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MINUTES  
LSU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
*University Administration Building Board Room  
Louisiana State University  
3810 W. Lakeshore Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808*  
MEETING TO BE CONDUCTED TELEPHONICALLY  
*Friday, May 22, 2020 | Time: 10:00 a.m. CT*

*Issued May 5, 2020*

In order to address the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor John Bel Edwards took measures to protect the public and issued several proclamations pertaining the crowd sizes and public buildings. Those proclamations were:

- On March 11, 2020, Emergency Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020 declared the existence of a statewide public health emergency.
- On March 17, 2020, Proclamation Number 30 JBE 2020 (Section 4) was issued permitting public meetings through electronic means so long as conditions are met for public participation.
- On March 23, 2020 Proclamation Number 33 JBE 2020 closed all public buildings, ordering a “stay at home” mandate, limiting public gatherings to ten people, and expiring on April 13, 2020.
- On April 2, 2020, Proclamation Number 41 JBE 2020 was issued extending the “stay at home” order through April 30, 2020.
- On April 30, the Governor’s Proclamation Number 52 extended the “stay at home” order through May 11, 2020.
- On May 14th, the Governor issued Proclamation Number 58 instituted Phase 1 of the Resilient Louisiana plan, which extended the stay at home order for persons at risk and continued adherence to social distancing. He also issued Proclamation Number 59 authorizing the ability of boards and commissions to meet remotely.

The mandates of the above executive orders prevent a quorum of the LSU Board of Supervisors from meeting in person and with members of the public. In order to deal with the current emergency, the Board will conduct its meeting on May 22, 2020 through electronic means.

The LSU Board of Supervisors will follow its normal procedures by posting the agenda and supporting materials in advance of the meeting on its website. The website will also have instructions for individuals to provide public comment and view the meeting in real time. Information and instructions about the meeting will be posted at: <https://www.lsu.edu/bos/minutes.php>

Thank you in advance for your understanding in these unusual circumstances.

/s/ Jason Droddy  
Jason Droddy  
Office of the LSU Board of Supervisors

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Ms. Mary Werner, Chair, called to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College through telephonic means on May 22, 2020. Roll was called.

Present

Ms. Mary Werner, Chair  
Mr. Robert S. Dampf, Chair-elect  
Mr. James Williams, Past Chair  
Mr. Glenn Armentor  
Mr. Jack "Jay" A. Blossman, Jr.  
Mr. Richard Brazzel  
Mr. B. Wayne Brown  
Mr. Blake Chatelain  
Ms. Valencia Sarpy Jones  
Mr. Lee Mallett  
Mr. James M. Moore, Jr.  
Mr. J. Stephen Perry  
Mr. Rémy Voisin Starns  
Mr. Jimmie M. Woods, Sr.  
Mr. Robert "Bobby" Yarborough

Absent

Mr. Ronnie Anderson

Also participating in the meeting were the following: Mr. Thomas Galligan, Interim President of LSU; Mr. Winston DeCuir, General Counsel for LSU; University officers; and, administrators of the campuses; faculty representatives; interested citizens and representatives of the news media.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was offered by Mr. Ricky Brazzel and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cadet Delaney Dufrene of LSU ROTC.

III. Public Comment

There were no individuals registered for public comment.

The Board recessed the regular meeting to convene the committee meetings.

IV. Committee Meetings

4.A. Academic & Research Committee

The Vice Chair, Mr. Ricky Brazzel, presided in the absence of Mr. Anderson.

4.A.1. Request to Approve Policy on Naming of Facilities

Upon motion by Mr. Chatelain, and seconded by Mr. Yarborough, the Committee recommended this resolution for Board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the LSU Board of Supervisors approves the Board Policy on the Naming of University Facilities as presented on May 22, 2020.

4.A.2. Request from LSU Eunice to Establish the Associate of Science Degree in Health Sciences

Upon motion by Mr. Moore, and seconded by Mr. Armentor, the Committee recommended this resolution for Board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the request to establish the Associate of Science in Health Sciences at LSU Eunice, subject to approval by the Louisiana Board of Regents.

4.A.3. Request LSU A&M to Establish the Graduate Certificate in Transportation Engineering

Upon motion by Mr. Chatelain, and seconded by Mr. Moore, the Committee recommended this resolution for Board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the request to establish the Graduate Certificate in Transportation Engineering at LSU A&M, subject to approval by the Louisiana Board of Regents.

4.A.4. Request from LSU A&M to Establish a Bachelor of Science in Digital Marketing

Upon motion by Mr. Yarborough, and seconded by Mr. Chatelain, the Committee recommended this resolution for Board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the request to establish the Bachelor of Science in Digital Marketing at LSU A&M, subject to approval by the Louisiana Board of Regents.

4.A.5. Recommendation to Approve Conferral of Degrees for Calendar Year 2020

Upon motion by Mr. Armentor, and seconded by Ms. Jones, the Committee recommended this resolution for Board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the conferral of degrees to candidates meeting degree requirements at their respective campus for calendar year 2020;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** each chancellor is authorized to determine the manner and time to award degrees.

4.B. Finance Committee

4.B.1. Presentation on LSU First Health Plan

An update on the LSU First Health Plan was presented by Ms. Sheantel Baker, LSU Payroll.

4.B.2. Presentation of the FY2020 Budget and Preliminary Budget Topics Related to FY2021

Presentation on budget presented by Mr. Dan Layzell, LSU CFO.

4.C. Property & Facilities Committee

4.C.1. Request from LSU A&M to Acquire Land at the LIGO Observatory in Livingston Parish, Louisiana

Upon motion by Mr. Starns, and seconded by Ms. Jones, the Committee recommended this resolution for Board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College authorizes the President of LSU to purchase two tracts of land adjacent to the LIGO facility in Livingston Parish, totaling approximately 18 acres, from Weyerhaeuser or any related entity which owns that property, for an amount not to exceed \$6,000 per acre; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the President of LSU, or his designee, 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 execute Acts of Sale and other reasonably required agreements to acquire ownership of such property, and to include in such Acts of Sale or other agreements any terms and conditions that he may deem in the best interests of LSU.

4.C.2. Request from LSU A&M to Authorize an Intent to Lease Agreement with the LSU Real Estate and Facilities Foundation to Begin Planning for Implementation of Phase 1 of Parking Improvements

Upon motion by Mr. Brown, and seconded by Mr. Chatelain, the Committee recommended this resolution for Board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College (the "Board"), pursuant to the authority granted by Art. 8, Section 7 of the Louisiana Constitution and La. R.S. 17:3361 and other applicable law, authorizes the President of LSU or designee, to execute and deliver to and with the LSU Real Estate and Facilities Foundation or a special purpose entity created and controlled by it (collectively, "REFF") an Intent to Lease Agreement to continue planning for the Park and Geaux Project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that to allow REFF to move forward with the due diligence and planning work called for in the Intent to Lease Agreement, the Intent to Lease Agreement shall provide for transferring \$350,000 from LSU to REFF to be used solely for those reasonable direct pursuit costs incurred with LSU's consent; provided further that such funds will be reimbursed to LSU as follows: (1) if the Project achieves financial close, REFF shall reimburse the full amount to LSU; and (2) if the Project fails to achieve financial close, REFF shall reimburse any amounts that have not been expended on direct pursuit costs incurred with LSU's consent; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board, pursuant to the Uniform Affiliation Agreement between it and REFF, finds an acceptable University purpose for REFF to enter into the Intent to Lease Agreement and perform the obligations provided for therein; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any reference herein to REFF shall include any special purpose entity formed and controlled by REFF for the purpose of furthering this transaction.

- 4.C.3. Request from LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans to Approve Demolition of the McDonough #11 School Building at 201 S. Claiborne Ave., New Orleans

Upon motion by Mr. Brown, and seconded by Mr. Moore, the Committee recommended this resolution for Board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the demolition of the property located at 201 South Claiborne Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70112.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Thomas Galligan, Interim President of Louisiana State University, or his designee, is authorized to include in said contract such terms and conditions as he deems in the best interest of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, pursuant to the act of expropriation dated July 8, 2010, the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby authorize LSU Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, to record the above property as an asset of LSUHSCNO.

- 4.C.4. Request from Healthcare Services Division to Approve University Medical Center Management Corporation’s Schematic Design and Construction of a Second Garage at UMC New Orleans Campus

Mr. Yarborough recused himself from voting on this item. Upon motion by Mr. Chatelain, and seconded by Mr. Moore, the Committee recommended this resolution for Board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby authorize UMCMC to construct a second parking garage building at UMC-New Orleans.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Thomas C. Galligan Jr., Interim President, Louisiana State University System, or his designee, be hereby authorized by and empowered for and on behalf of and in the name of the Board of Supervisors, in consultation with Facility Planning and Control, to approve any revisions to the UMCMC construction plans that he deems in the best interest of the Board of Supervisors.

- 4.D. Legal Affairs Committee

- 4.D.1. Update Regarding *Gruver v. Board of Supervisors, et al.*, U.S.D.C., M.D. La., No. 18-772 SDD-EWD (and U.S. 5th Cir. No. 19-30670) (Executive Session anticipated)

The Board voted to enter Executive Session.

Roll call indicated the following:

Present

Robert Dampf, Chair  
Glenn Armentor, Vice Chair  
Richard Brazzel  
Valencia S. Jones  
Lee Mallett  
Rémy V. Starns  
Stephen Perry  
James Williams  
Jimmie Woods

Absent

Ronnie Anderson

Upon motion by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Brazzel, the Board ended Executive Session.

4.E. Audit Committee

4.E.1. 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Audit Summary

Mr. Chad Brackin, Chief Auditor, presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Audit Summary.

Mr. Brackin suggested the Committee adopt the recommendation of the report. Upon motion by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Chatelain, the Committee adopted the report as presented.

V. Reconvene Board Meeting

After adjournment of the Committee Meetings, the Regular Board Meeting was called back to order. The roll call was recorded and reflected the following:

Present

Ms. Mary Werner, Chair  
Mr. Robert S. Dampf, Chair-elect  
Mr. James Williams, Past Chair  
Mr. Glenn Armentor  
Mr. Jack "Jay" A. Blossman, Jr. (technical issues prevented audio)  
Mr. Richard Brazzel  
Mr. B. Wayne Brown  
Mr. Blake Chatelain  
Ms. Valencia Sarpy Jones  
Mr. Lee Mallett (technical issues prevented audio)  
Mr. James M. Moore, Jr.  
Mr. J. Stephen Perry  
Mr. Rémy Voisin Starns  
Mr. Jimmie M. Woods, Sr.  
Mr. Robert "Bobby" Yarborough

Absent

Mr. Ronnie Anderson

VI. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Upon motion by Mr. Chatelain, seconded by Mr. Blossman, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Board meeting held on March 6, 2020, April 23, 2020, and May 6, 2020.

VII. Reports from Council of Staff Advisors and Council of Faculty Advisors

Due to the format of the meeting, the Council of Staff Advisors submitted written reports that were distributed to the Board prior to the meeting and will be placed in the record. Ms. Werner summarized the reports as such:

“They reported that staff on multiple campuses are still working remotely but are beginning to transition back to their work on campus. Several participated in virtual graduations, with LSUA noting 11 countries were represented among their graduates. Pennington saw its first patient in the gastric clinic. The flagship staff senate conducted a survey in which 1 in 5 people had an immediate family member who lost a job, and there is anxiety about job security.

Thanks to the Staff Advisors and we’ll enter the full report into the record.”

The Council of Faculty Advisors did not submit a report.

VIII. President’s Report

“Good afternoon! As you know, it has been a very busy and extremely successful month since our last regular meeting. From wrapping up the spring semester and celebrating another outstanding graduating class to winding down our PPE production effort at the PMAC and preparing for the start of summer courses, we have achieved many milestones and we are moving forward with plans to reopen our campuses this fall.

But before I discuss those plans, it is my sad duty to inform you that our beloved and respected friend Dr. Henry Gremillion passed away unexpectedly on May 18 after a brief illness. Henry had served as the sixth Dean of the LSU Health New Orleans School of Dentistry since 2008, and he was the only alumnus of the program to ever serve in that capacity. He was recognized nationally for his contributions to the dental profession and was honored with many awards and accolades during his distinguished career. At our New Orleans campus, he was instrumental in diversifying the student body and adding the first new building since its inception, the \$31 million Allen A. Copping, DDS, Advanced Clinical Care and Research Building. Aside from all of his career accomplishments and his dedicated service to LSU, Henry was a wonderful man who was widely loved and greatly respected, and his unexpected departure is a terrible loss for our LSU Family. We send our condolences to his family, friends and colleagues, including his wife of 45 years, Karleen Mackey Gremillion, their four children and 10 grandchildren.

Moving forward, I would be remiss if I didn’t thank everyone involved in making our virtual spring semester a success despite the massive obstacles we faced and the incredibly short timeframe we had to make the transition. The fact that we encountered no major issues – and that



our students were able to remain on track with their studies and successfully complete the semester – is testament to the incredible efforts of our brilliant faculty and staff, and to the resiliency and character of our students.

We celebrated a number of big achievements by our students and faculty during the spring semester. Two of our students won Goldwater and Truman scholarships, two faculty were awarded Fulbright Fellowships, and yet another received a Guggenheim.

We also advanced our research efforts during the stay-at-home order. In fact, while we were remote, our submissions and awards for grant proposals were at or above the numbers from last year. LSU faculty received three NSF RAPID Grants for COVID-19 response, and over the course of this past year, they have more than doubled the previous record for NSF CAREER awards in one year. We learned a lot about remote education during the spring semester and we're applying all we've learned to our remote summer courses. Our LSU Online Learning team continues to provide excellent faculty development opportunities to help them plan, deliver and assess courses. We will continue to provide the best possible learning experience for our students in an online format until we can safely resume in-person classes – which we are making every effort to see happen in the fall semester.

As you know, we celebrated the Class of 2020 last week, and although it was far from a traditional graduation, we had a wonderful virtual event on the main campus last Friday for all graduates, and a number of colleges – including the Law Center, the Vet School and the Ogden Honors College – also held virtual events in which I was able to participate. I have also been to New Orleans and Alexandria and I'm on my way to Shreveport – all made possible by technology and my at-home camera crew, the one and only Susan Galligan. And thanks to Hannah Rovira, I was able to do a live Instagram message to our grads and their families which more than 13,000 folks have already viewed. Finally, I made a Zoom trip to Portsmouth, Rhode Island to welcome Brian Wolfe to the ranks of LSU Alumni. We had very strong participation of these events among our students and their families, and I'm very proud that we were able to honor their achievement in the safest way possible. We continue to make plans for a full commencement ceremony later this year, at which we will be able to celebrate the Class of 2020 in person. As noted, all of our campuses across the state celebrated graduates with virtual events last week and they're also making plans for postponed commencement ceremonies, and we're looking forward to those as well.

On Monday, we began implementing the first of our four-phase plan to begin bringing faculty and staff back to our campuses. This first phase includes less than 25% of our employees and prioritizes those involved with active research projects and/or those who could not do their jobs virtually. We are increasing the cleaning of our facilities, and we're requiring those who have returned to our campuses to follow CDC recommendations for hygienic and social distancing practices. We will continue to monitor the situation to implement additional phases of our plan, and of course, the safety and well-being of our people will guide all our actions. We stand ready to revise our plans – or reverse them – if the situation calls for it, but we are optimistic that we have a solid plan for ensuring safety while gradually bringing our people back to campus. I'd like to thank our EOC director, Jake Palmer, and our entire team, for being so dedicated to the cause.

On Monday, May 18, in conjunction with Baton Rouge General, we provided antibody testing for more than 180 returning employees. We were, to say the least, surprised by the amount of interest and the turnout from our employees.

We are also in serious planning for fall semester. As you know, it's extremely important that we bring our students back to our campus communities. We have shown that we can provide a rigorous education experience with remote learning, but we all know the full LSU experience

cannot be totally replicated online. Our students must have access to our campuses if they are to fulfill their potential and if we are to fulfill our mission to provide them a comprehensive education. We are moving forward with plans to resume in-person classes this fall, but what that looks like at this point is still under review and depends on many things that are simply out of our control. Some of our larger classes could be held remotely, while smaller classes will be able to take place in-person, but in larger facilities so students and faculty can keep a safe distance from one another. We also are adjusting in our residence halls to ensure safety, and again, safety will be our guide in everything we do. I will also note that a combined approach of face-to-face and online instruction – a hybrid learning environment – is not a new idea in higher education. Many institutions have used this approach for a decade or more, allowing students to read and learn course material outside of class and do more application of knowledge experiences during class time. Such an approach, when practical, can increase efficiency and productivity for our students and faculty. As we move forward with our plans for the fall, we will take this opportunity to explore and implement new approaches to instruction that will likely become the standard in higher education in the future.

I'm proud to say that our faculty across all campuses, particularly LSU Health Sciences in Shreveport, New Orleans, and Pennington, have put together a multi-million-dollar research proposal to track and test COVID as our students return to class. This extensive plan calls for statistical sample testing at all our campuses of 10-16% of our populations. The virology and serology tests will be repeated throughout the semester and the data will be collected and studied as part of the extensive research project. We are now working in conjunction with Southern University on the project and together the effort would be a historic partnership between our institutions and it would be a historic initiative in public health – one that will make our state proud while making it safer and healthier at the same time. Additionally, we will have contact tracing in place as well as safe spaces to isolate students who test positive. Right now, I'd like to ask Dr. Chris Kevil, vice chancellor for research at LSU Health Sciences Shreveport, to provide a little overview of our research project for testing, as well as give a brief overview of LSU's development of tests and their overall efficacy"

*Remarks from Chris Kevil.*

Staying in the fall semester, I'm very pleased to report that we have received the largest number of applications, admissions and deposits for the fall semester from first-year students in LSU history. We are expecting another year of record enrollment this fall, and our admitted class is once again the most diverse and academically qualified pool in our history. Putting on my president hat to brag for a moment, this is not a spot many universities (if any) find themselves in at the moment, and it is a testament not only to our exceptional team at enrollment management, but also to the tremendous response LSU has mounted against COVID-19. To assist students, we are waiving late registration fees and offering new tuition payment plans for the fall semester. And again, students attending summer school can take advantage of a 15% cost reduction. We are very focused on retaining our existing students this fall, which is crucial as competition among universities for students has gotten very intense. Funding through the CARES Act will provide some resources for us to distribute to students whose educational trajectory has been negatively impacted by the pandemic, and this will help in retention. The LSU family has been allocated about \$13.5 million in CARES Act funding for student support, and we are targeting aid distribution to those eligible students with the highest levels of demonstrated financial need based on their FAFSA application. We anticipate that approximately 1,800 students will receive funding on the flagship campus, ranging from \$150 to \$1,000 per student.

This past Friday, we began shutting down our incredibly successful PPE production effort at the PMAC. Over the course of about a month, we manufactured 20,000 surgical gowns and 10,000 face

shields, going through 1 million square feet of vinyl in the process. As you may know, the initiative originated with research from our faculty; it brought together completely unrelated units from across campus with a single purpose; and it delivered much-needed equipment to health care professionals on the front lines of the pandemic where it was needed the most. Importantly, the entire effort was staffed by volunteers whom we are very grateful for. Of course, the PMAC initiative was just one of the many ways LSU has stepped up in recent months to respond to the pandemic. We have also made significant contributions to testing efforts in Baton Rouge, New Orleans and Shreveport, and our researchers continue to conduct clinical trials on treatment options and potential vaccines. There is no doubt that our efforts have helped Louisiana flatten the curve and put us on the path of recovery – and in the process we have shown the need for and importance of great research universities like LSU.

Now more than ever, the continued investment in LSU is vital if our state is going to be prepared to confront the next pandemic, natural disaster or crisis. That's the case we've been making to our lawmakers since the Legislative Session resumed earlier this month – that we are worth the investment.

Now, we all know the state's budget is tight, to put it lightly. And although the funding level for higher education remains uncertain, we are hopeful we will not see a significant reduction this year. Thankfully, we are not nearly as reliant on state funding for our budget as we have been in years past. Today, roughly 25% of our budget comes from the state, down from as much 80% in years past. Whatever happens during the Legislative Session, we have been doing everything we can to be financially prudent – including implementing hiring and spending freezes – so that we can weather the financial storm that has been caused by the pandemic. We have instructed our campus directors to plan for potential budget cuts ranging from 5 to 10%. At the outset of this pandemic, I assured our students, faculty and staff that if we moved forward with courage, calmness, compassion and cleanliness that we would find ourselves on the other side of this crisis.

Clearly, we are not on the other side just yet, but to this point I think we have confronted the historic challenges of the past few months with remarkable success. In the coming months, our focus will remain on the future and my message will remain the same: With continued courage, calmness, compassion and cleanliness, each passing day will bring us another day closer to that highly anticipated day when we can say with confidence that we have finally emerged from this crisis.

I'd like to close by saying how very proud I am of the entire LSU family of campuses, their leadership, their students, their faculty and their staff. Every single person has stepped up in the fight against COVID, in support of maintaining our excellence in educational delivery, and for protecting our research missions. It is a privilege to watch such dedication play out every single day, whether virtually or in-person. Thank you."

#### IX. Committee Reports

Mr. Chatelain made a motion to accept all committee recommendations and approve those resolutions. Mr. Dampf seconded the motion. Mr. Yarbrough indicated his recusal from Item 4.C.4, but that his consent would apply to all other items. With the one recusal and no objection. The Board adopted all committee reports.

X. Chair's Report

"Now for the chair's report. I want to echo President Galligan and so much of what he said, the extraordinary efforts across all of LSU, during this time that has brought us closer together even though we must stay distanced. I especially want to thank all of the work to make our first ever graduation virtually. Like no other team can do. Also, the registrar's office and staff.

They were tasked with not delivering diplomas to the PMAC and other facilities, and facilities on all other campuses, but our offices around the state and including here on the many campus, were tasked with shipping and mailing diplomas to each and every graduate. While they were socially distanced, I received a few pictures and this was an extraordinary effort and I want to thank them, their staff for all of the work that they did. At others probably a few glitches, I know sometimes my mail is not arrived on time, and I want to thank all of the Tiger families for sharing photos of your celebrations, for the texts, for the pictures, and understand that everyone is doing their best to make sure that each Tiger receives the appropriate certificate and diploma, and we celebrate and cannot wait to livery with you in person.

Another unfortunate remark that I need to make:

Today, I would like to remember a very special Tiger, in fact two of them. In the last month LSU has lost two extraordinary women who had a great impact on Louisiana and LSU, first Tony Stevenson lost her battle with cancer only a few weeks ago, Tony stood alongside her husband Emmitt, and made great inspirational/ gave great inspirational leadership, through their dedication and gifts to many aspects in many areas of LSU, to assist our faculty and our students, to carry on the mission that we have here. We send our deepest sympathies to the Stevenson family, Tony will be dearly missed.

The second is someone who I knew a little bit better than I knew Tony, she was a very important person to all of us, and very important to education in Louisiana. Melinda Mangum. She was a fierce tiger, she served on the board of executive committee, and honors college council, TAF, she became a teacher after a grumpy faculty advisor told her nice and smart girls become teachers, and how lucky we were that that advisor gave her that advice.

Melinda's career as a teacher, as an educator, and an impassioned advocate, excellence teaching and excellence in her students, excellence across education will never be forgotten, the entire LSU family was to share our condolences with Miss Magnum's daughter, Elizabeth, and her entire family, Melinda taught in many places across the state, and gave her time to many students in many organizations. Here in South Louisiana, and North Louisiana, she taught at Lee High, Episcopal High, In North Louisiana Airline High, Glenn Oaks High School, Valley Park Middle School, St. James Episcopal, St. Mark's Episcopal, Lafayette High School, and she was serving, not only as an educator, but as the Dean of Academic Affairs at Ascension Episcopal school, where she waged and lost her great battle with cancer. Her degrees and professional awards are numerous.

I want to highlight three, she was named White House distinguished teacher by President George H Bush and President William Jefferson Clinton, and she was also named an outstanding educator by many universities. The University of Miami, Texas A&M, MIT, and the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Governor John Bel Edwards appointed her to the college and career readiness commission time she loved her tigers and I will miss seeing her joining at football games wearing her tiger striped scarf and also with many people miss the numerous letters that always came filled with glitter, the

letters that she wrote to her students even in her last days will always be remembered and treasured.

We will miss her dearly. And I challenge all of our students going into the field of education to carry on Melinda's legacy, and in that the family has established a scholarship at LSU, and I'm very proud to carry on the work that Melinda did in supporting future educators through those who want to memorialize her.

Another comment I want to make is that we are very hopeful and optimistic as the president said about the opening of the campus, bringing our faculty and researchers back and our students back to the labs and classrooms in the fall. Wonderful news that we just heard from the SEC, LSU is ready to go again! Two groups of LSU family that I want to especially recognize today: As has become a tradition not only across this country but across the world, is the opportunity for people to stop at a certain time in the day and thank healthcare workers, often by applause, standing outside of hospitals, outstanding on balconies in Spain and Italy, it's inspirational.

And we as LSU should do the same. So to our doctors, nurses, therapists, nursing aides, custodians, our researchers, receptionists, and hospital volunteers, although serving in our healthcare hospitals and clinics who are LSU Tigers by training and as I always like to say, LSU Tigers because they joined us in their career. We salute you, we applaud you and we thank you. You are carrying Louisiana forward and we are at the forefront of the work being done across this country. And the heavy lift that has been done with all of our teams at LSU from Shreveport to New Orleans and Pennington, the act school that school and everywhere in between has helped Louisiana over, and be a leader in the fight against COVID-19.

And finally to the LSU employees that we recognize today. For the effort they made to come to campus to become line cutters and line sewers so we can supply the governor's office of Homeland security and emergency preparedness. Hospitals and clinics across the state with the PPE that was so desperately needed in the initial weeks and months of this fight against the coronavirus. Thank you for your dedication and service.

Then finally, I have something and someone to recognize and it is with a little bit of sadness but a lot of joy that we had the opportunity on this board to serve with Richard Brazzel. Today is a student member, this will be his last meeting. Ricky has been a spectacular board member and has really represented the students across all of the LSU campuses as well. In honor of his contributions, I am offering a resolution that I will now read into the record.

Whereas, Richard Brazzel has been an exceptionally active policeman in student government at LSU Alexandria earning election twice as the student body president and whereas, Mr. Brazzel served as student government senator and treasurer a role in which he revamped the budgeting system of LSU's student government to better serve its students and whereas, Mr. Brazzel instituted a new election system for student government at LSU Alexandria, greatly increasing overall student engagement, specifically in the form of participation in elections and whereas, Mr. Brazzel used his position to advocate for students at both the United States capital and the Louisiana capital including offering testimony before to legislative education oversight committees.

Whereas, Mr. Brazzel ensure that the student body and public at large were aware of activities at LSU of Alexandria by hosting Town hall meetings with students, faculty, and staff, as well as being available for media interviews and personal conversations with interested constituents and whereas, Mr. Brazzel was also active in campus life by serving as link president of the LSU

Alexandria chapter of campus ministries international and whereas, Mr. Brazzel was elected to serve as the student member on the LSU Board of Supervisors in 2019 and was selected as vice chair of the academic and research committee.

Whereas, he has served the entire LSU family of institutions with great pride and respect and whereas, Mr. Brazzel has participated in the governance of the LSU university family on issues related to academic programs, student affairs, COVID response, and more. And whereas, Mr. Brazzel served with the highest level of professionalism, taking a thorough deliberate approach to significant decisions charmed him the respect of his fellow board members. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College recognize Richard Brazzel for his service to LSU Alexandria and the Board of Supervisors. And wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

Is there any objection to the adoption of this resolution?

Without objection, the board is unanimous in its appreciation of your efforts. Mr. Brazzel, would you care to say a few words?

*Comments from Mr. Brazzel.*

Ricky, your service has been incomparable and we hope to welcome you back to Baton Rouge once you've graduated and perhaps to law school I understand, and we look forward to you continuing your service. You are an extraordinary example for Student Leader. Thank you for all of your service!"

XI. Adjournment

Chair Werner reported the next Board of Supervisors meeting will be June 19, 2020 in Baton Rouge. With no further business before the Board, Ms. Werner asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. With a motion by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Mr. Chatelain, the meeting was adjourned.