

MINUTES
LSU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
Noland/Laborde Hall, Lod Cook Alumni Center
3838 W. Lakeshore Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808
Thursday, May 6, 2021 | Time: 8:30 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 May 6, 2021.

Present

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

Absent

Ms. Laurie Aronson

Also participating in the meeting were the following: Mr. Thomas Galligan, Interim 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 Patrick Werner, LSU graduating student.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Colleen Temple, graduating University Lab student.

III. Public Comment

There were three individuals registered for public comment: Javin Bowman, Abbie Grace Milligan, and Dr. Sheara Williams. All comments were related to Item 10 on the agenda, Executive Search.

Dr. Williams spoke on an item related to her daughter and university medal policy. Mr. Dampf called for a motion by Ms. Werner that the Board name Jordan Grace Williams as a Board of Supervisors honorary outstanding student graduate of 2021. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jones.

Motion by Ms. Werner, seconded by Ms. Jones to add the item to agenda. The Board voted unanimously to add the item.

Without objection, the motion to name Ms. Jordan Grace Williams as an honorary outstanding student graduate was approved.

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

IV. Academic & Research Committee

Present for the Academic & Research Committee were Ms. Valencia Jones, Mr. Glenn Armentor, Mr. Stone Cox, Mr. Rémy Starns, Ms. Mary Leach Werner, and Mr. James Williams.

4.A.1. Recommendation to Approve the Conferral of Degrees for Calendar Year 2021 Commencement Exercises

Upon motion by Mr. Starns, seconded by Mr. Armentor, the motion was adopted without objection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the degrees to be conferred on candidates meeting degree requirements for graduation from the campuses of the University during commencement exercises in CY 2021.

4.A.2. Request from LSU Alexandria to Establish the Undergraduate Certificate in Criminal Justice

Upon motion by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Armentor, the motion was adopted 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 Alexandria to establish the Undergraduate Certificate in Criminal Justice.

4.A.3. Request from LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans to Establish the Daniel W. Nuss, MD Endowed Chair in Skull Base Surgery

Upon motion by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Mr. Starns, the motion was adopted 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 - New Orleans to establish the following Endowed Chair:

- a) Daniel W. Nuss, MD Chair in Skull Base Surgery

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and/or the President, as may be appropriate, are hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents required to obtain the matching gift and otherwise complete the establishment of the following Endowed Chair at LSU Health Sciences Center - New Orleans:

- a) Daniel W. Nuss, MD Chair in Skull Base Surgery

V. Athletics Committee

Present for the Athletics Committee were Ms. Mary Leach Werner, Mr. Collis Temple, Mr. Wayne Brown, Ms. Valencia Jones, Mr. Patrick Morrow, Mr. Rémy Starns, Mr. James Williams, Mr. Jimmie Woods, and Mr. Richard Zuschlag.

5.A.1. Request from LSU Athletics to Approve the Term Sheet with Kim Mulkey as LSU Head Women's Basketball Coach

Upon motion by Mr. Starns, seconded by Mr. Morrow, the motion was adopted without objection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the term sheet for Kimberly Mulkey, and authorizes the President, or his designee, to continue negotiations toward a final contract to be approved by the Board of Supervisors.

5.A.2. Request from LSU Athletics to Approve a Contract Amendment for Robert L. "Mickey" Joseph, Jr., Assistant Head Football Coach

Upon motion by Mr. Zuschlag, seconded by Mr. Woods, the motion was adopted without objection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College authorizes the President, or his designee, to execute the contract amendments with Robert L. "Mickey" Joseph, Jr. 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.

5.A.3. Request from LSU Athletics to Amend the Athletics Ticket, Parking, and Tradition Fund Policy

Upon motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Brown, the motion was adopted 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 amendment to the LSU Athletic Ticket, Parking, and Tradition Fund Policy pertaining Schedule B for LSU Women's Basketball season ticket pricing as presented on May 6, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board authorizes the LSU Athletics Department to phase-in the pricing changes through FY2025 for those who purchased 2020-21 Women's Basketball season tickets.

VI. Reconvene Board Meeting

The Regular Meeting was called back to order.

VII. Approval of Committee Actions

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

VIII. Personnel Actions

The personnel actions included the retroactive appointment of Thomas Galligan as President, and to ratify the appointment of David Lewis as the Acting Chancellor.

Upon motion by Ms. Werner, seconded by Ms. Jones the Board voted unanimously to approve the personnel actions.

IX. Statement of Disapproval

By recommendation of General Counsel, the item was deferred.

X. Executive Search

10.A. Overview and Policy Related to Executive Searches

Mr. Williams shared LSU does not have a standard policy on how to conduct executive level searches, like that of other institutions. In the future, the Board may consider creating a policy for searches. Mr. Williams thanked the chairman for ensuring the search process was as transparent as possible.

10.B. Interview with James Henderson

The Board conducted an interview with Dr. James Henderson, President of the University of Louisiana System.

10.C. Interview with Kelvin Droegemeier

The Board conducted an interview with Dr. Kelvin Droegemeier, Former Director, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.

10.D. Interview with William Tate

The Board conducted an interview with Dr. William Tate, Provost at the University of South Caroline.

10.E. Deliberations on Candidates and Selection

Motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters. A roll call vote was conducted. Without objection, the Board entered executive session.

Motion to exit executive session by Mr. Cox, seconded by Ms. Jones.

The chairman called for a motion related to a presidential candidate. Motion by Mr. Temple stated, "Therefore be it resolved, the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby select Dr. William Tate as the next LSU President; and be it further resolved, the Chairman of the Board is authorized to complete negotiation of the terms of the employment agreement which shall be subject to ratification by the Board."

The motion was seconded by Mr. Cox. A roll call vote was conducted. Without objection, the motion was approved.

XI. Adjournment

Without further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.