

MINUTES  
LSU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
*Board Room University Administration Building  
3810 West Lake Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808  
Friday, September 8, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. CT*

- I. Board Professional Development
- II. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mrs. Valencia Sarpy Jones, Chair, called to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College on September 8, 2023.

Present

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

Absent

Mr. Lee Mallett

Also participating in the meeting were the following: Dr. William F. Tate IV, President of LSU; Mr. Winston DeCuir, General Counsel for LSU; University officer and administrators of the campuses; faculty and staff representatives; interested citizens and representatives of the news media.

- III. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was offered by Mr. Javin Bowman, an MHA Candidate at LSUS and Graduate Assistant for the LSU Board of Supervisors. The Pledge of Allegiance was delivered by Mr. Brandon Lagrone, a senior at LSU A&M majoring in Journalism; Philip O’Neill, J.D., M.B.A. Candidate at LSU A&M and Graduate Assistant for the LSU Board of Supervisors; and Tripp Jones, son of Chairman Valencia Sarpy Jones.

- IV. Public Comment

There were not any individuals registered for public comment.

- V. Committee Meetings

Ms. Jones adjourned the regular meeting to convene the committee meetings.

**5.A. Research and Agricultural Extension Committee**

Present for the Research and Agricultural Extension Committee were Ms. Werner, Mr. Morrow, Mr. Armentor, Mr. Brown, Mr. Morris, Mr. Starns, and Mr. Temple.

5.A.1 Pennington Biomedical Research Center's Greaux Healthy Program Presentation

Dr. John Kurwin, Executive Director of Pennington Biomedical Research Center, and Melissa Morton, Greaux Healthy Program Director, led the presentation regarding the Greaux Healthy Program.

No action needed on this item.

**5.B. Academic Committee**

Present for the Academic Committee were Mr. Brown, Mr. Luke, Mr. Armentor, Mr. Morrow, Mr. Starns, Mr. Temple, Ms. Werner, and Mr. Williams.

5.B.1 Request from LSU A&M to Establish a Master of Interior Design

Upon motion by Ms. Werner, seconded by Mr. Armentor, the item was approved unanimously.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the request from LSU A&M to establish the Master of Interior Design.

5.B.2 Consent Agenda

There were six items on the consent agenda.

Upon motion by Mr. Starns, seconded by Ms. Werner, the following items were approved unanimously.

Request from LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans for Continued Authorization and Continued Designation as a Center of Research Excellence for the Cardiovascular Center of Excellence

**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 for the continued authorization and continued designation as a Center of Research Excellence for the Cardiovascular Center of Excellence.

Request from LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans for Continued Authorization of the Center for Evidence-based practice in Behavioral Health

**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 for the continued authorization of the Center for Evidence based Practice in Behavioral Health.

Request from LSU A&M to Name Five Spaces in the Newly Renovated Huey P. Long Fieldhouse Complex

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the request from LSU A&M to Name Five Spaces in the Newly Renovated Huey P. Long Fieldhouse Complex.

Request from LSU A&M to name the John G. Turner and Jerry G. Fischer Center for Opera

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the request from LSU A&M to Name the John G. Turner and Jerry G. Fischer Center for Opera.

Request from LSU A&M to Rename the Georgia Gulf Endowed Professorships #1 and #2

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the request from LSU A&M to rename the Georgia Gulf Endowed Professorships #1 and #2

Request from LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans to Name the Dora Jean Edwards Emergency Department at Lallie Kemp Regional Medical Center

**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 Name the Dora Jean Edwards Emergency Department at Lallie Kemp Regional Medical Center.

**5.C. Finance Committee**

Present for the Finance Committee were Mr. Morrow, Mr. Blossman, Ms. Aronson, Mr. Starns, Mr. Morris, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Zuschlag.

**5.C.1 Recommendation to Approve the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Operating Budget**

Upon motion by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Zuschlag, the item was approved unanimously.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the operating budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, providing:

- a) Final approval and commitment authorization of funds for unrestricted educational and general, medical, and related expenses in the amount of \$ 1,379,579,177 for the campuses shown below.

- LSU A&M
- LSU Agricultural Center
- LSU Alexandria
- LSU Eunice
- LSU Shreveport
- LSU Health Sciences Center, New Orleans
- LSU Health Sciences Center, Shreveport

LSU Pennington Biomedical Research Center  
The Hospital and Central Office of the LSU Health Care Services Division

- b) Commitment authorizations for auxiliary enterprises, grants and contracts, and other restricted funds estimated to be \$ 2,134,818,224.
- c) Transactions included or referred to in the operating budget that otherwise require Board approval are not approved by mere inclusion in the operating budget.

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

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

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

**5.D. Property & Facilities Committee**

Present for Property & Facilities Committee were Ms. Aronson, Ms. Werner, Mr. Dampf, Mr. Luke, Mr. Woods, and Mr. Zuschlag

- 5.D.1 Request from LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans to Authorize the First Amendment to the Lease Agreement with the LSU Health Foundation, New Orleans for Additional Leased Space

Upon motion by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Luke, the item was approved unanimously.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College hereby authorizes the President of LSU or designee to execute the First Amendment to the Cooperative Endeavor and Lease Agreement with the LSU Health Foundation, New Orleans to provide additional leased space, with such lease to contain such terms and conditions as the President, in consultation with the General Counsel, deems to be in the best interests of LSU.

- 5.D.2 Request from LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans to Authorize a Cooperative Endeavor and Lease Agreement with the LSU Healthcare Network for the Ambulatory Surgery Center

Upon motion by Mr. Woods, seconded by Ms. Werner, the item was approved unanimously.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College hereby authorizes the President of LSU or

designee to execute a lease with the Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans Faculty Group Practice, a Louisiana non-profit organization, to occupy space in the LSU School of Dentistry with such lease to contain such terms and conditions as the President, in consultation with the General Counsel, deems to be in the best interests of LSU.

- 5.D.3 Request from LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans to Authorize the First Amendment to the Lease Agreement with the Louisiana Cancer Research Center (LCRC) for Additional Leased Space

Upon motion by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Dampf, the item was approved unanimously.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College hereby authorizes the President of LSU or designee to execute the First Amendment to the Lease Agreement with the Louisiana Cancer Research Center to lease additional space, with such lease to contain such terms and conditions as the President, in consultation with the General Counsel, deems to be in the best interests of LSU.

- 5.D.4 Request for Approval of the FY 2024-2025 Five-Year Capital Outlay Budget Request and First Year Prioritized List for Louisiana State University

Upon motion by Mr. Dampf, seconded by Ms. Werner, the item was approved unanimously.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College that the following list of projects to be submitted to the Division of Administration in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 39:101 et seq. and first year prioritized project list is approved and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President of Louisiana State University, or his or her designee, be and he is hereby authorized to make adjustments as necessary in this request as circumstances dictate, including technical corrections, increasing or decreasing the amount requested for individual projects by not more than twenty percent (20%) of the amount approved in this resolution, combining or renaming projects and/or changing sources of funds and to add self-generated projects with individual project costs of less than \$1 million without further approval by the Board, provided, however, that such project additions be reported to the Board.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that transactions included or referred to in the capital outlay request that otherwise require Board approval are not approved by inclusion in the capital outlay request per Article VII, Section 2, A of the Bylaws.

- 5.D.5 Request to Consent to Temporary Reduction in Lease Payment for Lake Charles Memorial Hospital

Upon motion by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Dampf, the item was approved unanimously.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College hereby consents to a twenty-four month reduction in rent for Lake Charles Memorial Hospital effective July 1, 2023.

- 5.D.6 Request from LSUA for the LSUA Foundation to Accept a Donation of Property at 807 Jackson Street in Alexandria, Rapides Parish, Louisiana

Upon motion by Mr. Zuschlag, seconded by Mr. Dampf, the item was approved unanimously.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the request from LSUA for the LSUA Foundation to accept the donation of the A.C. Buchanan Building and other immovable property located in Rapides Parish, Louisiana from RRMC and The Rapides Foundation, and to include in the acceptance of that donation such terms and conditions as he deems to be in the best interests of LSU

**5.E. Athletics Committee**

Present for the Athletics Committee were Mr. Temple, Mr. Zuschlag, Ms. Aronson, Mr. Blossman, Mr. Dampf, Mr. Morrow, Ms. Werner, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Woods

**5.E.1 Request from LSU Athletics to Approve New Employment Agreement for Men’s Golf Head Coach and Director of Golf**

Upon motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Dampf, the item was approved unanimously.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College approves the Employment Agreement for Chuck Winstead as described in this item, and authorizes President William F. Tate IV to execute the Employment Agreement in consultation with the Office of General Counsel.

**5.E.2 Request from LSU Athletics to Approve New Employment Agreement for Women’s Basketball Head Coach**

Upon motion by Mr. Zuschlag, seconded by Mr. Morrow, the item was approved.  
(Yeas: Jones, Starns, Woods, Armentor, Aronson, Brown, Dampf, Luke, Morris, Morrow, Temple, Werner, William, Zuschlag)  
(Nay: Blossman)

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College approves the Employment Agreement for Kim Mulkey as described in this item, and authorizes President William F. Tate IV to execute the Employment Agreement in consultation with the Office of General Counsel.

**5.E.3 Request from LSU Athletics to Approve Amended Employment Agreements for Two Assistant Women’s Basketball Head Coaches**

Upon motion by Mr. Dampf, seconded by Ms. Aronson, the item was approved unanimously.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College approves the First Amendment of Employment Agreement for Gary Redus and the First Amendment of Employment Agreement for Bob Starkey as described in this item, and authorizes President William F. Tate IV to execute both agreements in consultation with the Office of General Counsel.

**5.E.4 Request from LSU Athletics to Approve Amended Employment Agreement for Gymnastics Head Coach**

Upon motion by Ms. Werner, seconded by Ms. Aronson, the item was approved unanimously.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College approves the Second Amendment of Employment Agreement for Jay Clark as described in this item, and authorizes President William F. Tate IV to execute the Second Amendment of Employment Agreement in consultation with the Office of General Counsel.

5.E.5 Request from LSU Athletics to Approve New Term Sheet for Assistant Baseball Coach

Upon motion by Mr. Zuschlag, seconded by Mr. Dampf, the item was approved unanimously.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College approves the Term Sheet for Nathan Yeskie as described in this item, and authorizes President William F. Tate IV to execute the Term Sheet in consultation with the Office of General Counsel.

5.E.6 Request from LSU Athletics to Amend the Ticket and Parking Distribution Policy

Upon motion by Mr. Zuschlag, seconded by Mr. Morrow, the item was approved unanimously.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby authorize annual amendment to the LSU Athletic Ticket, Parking, and Tradition Fund Policy pertaining to Schedules G and H for the allocation of complimentary tickets and parking passes as presented on September 8, 2023.

5.E.7 Request from LSU Athletics to Increase Football Ticket Prices, Parking and Tradition Fund

Upon motion by Mr. Dampf, seconded by Mr. Williams, the item was approved unanimously.

**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 to Schedule A for LSU Football season ticket pricing as presented on September 8, 2023;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Board authorizes the President or designee, in consultation with the Board Chair and Athletics Committee Chair, to approve season ticket price increases in the lower bowl and premium area by \$25 per season ticket should the conference add an additional conference game to the schedule;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Board does hereby approve the amendment to the LSU Athletic Ticket, Parking, and Tradition Fund Policy pertaining to Schedule A for LSU Football student season ticket pricing as presented on September 8, 2023;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Board authorizes the President or designee, in consultation with the Board Chair and Athletics Committee Chair, to approve student season ticket price increases up to 15% per season ticket should the conference add an additional home game to the schedule; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Board does hereby approve the amendment to the LSU Athletic Ticket, Parking, and Tradition Fund Policy pertaining to Schedule D for LSU Football season parking pricing as presented on September 8, 2023.

5.E.8 Request from LSU Athletics to Increase Women's Basketball Ticket Prices and Tradition Fund

Upon motion by Mr. Dampf, seconded by Ms. Aronson, the item was approved unanimously.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the amendment to the LSU Athletic Ticket, Parking, and Tradition Fund Policy pertaining to Schedule B for LSU Women’s Basketball season ticket pricing as presented on September 8, 2023.

- 5.E.9 Request from LSU Athletics to Approve Amendment to Employment Agreement for Deputy Athletics Director for Leadership and Strategy.

Upon motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Ms. Werner, the item was approved unanimously.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College approves the First Amendment to Employment Agreement for Lori Williams as described in this item, and authorizes President William F. Tate IV to execute the Term Sheet in consultation with the Office of General Counsel

VI. Reconvene Board Meeting

The regular meeting was called back to order and roll call conducted.

Present

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

Absent

Mr. Lee Mallett

VII. Request to Appoint a Boyd Professor

Provost Haggerty presented Boyd Professor nomination for Dr. Kenneth J. Schafer. Board of Supervisors issued a motion to adopt nomination. Upon motion by Mr. Starns and seconded by Mr. Woods, the motion was approved unanimously.

VIII. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the June 15, 2023 Board Meeting and the July 11, 2023 Nominating Committee



Upon motion by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Dampf, the minutes were approved unanimously.

IX. Personnel Actions Requiring Board Approval

Upon motion by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Morrow, the personnel actions were approved unanimously.

X. Reports to the Board

Upon motion by Mr. Armentor, seconded by Mr. Temple, the Reports to the Board were approved unanimously.

XI. Reports from Faculty Advisors and Staff Advisors

Dr. Kamboj provided an informative report on behalf of the Faculty Advisors.

There is a written Council of Staff Advisors report that has been provided to the Board in lieu of a verbal report.

XII. President's Report

The president provided an informative report.

XIII. Approval of Committee Recommendations

Upon motion by Mr. Starns, seconded by Mr. Armentor, the recommendations were approved unanimously.

XVI. Chair's Report

Ms. Jones reflected on the past year as chairman.

XV. Oath of Office for Chair

Former Appellate Court Judge Regina Bartholomew-Woods administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Jimmie Woods, Sr.

XVI. Election of Chair-Elect

Mr. Williams reported that the Nominating Committee met on July 11. After due deliberation, the committee voted to nominate Mr. Patrick Morrow as Chair-Elect.

Chairman Woods opened the floor for additional nominations. Motion by Ms. Werner to close nominations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Temple. The motion to close nominations was unanimously approved.

Chairman Woods called for a vote in favor of electing Mr. Patrick Morrow as Chair-Elect. Mr. Morrow was elected as chair-elect unanimously.

XVII. Oath of Office for Chair-Elect

Craig Morrow, attorney and son of Mr. Patrick Morrow, administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Patrick Morrow.

XVIII. Resolution Reading

**WHEREAS**, Chairman Valencia Sarpy Jones was appointed by Governor John Bel Edwards to the LSU Board of Supervisors on August 22, 2016, for the 4th Congressional District; and

**WHEREAS**, Chairman Jones was reappointed to the LSU Board of Supervisors by Governor John Bel Edwards in June 2022 to serve for another six-year term, representing the 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District; and

**WHEREAS**, Chairman Jones was chosen among her peers as the Chair-Elect and assumed the role of Chairman on September 9, 2022, subsequently making her the First Black Alumna of LSU to chair the Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors; and

**WHEREAS**, Chairman Jones' leadership focuses encompassed the entirety of LSU's 8 campuses, Agriculture research, Civil Rights and Title IX advocacy, medical and health innovation expansion in North Louisiana and the encouragement of research and development across all 64 parishes; and

**WHEREAS**, Chairman Jones is a very active member in her community serving on numerous boards and in many organizations including; the Natchitoches Regional Medical Center Board of Commissioners, Historic Downtown Development District Commission, the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors and is a dedicated member of the Service League of Natchitoches; and

**WHEREAS** Chairman Jones cultivated a unique and inclusive style of Board Governance, demonstrated a profound level of professionalism and leadership and strengthened the operatic functions of the Board; and

**WHEREAS** Chairman Jones added the LSU Pershing Rifle Color Guard to the Board of Supervisors board meetings as a permanent reminder of LSU's commitment to the United States of America, the United States Armed forces, the United States Veterans, great State of Louisiana servicemen and veterans, and the Louisiana State University Reserve Officer Training Corps; and

**WHEREAS** Chairman Jones successfully led historic diplomatic efforts for LSU, meeting with legislative partners across the State of Louisiana and partnering with the President's Scholarship First Bus tour, where she hosted a luncheon for Northwest Louisiana stakeholders in her hometown and parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS** Chairman Jones witnessed and heavily supported the 2023 LSU Women's Basketball team as they won the first Basketball National Championship in school history and witnessed and greatly supported the 2023 LSU Baseball team as they won their seventh National Championship; and

**WHEREAS** Chairman Jones led efforts for her and fellow Board members to meet with congressional delegates and leadership in Washington D.C. as well as the President and Vice President of the United States of America following the 2023 NCAA Women's Championship; and

**WHEREAS**, Chairman Jones spotlighted medical education and research, meeting with the LSU Health Sciences Shreveport leadership and touring and supporting the new Center for Medical Education and Emerging Viral Threats; and

**WHEREAS** Chairman Jones developed a poised, tactical and positive environment resulting in record legislative appropriations and donations which exceeded \$300 million; and

**WHEREAS**, Chairman Jones championed efforts to increase opportunities for all prospective students, particularly those from historically underrepresented or resource-challenged backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, Chairman Jones advocated for extended educational access for all students, and conferred degrees on the largest and most diverse graduating classes and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College wishes to express its deepest gratitude and appreciation to Chairman Valencia Sarpy Jones for her tireless devotion, exemplary leadership, and unequalled service in support of the entire university system and for fulfilling her role as Chairman while exhibiting the highest standards of elegance, determination, and professionalism.

XIX. Adjournment

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