

MINUTES
LSU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
*Board Room, University Administration Building
3810 West Lakeshore Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808
Friday, September 6, 2024 | 9:00 a.m. CT*

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Jimmie Woods, Chair, called to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College on September 6, 2024.

Present

Mr. Jimmie Woods, Chair
Ms. Valencia Sarpy Jones, Past-Chair
Ms. Laurie Lipsey Aronson
Mr. Scott Ballard
Ms. Rebecca Boniol
Mr. Carmouche
Mr. Lee Mallett
Ms. Esperanza Moran
Mr. Randy Morris
Ms. Emily Otken
Mr. Rémy Starns
Mr. Collis Temple Jr.
Mr. Blaise Zuschlag

Absent

Mr. Patrick C. Morrow, Vice-Chair
Mr. Glenn Armentor
Mr. James Williams

Also participating in the meeting were the following: Dr. William F Tate IV, President of LSU; Mr. Winston DeCuir, Jr., 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 LSU Chapter of the Pershing Rifles presented the Colors.

The invocation was offered by Kennedy Guidry, an LSU A&M Junior, and the pledge given by our University Lab School 1st graders in Ms. Day's class.

III. Oaths of Office

Mr. Blaise Zuschlag was sworn in by Monica Zuschlag as a supervisor member at large.

IV. Public Comment

There were not any individuals registered for public comment.

Aimee Simon, Founder of Bengal Belles, delivered an informative presentation on the Bengal Belles, a woman-led LSU booster organization.

V. Committee Meetings

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

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

Present for the Research and Agricultural Extension Committee were Mr. Temple, Mr. Morris, Ms. Boniol, Ms. Moran, Mr. Mallett, Ms. Otken, and Mr. Starns.

5.A.1 Forecasting Compound

Dr. George Xue, Professor in the Department of Oceanography & Coastal Sciences, delivered an informative presentation on forecasting compound flooding.

No action needed on this item.

5.B. **Academic Committee**

Present for the Academic Committee were Ms. Boniol, Ms. Jones, Mr. Mallett, Ms. Otken, Mr. Starns and Mr. Temple.

5.B.1 Request from LSU A&M to Establish a Bachelor of Arts in Energy, Environment & Sustainability

Upon motion by Mr. Mallett, seconded by Ms. Otken, the item was unanimously approved.

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 Bachelor of Arts in Energy, Environment & Sustainability.

5.B.2 Request from LSU A&M to Establish a Bachelor of Science in Fire & Emergency Management Administration.

Upon motion by Mr. Mallett, seconded by Mr. Starns, the item was unanimously approved.

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 Bachelor of Science in Fire & Emergency Management Administration

5.B.3 Request from LSU Health Sciences Center – Shreveport to Establish the Jonathan Glass, MD and Cherie-Ann Nathan, MD Endowed Professorship in Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery

Upon motion by Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. Starns, the item was unanimously approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the request from LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport to establish the Jonathan Glass, MD & Cherie-Ann Nathan, MD Endowed Professorship in Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery

5.C. **Finance Committee**

Present for the Finance Committee were Mr. Mallett, Mr. Ballard, Ms. Aronson, Ms. Boniol, Mr. Carmouche, and Mr. Morris.

5.C.1 Recommendation to Approve the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Operating Budget

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

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, 2025, providing:

(a) Final approval and commitment authorization of funds for unrestricted educational and general, medical, and related expenses in the amount of \$1,397,142,621 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 \$2,289,371,008.

(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 the Property & Facilities Committee were Ms. Aronson, Mr. Ballard, Mr. Boniol, Mr. Mallett, Mr. Morris, and Ms. Otken

5.D.1 Request for Approval of the FY 2025-2026 Five-Year Capital Outlay Budget Request and First Year Prioritized List for Louisiana State University

Upon motion by Mr. Ballard, seconded by Mr. Mallett, the item was unanimously approved.

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.2 Recommendation from LSU A&M to Authorize the President to Execute a Lease with Tiger Athletic Foundation for Resurfacing Portions of Bernie Moore Track Stadium

Upon motion by Mr. Ballard, seconded by Ms. Otken, the item was unanimously approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board authorizes William F. Tate IV, in his capacity as President of LSU, to execute a lease to Tiger Athletic Foundation in order to facilitate improvements Bernie Moore Track Stadium, including resurfacing of certain portions of the artificial track surfaces, and to execute related agreements as may be reasonably necessary to facilitate the project;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board, pursuant to the Uniform Affiliation Agreement between it and the Tiger Athletic Foundation, finds an acceptable University purpose for Tiger Athletic Foundation to enter into the proposed lease, and any related or ancillary contracts and agreements reasonably necessary for the project; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that William F. Tate IV, in his capacity as 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, to include in the lease any and all provisions and stipulations that he deems in the best interest of the Board of Supervisors.

5.D.3 Request from LSU A&M to Approve Delta Zeta House and New Lease

Upon motion by Mr. Mallett, seconded by Mr. Ballard, the item was unanimously approved.

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: (1) an Amended and Restated Lease Agreement with Delta Zeta National Housing Corporation or such other related entity designed by Delta Zeta, and (2) any other agreements, consents, approvals, or other documents needed to effectuate this transaction, with all

leases, agreements, consents, approvals, and other documents to contain such terms and conditions as the President, in consultation with the General Counsel, deems to be in the best interests of LSU; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College approves the construction of capital improvements in an amount exceeding \$1 million at the Delta Zeta House, subject to final reviews, approvals, and authorizations to proceed issued by the appropriate LSU officials in accordance with law, policy, and established practices; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby acknowledge that the schematic designs for the new Delta Zeta House are in general compliance with the Campus Design Guidelines and hereby delegates the approval of the detailed plans and specifications to the appropriate and customary LSU Office responsible for reviewing and approving such plans and specifications.

5.D.4 Request to Acknowledge and Authorize the Fifth Amendment to the Amended and Restated Master Hospital Lease

Upon motion by Mr. Mallett, seconded by Mr. Ballard, the item was unanimously approved.

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 Fifth Amendment to the Amended and Restated Hospital Lease between LSU, the University Medical Center Management Corporation, and the State of Louisiana, through the Division of Administration, with such amendment 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.5 Request from LSU A&M to Approve Lease of Space for LSU Online

Upon motion by Mr. Mallett, seconded by Ms. Otken, the item was unanimously approved.

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 (i) a lease with Twelve United Plaza, LLC and the Division of Administration for office space in United Plaza XII, (ii) a termination of the lease with the LSU Research Foundation for the LSU Online space in the LETC building, and (iii) any other requests, 3 agreements, consents, approvals, or other documents needed for this transaction, with all leases, agreements, consents, approvals, and other documents 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.E. **Athletics Committee**

Present for the Athletics Committee were Mr. Ballard, Ms. Jones, Ms. Boniol, Mr. Carmouche, Mr. Morris, Mr. Starns, and Mr. Temple.

5.E.1 Request from LSU Athletics to Approve New Employment Agreement for Men's Basketball Assistant Coach

Upon motion by Mr. Starns, seconded by Mr. Carmouche, the item was unanimously approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College approves the Employment Agreement for Casey Long 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 Golf Head Coach

Upon motion by Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. Carmouche, the item was unanimously approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College approves the Employment Agreement for Garrett Runion 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 A&M to Approve First Amendment to Employment Agreement for Men's and Women's Track & Field Head Coach

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College authorizes President William F. Tate IV, or his designee, to execute the First Amendment to Employment Agreement for Dennis Shaver as described in this item, in consultation with General Counsel.

- 5.E.4 Request from LSU Shreveport to Approve New Employment Agreement for Women's Basketball Head Coach

Upon motion by Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. Temple, the item was unanimously approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College approves the Employment Agreement for Timothy Hayes as described in this item and authorizes the Chancellor of LSUS to execute the Employment Agreement in consultation with the Office of General Counsel.

- 5.E.5 Request from LSU Shreveport to Approve New Employment Agreement for Athletics Director

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College approves the Employment Agreement for Lucas Morgan as described in this item and authorizes the Chancellor of LSUS to execute the Employment Agreement in consultation with the Office of General Counsel.

5.G. **Risk Management Committee**

Present for the Risk Management Committee were Mr. Starns, Ms. Aronson, Mr. Ballard, Ms. Boniol, Mr. Carmouche, Mr. Mallett, Ms. Moran, Mr. Morris, Ms. Otken, Mr. Temple, and Mr. Zuschlag.

Also present were Mr. Chad Brackin, Chief Internal Auditor, and Ms. Stephanie Rhodes.

5.G.1 FY 2024 4th Quarter Audit Summary

Upon motion by Mr. Temple, seconded by Ms. Moran, the item was unanimously approved.

5.G.2 Affiliates Update

No action needed on this item.

5.G.3 LSU Health Science Center – Shreveport Accreditation Preparation Update

No action needed on this item.

5.G.4 Adjournment

Upon motion by Mr. Ballard, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Risk Management Committee was adjourned.

VI. Reconvene Board Meeting

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

Present

Mr. Jimmie Woods, Chair
Ms. Valencia Sarpy Jones, Past-Chair
Ms. Laurie Lipsey Aronson
Mr. Scott Ballard
Ms. Rebecca Boniol
Mr. John Carmouche
Mr. Lee Mallett
Ms. Esperanza Moran
Mr. Randy Morris
Ms. Emily Otken
Mr. Rémy Starns
Mr. Collis Temple Jr.
Mr. Blaise Zuschlag

Absent

Mr. Patrick C. Morrow, Vice-Chair
Mr. Glenn Armentor
Mr. James Williams

VII. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the June 27, 2024 Board Professional Development
- B. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the June 28 Board Meeting
- C. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the July 18, 2024 Finance Committee Meeting
- D. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the July 18, 2024 Executive Committee Meeting
- E. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the August 9, 2024 Finance Committee Meeting
- F. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the August 9, 2024 External Affairs Committee Meeting

Upon motion by Mr. Mallett, seconded by Mr. Ballard, the minutes were unanimously approved.

VIII. Reports to the Board

Upon motion by Mr. Temple, seconded by Ms. Aronson, the Reports to the Board were unanimously received.

IX. Reports from Faculty and Staff Advisors

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

Ms. Olivia Phelps, LSU A&M Staff Senate President, provided an informative report on behalf of the Staff Advisors.

X. President's Report

The president provided an informative report.

XI. Approval of Committee Recommendations

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

XII. Chairman's Report

Chairman Woods provided an informational report.

XIII. Adjournment

Upon motion by Ms. Moran, seconded by Ms. Jones, the meeting was adjourned.