.

G. **Facilities Planning Committee**

Committee Chair Kitchen asked Mr. Janet to present the Facilities Planning Committee items. Mr. Janet introduced 10 agenda items.

Upon motion of Ms. Dunahoe, seconded by Mr. Salter, the Board voted unanimously to approve Items G.1.-G.10.

- G.1. Louisiana Tech University’s request for approval to name the newly developed Virtual Anatomy Lab in Carson Taylor Hall, Room 237, “The Justin and Jeanette Hinckley Virtual Anatomy Lab.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Louisiana Tech University’s request for approval to name the newly developed Virtual Anatomy Lab in Carson Taylor Hall, Room 237, “The Justin and Jeanette Hinckley Virtual Anatomy Lab.”

- G.2. Louisiana Tech University’s request for approval to name two new student residential facilities as “The Robinson Suites” and “The Potts Suites.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Louisiana Tech University’s request for approval to name two new student residential facilities as “The Robinson Suites” and “The Potts Suites.”

- G.3. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to execute a Ground Lease with the Louisiana Tech University Foundation, Inc., for the purpose of constructing a pedestrian plaza around the sculpture provided by the Percent for Art Program administered by the Office of Cultural Development, pursuant to La. R.S. 17:3361.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to execute a Ground Lease with the Louisiana Tech University Foundation, Inc., for the purpose of constructing a pedestrian plaza around the sculpture provided by the Percent for Art Program administered by the Office of Cultural Development, pursuant to La. R.S. 17:3361.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Louisiana Tech University shall obtain final review from University of Louisiana System staff and legal counsel to the Board and any other appropriate approvals as needed prior to execution of documents.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of Louisiana Tech University or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to execute the ground lease and donation described herein and all documents necessary in connection with the ground lease and donation.

AND FURTHER, that Louisiana Tech University will provide the University of Louisiana System office with copies of all final executed documents for the Board's files.

- G.4. McNeese State University's request for approval to enter into a Facility Lease Agreement with the McNeese State University Foundation for the University's continued use and operation of the Center for Advancement of Meat Production and Processing (CAMPP).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for University of Louisiana System hereby approves McNeese State University's request to enter into a Facility Lease Agreement with the McNeese State University Foundation for the University's continued use and operation of the Center for Advancement of Meat Production and Processing (CAMPP).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that McNeese State University shall obtain final review from University of Louisiana System staff and legal counsel to the Board and shall secure all other appropriate approvals from agencies/parties of processes, documents, and administrative requirements prior to execution of documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of McNeese State University and/or his designee are hereby authorized and directed to execute the facilities lease described herein and any and all documents necessary in connection with the facility lease.

AND FURTHER, that McNeese State University will provide the University of Louisiana System office with copies of all final executed documents for Board files.

- G.5. Nicholls State University's request for approval to enter into a land lease with the Nicholls State University Foundation to construct a new baseball field house on the campus of Nicholls State University, pursuant to La. R.S. 17:3361.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Nicholls State University's request for approval to enter into a land lease with the Nicholls State University Foundation to construct a new baseball field house on the campus of Nicholls State University, pursuant to La. R.S. 17:3361.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Nicholls State University shall obtain final review from UL System staff and legal counsel to the Board, and shall secure all other appropriate approvals from agencies/parties of processes, documents, and administrative requirements prior to execution of documents.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the President of Nicholls State University and/or his designee are hereby authorized and directed to execute the said lease and act of donation described herein and any and all documents necessary in connection with the acceptance of the property donation described herein.*

***AND FURTHER,** that Nicholls State University will provide the System office with copies of all final executed documents for Board files.*

- G.6. Nicholls State University's request for approval to enter into a land lease with the Max Charter School, pursuant to La. R.S. 17:3361.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Nicholls State University's request for approval to enter into a land lease with the Max Charter School, pursuant to La. R.S. 17:3361.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Nicholls State University shall obtain final review from UL System staff and legal counsel to the Board, and shall secure all other appropriate approvals from agencies/parties of processes, documents, and administrative requirements prior to execution of documents.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the President of Nicholls State University and/or his designee are hereby authorized and directed to execute the land lease described herein and any and all documents necessary in connection with the land lease.*

***AND FURTHER,** that Nicholls State University will provide the System office with copies of all final executed documents for Board files.*

- G.7. Nicholls State University's request for approval to sell a parcel of vacant land measuring approximately 5.3 acres at the southeastern border of the University main campus along Bowie Road in Thibodaux, Louisiana through legislative act to the Thibodaux Regional Health System (TRHS), a 501(c)3 non-profit operation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Nicholls State University's request for approval to sell the vacant land (approximately 5.3 acres) on the southeastern border of the main campus fronting onto Bowie Road, Thibodaux, Louisiana, through legislative act to Thibodaux Regional Hospital System (TRHS), a 501(c)3 non-profit operation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Nicholls State University shall obtain final review from UL System staff, legal counsel, and shall secure all other appropriate approvals from agencies/parties of processes, documents, and administrative requirements prior to execution of documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of Nicholls State University and his or her designee, be authorized to contact a local legislator to submit a bill on the university's behalf to sell the subject vacant land property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of Nicholls State University and his or her designee, are hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said sale by the University of Louisiana System on behalf of and for the use of Nicholls State University.

AND FURTHER, that Nicholls State University will provide System office with copies of all final executed documents for Board files.

- G.8. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to demolish four agricultural buildings that were damaged beyond repair due to several hurricanes in 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request to demolish four agricultural buildings that were damaged beyond repair due to several hurricanes in 2020.

AND FURTHER, that ULS staff and legal counsel ensure that all documents conform to statutory and administrative requirements.

- G.9. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to enter into a Grounds and Facilities Lease Agreement with ULM Facilities, Inc., to construct and install artificial turf at the baseball facility, pursuant to La. R.S. 17:3361.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to enter into a Grounds and Facilities Lease Agreement with ULM Facilities, Inc., a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation, to construct and install artificial turf at the baseball facility, pursuant to La. R.S. 17:3361.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that University of Louisiana at Monroe shall obtain final review from UL System staff, legal counsel, and shall secure all other appropriate approvals from agencies/parties of processes, documents, and administrative requirements prior to execution of documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of University of Louisiana at Monroe and his or her designee is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said lease and donation by the University of Louisiana System on behalf of and for the use of University of Louisiana at Monroe.

AND FURTHER, that University of Louisiana at Monroe will provide the System office with copies of all final executed documents for Board files.

- G.10. University of Louisiana at Monroe’s request for approval to name the renovated band rehearsal room the “Jack and Coralie White Rehearsal Room.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Monroe’s request for approval to name the renovated band rehearsal room the “Jack and Coralie White Rehearsal Room.”

H. **Finance Committee**

Vice Committee Chair Steve Davison asked staff to present the campus requests. Mr. Eddie Meche, System Vice President for Business and Finance, and Mr. Janet introduced the items.

Upon motion of Mr. Salter, seconded by Ms. Russell, the Board voted unanimously to approve Items H.1. and H.2.

- H.1. University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s request for approval of tuition reductions not to exceed \$3,000 off the \$9,500 online RN to BSN program price for employees of eligible employer partners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s request for approval of tuition reductions not to exceed \$3,000 off the \$9,500 online RN to BSN program price for employees of eligible employer partners.

- H.2. University of Louisiana System’s request for approval of the Board Operations and System Universities’ Fiscal Year 2021-22 Internal Audit Plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the Board Operations and System Universities’ Fiscal Year 2021-22 Internal Audit Plans.

- H.3. University of Louisiana System’s report on internal and external audit activity for the period of April 19 to June 20, 2021 and annual assertions to the Board.

Mr. Janet gave a brief presentation on the internal and external audits. This was a report only and no action was required by the Board.

H.4. University of Louisiana System's discussion of Fiscal Year 2020-21 third quarter financial reports and ongoing assurances.

Mr. Eddie Meche gave the report. No Board action was required by the Board as it was a report only.

H.5. Revision to Policy and Memorandum FB-IV.V.-1 Student Technology Fee Expenditure Guidelines.

Mr. Janet explained additions to the Policy and Procedures (PPM) FB-IV.V.-1, *Student Technology Fee Expenditure Guidelines*. These included proper accounting treatment for all transactions, addition of suggestions by the Student Advisory Council regarding the placement of obsolete equipment, and each university preparing a separate accounting of the use of monies derived from the fee. No Board action was required by the Board.

I. Personnel Committee

Ms. Dunahoe asked Mr. Marcus Jones, System Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, to present the campus requests.

Mr. Jones described Items I.1.-I.6. Upon motion of Dr. Clarke, seconded by Mr. Kitchen, the Board voted unanimously to approve the items.

I.1. McNeese State University's request for approval to appoint Ms. Mona White as Interim Vice President for Business Affairs effective June 1, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves McNeese State University's request to appoint Ms. Mona White as Interim Vice President for Business Affairs effective June 1, 2021.

I.2. Nicholls State University's request for approval to appoint Ms. Jean Donegan as Dean of the College of Liberal Arts effective July 1, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Nicholls State University's request for approval to appoint Ms. Jean Donegan as Dean of the College of Liberal Arts effective July 1, 2021.

I.3. Nicholls State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Janice Lyn as Dean of Students effective May 17, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Nicholls State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Janice Lyn as Dean of Students effective May 17, 2021.

- I.4. Northwestern State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Joel Hicks as Dean of the College of Nursing and Allied Health effective July 1, 2021.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Northwestern State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Joel Hicks as Dean of the College of Nursing and Allied Health effective July 1, 2021.*

- I.5. Northwestern State University's request for approval to appoint Ms. Reatha Cox as Vice President of the Student Experience effective July 1, 2021.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Northwestern State University's request for approval to appoint Ms. Reatha Cox as Vice President of the Student Experience effective July 1, 2021.*

- I.6. University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to appoint Dr. Michelle McEacharn as Dean of the College of Business and Social Sciences effective July 1, 2021.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of Louisiana at Monroe's request for approval to appoint Dr. Michelle McEacharn as Dean of the College of Business and Social Sciences effective July 1, 2021.*

Dr. Daryl Burckel, McNeese President, introduced Ms. Krisshunn Youngblood, who had been named Director for the Office of Inclusive Excellence. Ms. Youngblood said her goal is to cultivate and advance a community of mutual respect.

Dr. Burckel also introduced Ms. Mona White, who was appointed Interim Vice President for Business Affairs. Ms. White said she was particularly excited to serve the University and community as an alumna.

Northwestern President Chris Maggio introduced Dr. Joel Hicks as Dean of the College of Nursing and Allied Health. Dr. Hicks said that an education in the health field is life-changing and he will continue to foster the highest educational opportunities to students.

In addition, Ms. Reatha Cox and her husband John were introduced by Dr. Maggio. Ms. Cox thanked the Board for approving her appointment as Vice President of the Student Experience. She said that her passion is to work with students.

J. Legislation Committee

Committee Chair Russell asked Ms. Cami Geisman, Vice President for External Affairs, to give the legislative update.

- J.1. Recap of 2021 Regular Legislative Session

Ms. Geisman reported that the Session had concluded on June 10. She stated that the final budget allocation for all of higher education was at its highest level in 13 years.

Among other legislation of import, Ms. Geisman said that the Legislature had passed **SB 60**, providing that student-athletes could earn compensation for the use of their name, image, or likeness (NIL). In addition, each board is required to adopt a policy that enables student-athletes to receive this compensation. She stated that System President Henderson would discuss the policy developed by the System to comply with this mandate.

HCR 19 created a task force to study how to develop a more diverse group of candidates for head coach and athletic director positions at public universities. The task force will include several System representatives including Dr. Henderson, Grambling State University's athletic director, and the executive director of the Doug Williams Center for the study of race and politics in sports.

Known as truth in borrowing bill, **HB 42** will have universities provide more transparency to students borrowing money to finance their education.

The legislature further passed several bills addressing power-based violence on college campuses statewide. Among the changes to existing statutes are updated reporting protocols, requirement for Memoranda of Understanding with local law enforcement, adjustments to the campus climate survey, additional training requirements including training for management board members, and coordination of inter-campus communication when students under investigation attempt to transfer. Another bill expands universities' reporting requirements of campus incidents.

K. **System President's Business**

K.1. **Personnel Actions**

President Henderson said that System staff had reviewed all personnel actions from the campuses and recommends approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Salter, seconded by Ms. Pierre, the Board voted to approve the System personnel actions.

K.2. **System President's Report**

Management and Leadership Institute

Dr. Henderson thanked the members of the Management and Leadership Institute for the timely presentation that had been presented earlier in the morning to the Board and Presidents. He also commended Dr. Caprice Ieyoub, Executive Director of Development, for her leadership as she coordinates the program each year.

Update on Black Male Summit

Dr. Henderson reported that the Black Male Summit with nearly 400 participants had been held on June 17 on the campus of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. He thanked President E. Joseph Savoie for his hospitality in hosting this inaugural event. Dr. Henderson said that the Summit culminated in introducing the first cohort of 18 R.F. Lewis Scholars.

Dr. Claire Norris, System Associate Vice President for Inclusion, Diversity, and Effectiveness, updated the Board about the Scholars Program, designed to recruit and retain Black male students, providing educational programs, mentoring opportunities, and a wide variety of experiences to support the scholars' collegiate experience. Chair Carter commended Dr. Norris for her leadership with the Black Male Advisory Council as well as the successful Black Male Summit.

COVID-19 Protocol

Dr. Jeannine Kahn, System Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, updated the Board on plans for System Universities' Fall Semester. Dr. Kahn said that over the past year the campuses have taken extensive mitigation measures to assure the health and safety of students, faculty, and staff. Plans have included upgrading HVAC systems and providing appropriate barriers and accommodations. In addition, the wide availability of vaccines, testing, and educational messaging will greatly benefit the return to a higher level of normalcy.

Title IX/Power-Based Violence

Ms. Erica Calais, System Vice President for Student Affairs, briefed the Board on new reporting requirements/deadlines as a result of recent power-based violence legislation. Additionally, she thanked the Board members for participating in the workshop *Sexual Assault on Campus: From Compliance to Culture Change* presented by Ms. Racheal Hebert, President/CEO of STAR (Sexual Trauma Awareness & Response) and invited them to contact her with any questions.

Policy and Procedures Memorandum

To comply with SB 60 noted during Legislation Committee, Dr. Henderson said that Policy and Procedures Memorandum IA-V.3, *Intercollegiate Athlete Name, Image and Likeness Policy*, had been developed and would become effective July 1, 2021. The policy requires five hours of annual financial and life skills training for the affected student-athletes and provides guidance on the use of institutional marks as well as detailing prohibited areas for use of the NIL (i.e., alcohol, tobacco, illegal substances or activities, etc.).

Compete LA

Dr. Henderson recognized the Compete LA program as the initiative enters its third year. He announced that Commissioner of Administration Jay Dardenne is partnering with the System to promote the program to more than 70,000 state employees.

K.3. Update on Pending Litigation

Chair Carter asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation under provisions of La. R.S. 42:17. At 12:55 p.m. upon motion of Mr. Kitchen, seconded by Ms. Pierre, the Board voted to convene in Executive Session. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Yea: Mr. Carter, Dr. Clarke, Mr. Davison, Ms. Dunahoe, Mr. Kitchen, Ms. Methvin, Ms. Pierre, Mr. Romero, Ms. Russell, Mr. Salter, Mr. Stevens

Nay: None

Absent: Mr. Busada, Dr. Condos, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Williams

At 2:15 p.m. Mr. Carter stated that during Executive Session, the Board met in Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and no motions were made nor votes taken. Upon motion of Ms. Dunahoe, seconded by Mr. Salter, the Board voted to reconvene in Open Session. There were no votes in opposition.

Yea: Mr. Carter, Dr. Clarke, Mr. Davison, Ms. Dunahoe, Mr. Kitchen, Ms. Methvin, Ms. Pierre, Mr. Romero, Ms. Russell, Mr. Salter, Mr. Stevens

Nay: None

Absent: Mr. Busada, Dr. Condos, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Williams

L. **Board Chair's Business**

L.1. **Board Chair's Report**

Chair Carter reminded Board members that they are annually required to complete Ethics Training and Preventing Sexual Harassment courses no later than December 31. Mr. Bruce Janet may be contacted if any assistance is necessary.

Mr. Carter indicated that Mr. Perkins was not in attendance at the meeting because he and his wife Dina were anxiously awaiting the birth of their third baby daughter. Mr. Carter expressed good wishes to their family.

M. **Other Business**

Mr. Carter said that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Thursday, August 26, in Baton Rouge.

N. **Adjournment**

Upon motion of Ms. Russell, seconded by Dr. Clarke, at 2:20 p.m., the Board voted to adjourn.