

MINUTES  
LSU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
*Activity Center, LSU Health Shreveport Center for Medical Education*  
1365 Jennings Street, Shreveport, LA 71103  
Thursday, December 5, 2024 | 10:00 a.m. CT

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Patrick Morrow, Vice Chair, called to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College on December 5, 2024.

Present

Mr. Patrick C. Morrow, Vice Chair  
Ms. Valencia Sarpy Jones, Immediate Past Chair  
Ms. Laurie Lipsey Aronson  
Mr. Scott Ballard  
Ms. Rebecca Boniol  
Mr. Lee Mallett  
Ms. Esperanza Moran  
Mr. Randy Morris  
Ms. Emily Otken  
Mr. Rémy Starns  
Mr. Collis Temple Jr.  
Mr. James Williams  
Mr. Blaise Zuschlag

Absent

Mr. Jimmie Woods, Sr., Chair  
Mr. Glenn Armentor  
Mr. John Carmouche

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

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Captain Shreve High School presented the Colors.

The invocation was offered by Nadia Haik, Second Year Medical Student from New Orleans and the Pledge given by Logan Watts, Second Year Physical Therapy Student from Benton, LA.

III. Public Comment

There were not any individuals registered for public comment.

IV. Committee Meetings

Mr. Morrow requested a motion to recess the regular meeting to convene the committee meetings. Motioned by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Mallett.

**4.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.

**4.A.1 Solving the Liver-Cardiovascular Disease Metabolic Puzzle: A Breakthrough Approach for Dual Therapy**

Dr. Oren Rom delivered an informative presentation on liver cardiovascular disease.

No action needed on this item.

Upon motion by Ms. Otken, seconded by Ms. Moran, the committee was adjourned.

**4.B. Academic Committee**

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

**4.B.1 Request from LSU A&M to Award a Posthumous Degree to Mr. Brooks Michael Prejean**

Upon motion by Mr. Starns, seconded by Mr. Williams, 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 Award a Posthumous Degree to Mr. Brooks Michael Prejean

**4.B.2 Recommendation to Approve Conferral of Degrees for Calendar Year 2025 Commencement Exercises from Louisiana State University**

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the Conferral of Degrees for Calendar Year 2025 Commencement Exercises from Louisiana State University

**4.B.3 Request from LSU A&M to Establish a Bachelor of Science in Construction Engineering**

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

**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 LSU A&M to Establish a Bachelor of Science in Construction Engineering

**4.B.4 Request from LSU A&M to Establish a Bachelor of Science in Coastal Meteorology**

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

**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 LSU A&M to Establish a Bachelor of Science in Coastal Meteorology

4.B.5 Request from LSU A&M to Establish a Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Civil Engineering

Upon motion by Ms. Jones, 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 does hereby approve the request from LSU A&M to Establish a Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Civil Engineering

4.B.6 Request from LSU Health Sciences Center-New Orleans to Establish a Master of Science in Medical Laboratory Science

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

**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 LSU Health Sciences Center-New Orleans to Establish a Master of Science in Medical Laboratory Science

4.B.7 Request from LSU Alexandria to Approve a Revised Mission Statement

Upon motion by Ms. Jones, 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 and Mechanical College does hereby approve the request from LSU Alexandria to Approve a Revised Mission Statement

4.B.8 Request from LSU Shreveport to Establish a Graduate Certificate in Dual Enrollment in English

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

**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 LSU Shreveport to Establish a Graduate Certificate in Dual Enrollment in English

4.B.9 Request from Pennington Biomedical Research Center to Establish the James W. and Neil Ann Parks Professorship for Dementia Research, Prevention and Treatment

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

**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 Pennington Biomedical Research Center to Establish the James W. and Neil Ann Parks Professorship for Dementia Research, Prevention and Treatment

4.B.10 Request from LSU Eunice to Establish the Fritz Lang Scholarship #4

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

**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 LSU Eunice to Establish the Fritz Lang Scholarship #4

#### 4.B.11 Consent Agenda

There was one item on the consent agenda.

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

Request from LSU Health Sciences Center – Shreveport to Offer the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program Hybrid

**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 – Shreveport to Offer the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program Hybrid

#### 4.C. Finance Committee

Present for the Finance Committee were Mr. Mallett, Mr. Ballard, Ms. Aronson, Ms. Boniol, Ms. Moran, Mr. Morris, Mr. Morrow, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Zuschlag.

##### 4.C.1 Request from LSU Shreveport to Implement a New Health and Wellness Service Fee

Upon motion by Ms. Moran, seconded by Mr. Ballard, the following 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 Shreveport to implement a New Health and Wellness Service Fee

Upon motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Ballard, the committee was adjourned.

#### 4.D. Property & Facilities Committee

Present for the Property & Facilities Committee were Ms. Aronson, Mr. Morrow, Mr. Ballard, Ms. Boniol, Mr. Mallett, Mr. Morris, Ms. Otken, Mr. Temple, and Mr. Zuschlag.

##### 4.D.1 Request from LSU A&M to Consent to a Sublease by Delta Zeta of the Phi Kappa Psi House

Upon motion by Ms. Otken, 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 does hereby approve the request from LSU A&M to Consent to a Sublease by Delta Zeta of the Phi Kappa Psi House

##### 4.D.2 Request from LSU A&M to Authorize the Sale of Land to DOTD for the Widening of Nicholson Drive

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

**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 LSU A&M to Authorize the Sale of Land to DOTD for the Widening of Nicholson Drive

4.D.3 Request from LSU A&M to Accept a Donation of Land Near Rural Life Museum and Burden Gardens

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

**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 LSU A&M to Accept a Donation of Land Near Rural Life Museum and Burden Gardens

4.D.4 Request from LSU Alexandria to Approve the Schematic Design for the LSUA Downtown Health Education Center

Upon motion by Ms. Otken, 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 and Mechanical College does hereby approve the request from LSU Alexandria to Approve the Schematic Design for the LSUA Downtown Health Education Center

4.D.5 Request from LSU Eunice to Approve the Schematic Design for the LSU Eunice Science Building Addition

Upon motion by Ms. Otken, 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 and Mechanical College does hereby approve the request from LSU Eunice to Approve the Schematic Design for the LSU Eunice Science Building Addition

4.E. **Athletics Committee**

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

4.E.1 Request from LSU A&M to Approve New Employment Agreement for Executive Deputy Athletics Director and Executive Director of External Relations

Upon motion by Mr. Starns, 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 does hereby approve the request from LSU A&M to Approve New Employment Agreement for Executive Deputy Athletics Director and Executive Director of External Relations

4.E.2 Request from LSU A&M to Approve New Employment Agreement for Deputy Athletics Director for Leadership and Strategy

Upon motion by Mr. 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 does hereby approve the request from LSU A&M to Approve New Employment Agreement for Deputy Athletics Director for Leadership and Strategy

4.E.3 Request from LSU A&M to Approve Employment Agreement for Deputy Athletics Director for Revenue Generation

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the request from LSU A&M to Approve Employment Agreement for Deputy Athletics Director for Revenue Generation

Upon motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Zuschlag, the committee was adjourned.

4.F. **Title IX, Civil Rights & Engagement Committee**

Present for the Title IX, Civil Rights & Engagement Committee were Mr. Starns, Ms. Aronson, Mr. Ballard, Ms. Boniol, Ms. Jones, Mr. Mallett, Ms. Moran, Mr. Morrow, Mr. Morris, Ms. Otken, Mr. Temple, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Zuschlag.

4.F.1 Board of Regents Bi-Annual Report

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby approve the Board of Regents Bi-Annual Report

Upon motion by Ms. Jones, seconded by Ms. Otken, the committee was adjourned.

4.G. **Risk Management Committee** (Thursday, December 5, 2024 | 8:00 a.m. CT | LSU Health Sciences Center – Shreveport – Room 3118)

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

Also present were Mr. Chad Brackin, Chief Internal Auditor, Winston DeCuir, Dr., Vice President & General Counsel, Steve Nelson, Chancellor LSU Health Science Center New Orleans, and Ms. Kimberly Lewis, Executive Vice President & Chief Administrative Officer.

4.G.1. Audit Plan Status Update

No action needed for this item.

4.G.2. Summary of Changes to IIA Standards

No action needed for this item.

4.G.3. LSU Health Science Center New Orleans Accreditation Update

No action needed for this item.

Upon motion by Mr. Mallett, seconded by Mr. Ballard, the Risk Management Committee went into Executive Session for a litigation update.

- 4.G.4. Litigation Update: City of New Orleans v. Edward Wisner Donation, et al., Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans, No. 2022-6765, Div. L.

No action needed for this item.

- 4.G.5. Adjournment

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

- V. Reconvene Board Meeting

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

Present

Mr. Patrick C. Morrow, Vice Chair  
Ms. Valencia Sarpy Jones, Immediate Past Chair  
Ms. Laurie Lipsey Aronson  
Mr. Scott Ballard  
Ms. Rebecca Boniol  
Mr. Lee Mallett  
Ms. Esperanza Moran  
Mr. Randy Morris  
Ms. Emily Otken  
Mr. Rémy Starns  
Mr. Collis Temple Jr.  
Mr. James Williams  
Mr. Blaise Zuschlag

Absent

Ms. Jimmy Woods, Sr., Chair  
Mr. Glenn Armentor  
Mr. John Carmouche

- VI. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the October 10, 2024 Executive Committee Meeting
- B. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the October 10, 2024 Board Professional Development
- C. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the October 10, 2024 Board Meeting
- D. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the September 6, 2024 Board Meeting

Upon motion by Ms. Moran, seconded by Mr. Morris, the minutes were unanimously approved.

- VII. Reports to the Board

Upon motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Ms. Otken, the Reports to the Board were unanimously received.

VIII. Reports from Faculty Advisors and Staff Advisors

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

IX. Approval of Committee Recommendations

Upon motion by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Mallett, all committee recommendations were unanimously approved.

X. President's Report

The president provided an informative report.

XI. Presidential Evaluation

Upon motion by Mr. Mallett, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Supervisors agreed to go into an executive session for President Tate's annual evaluation.

XII. Chair's Report

Mr. Morrow provided an informational report.

XIII. Adjournment

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