UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM

June 25, 2026

A. Call to Order/Roll Call

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met in Room 100, Louisiana Purchase Room, of the Claiborne Conference Center, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting was called to order by Chair Mark Romero at 10:49 a.m. The roll was called, and a quorum was established.

Members Present

Mr. Barry Busada
Mr. Steve Davison
Mr. Ronald Hogan
Mr. Lee Jackson, Jr.
Ms. Emily Lamkin
Dr. Jo Lethermon
Mr. Keith Myers
Mr. Alejandro "Al" Perkins
Ms. Elizabeth Pierre
Mr. Mark Romero
Ms. Kristine Russell
Mr. Robert Salim
Mr. Brad Stevens

Members Absent

Mr. Dana Peterson
Ms. Julie Stokes

Also in attendance were System President Rick Gallot, Campus Representatives, System Staff, and Legal Counsel, Mr. Brandon DeCuir as well as members of the media.

B. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Romero asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Board Member, Dr. John W. Noble, Jr., who had recently passed away. Afterwards, Brother Rodney Wood gave an invocation, and Student Member Emily Lamkin led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

C. Oath of Office Administration to new Student Board Member, Emily Lamkin

Mr. Romero recognized Ms. Emily Lamkin as the new Student Member. He said that she is a senior at University of Louisiana at Lafayette majoring in Political Science with a focus on Hospitality

Management. He asked Ms. Elizabeth Pierre to administer the Oath of Office to Emily. She said she is excited to work with the Board and System Staff.

D. Resolution in Memory of Dr. John Wallace Noble, Jr.

Chair Romero reported that Dr. Noble, a valued and respected member of the Board, had passed away on June 11. Mr. Romero said that a Resolution prepared on behalf of the Board as well as a Commendation received from The Honorable Governor Jeff Landry were being offered for approval. Upon motion of Mr. Davison and Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Myers and Mr. Busada, the Board voted to accept these two tributes.

E. Approval of Minutes - April 23, 2026 Regular Meeting and May 19, 2026 Special Meeting

Mr. Romero asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 23 and May 19 meetings. Upon motion of Ms. Pierre, seconded by Mr. Stevens, the Board unanimously approved the minutes from April 23, 2026 Regular and May 19, 2026 Special Meetings.

Upon motion of Ms. Pierre, seconded by Mr. Salim, the Board voted to meet as a Committee of the Whole.

F. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Committee Member Brad Stevens chaired the Committee. He asked Dr. Jeannine O'Rourke to present the agenda items. Upon motion of Ms. Russell, seconded by Dr. Lethermon, the Board approved Items F.1.-F.7. There was discussion among Board members concerning the requests from the University of New Orleans as they will be leaving the System effective July 1.

1. Grambling State University's request for approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Louisiana Delta Community College.

   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Grambling State University's request to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Louisiana Delta Community College.*

2. Grambling State University's request for approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Southern University at Shreveport.

   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Grambling State University's request to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Southern University at Shreveport.*

3. Grambling State University's request for approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Southern University Law Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Grambling State University's request to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Southern University Law Center.*

4. <u>Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a Consortium Agreement with Rize Education beginning in Fall 2026.</u>

   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University's request to enter into a Consortium Agreement with Rize Education beginning in Fall 2026.*

5. <u>University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to offer a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene.</u>

   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request to offer a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene.*

Additionally, there was a public comment from Annette Droddy, Executive Director of the Louisiana Dental Association, in support of this Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene.

6. <u>University of New Orleans' request to terminate three academic programs.</u>

   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of New Orleans' request to terminate three academic programs: BA in International Studies, MAT in Elementary Education/Special Education Mild/Moderate Disabilities Grades 1-5, and MAT in Teaching Secondary Education/Special Education Mild/Moderate Disabilities Grades 6-12.*

7. <u>University of New Orleans' request for approval of 2025-26 Promotions in Faculty Rank and Recommendations for Tenure.</u>

   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of New Orleans' request for approval of their 2025-26 promotions in faculty rank and recommendations for tenure.*

8. <u>Other Business</u>

   As regards UNO's upcoming transition to the LSU System, Dr. O'Rourke took the opportunity to publicly and specifically thank Dr. Darrell Kruger, UNO Provost, for his expertise and diligence during the recent years of working in the UL System.

G. Athletic Committee

Committee Chair Myers asked Mr. Bruce Janet to discuss the items listed on the Athletic Committee. Upon motion of Mr. Perkins, seconded by Mr. Davison, upon the request of Nicholls President Jay Clune, **Item G.4. was removed from consideration.**

After Mr. Janet described the items, upon motion of Mr. Hogan, seconded by Mr. Davison, the Board approved Items G.1.-G.3. and G.5.-G.7.

1. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of contractual agreements between various Assistant Men's Basketball Coaches, Louisiana Tech University, and Louisiana Tech University Foundation.

   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of contracts with Assistant Men's Basketball Coaches: Mr. Tyson Batiste, Mr. Winston Hines, Mr. Darshawn McClellan, and Mr. Kavin Gilder-Tilbury.*

2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of contractual agreements between various Assistant Softball Coaches, Louisiana Tech University, and Louisiana Tech University Foundation.

   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of contracts with Assistant Softball Coaches: Ms. Madie Green, Ms. Chelsea Cohen-Krobetzky, and Mr. Tyler Krobetzky.*

3. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of contractual agreements between various Assistant Women's Basketball Coaches, Louisiana Tech University, and Louisiana Tech University Foundation.

   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Louisiana Tech University's request for approval of contracts with Assistant Women's Basketball Coaches: Mr. Josh Ashley, Ms. Mikayla Baillie, Ms. Olivia Grayson, Mr. Caleb Livingston, and Mr. Scott Stoehr.*

4. Nicholls State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Tevon Saddler, Head Men's Basketball Coach, effective July 1, 2026.

   This item was removed from consideration.

5. Northwestern State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Alan Frey, Head Women's Basketball Coach, effective April 6, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Northwestern State University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Alan Frey, Head Women's Basketball Coach, effective April 6, 2026.*

6. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Kyle Vagher, Director of Sports Performance/Strength Coach, effective May 1, 2026.

   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of a contract with Mr. Kyle Vagher, Director of Sports Performance/Strength Coach, effective May 1, 2026.*

7. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of contractual agreements between various Associate and Assistant Basketball Coaches, Southeastern Louisiana University, and the Lion Athletics Association.

   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval of contracts for Associate and Assistant Basketball Coaches with: Ms. Regan Bolton, Ms. Keanna Keys, Mr. Cody McCoy, Mr. Andrew Riley, and Mr. Ross Rix.*

H. Audit Committee

Mr. Barry Busada chaired the Audit Committee and asked Mr. Fernando Cordova to present the items. Mr. Cordova described Committee Items H.1.-H.4. Upon motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Hogan, the Board voted to approve Items H.2.-H.4.

1. University of Louisiana System's report on internal and external audit activity for the period of April 3, 2026 to June 1, 2026.

   This is a report only and no action is required by the Board.

2. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of the University of Louisiana System Annual Internal Audit Plan for Fiscal Year 2026-27.

   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of Louisiana System Annual Internal Audit Plan for Fiscal Year 2026-27.*

3. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of the revised University of Louisiana System Internal Audit Charter and the rescission of the individual internal audit charters for the System's universities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the revised University of Louisiana System Internal Audit Charter and the rescission of the individual internal audit charters for the System's universities.*

4. University of Louisiana System's request for approval of the revised Audit Committee Charter for the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System.

   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the revised Audit Committee Charter for the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System.*

I. Facilities Planning Committee

Mr. Lee Jackson chaired the Facilities Planning Committee and asked Mr. Janet to describe the items included on the agenda. Mr. Janet described Items I.1., I.2. and I.3. There was much discussion among Board Members about the items, particularly I.3.

Upon motion of Mr. Salim, seconded by Mr. Stevens, the Board voted to consider Items I.1. and I.2. together and individually vote on Item I.3. Upon motion of Mr. Perkins, seconded by Mr. Myers, the Board voted to approve Items I.1. and I.2. Upon motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Davison, the Board approved Item I.3. by roll call vote:

Yeas:	Mr. Busada, Mr. Davison, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Jackson, Ms. Lamkin, Dr. Lethermon, Mr. Myers, Mr. Perkins, Ms. Pierre, Mr. Romero, Mr. Russell, Mr. Salim, Mr. Stevens
Nays:	None
Absent:	Mr. Peterson, Ms. Stokes

1. Grambling State University's request for approval to purchase the apartment complex being identified as the improvements and 1.88 acres with a municipal address of 280 Central Avenue, Grambling, Louisiana, for $2,350,000, plus cost of the sale.

   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Grambling State University's request for approval to purchase the apartment complex being identified as the improvements and 1.88 acres with a municipal address of 280 Central Avenue, Grambling, Louisiana, for $2,350,000, plus cost of the sale.*

   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, *that the purchase shall be contingent upon Grambling State University obtaining an independent appraisal and satisfactory environmental review and warranties for the Property.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, *that the acquisition shall be contingent upon the availability and lawful appropriation of funds necessary to complete the transaction.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, *that Grambling State University shall be responsible for Act of Sale costs, abstracting costs, title search, title insurance, and independent inspection costs, unless otherwise expressly provided for by the parties pursuant to a written agreement.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, *that all necessary tax, mortgage, conveyance, release certificates or cancellations, and the Seller's closing fees, if any, and Grambling State University's Buyer realtor/brokers fee not to exceed two percent shall be paid by the Seller. On or before the date of the Act of Sale, the Seller shall also pay all previous years' taxes, special assessments, condominium dues, homeowners' associations dues, and/or substantially similar dues or other costs, which were incurred or bear against the Property prior to the Act of Sale.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, *that all rents, utilities, and other applicable expenses shall be prorated between the parties as of the date of closing and through the Act of Sale.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, *that all tenant security deposits held in connection with existing lease agreements shall be fully accounted for and assigned to the University at closing.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, *that the Seller shall provide appropriate notices to vacate to any delinquent tenants prior to closing, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by both parties.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, *that the University shall: (a) Provide evidence to UL System staff and legal counsel from agencies/parties with transaction process oversight that all transactional and administrative requirements have been satisfied; (b) Obtain final review and approval from UL System staff; and (c) Obtain approval from legal counsel that all necessary actions and approvals have been obtained and that documents are in appropriate order for execution.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, *that the President of Grambling State University and his or her designee is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to manage the acquisition.*

AND FURTHER, *that Grambling State University will provide the System office with copies of all final executed documents for the Board files.*

2. <u>McNeese State University's request for approval to demolish five campus buildings.</u>

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves McNeese State University's request for approval to demolish Holbrook Student Union, LERC Building, Meat Lab, Breeding Lab, and the University Post Office.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, *that the President of McNeese State University and his or her designee are hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said demolitions.*

AND FURTHER, *that the University will provide Board Staff with copies of approvals and recovery activities.*

3. University of New Orleans' request to allow Friends of Hynes to build the Performance Athletic Center for Hynes UNO within the area currently leased to Friends of Hynes by the University.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves University of New Orleans' request to allow Friends of Hynes to build the Performance Athletic Center for Hynes UNO within the area currently leased to Friends of Hynes by the University.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, *that University of New Orleans shall obtain final review from UL System staff, legal counsel, and shall secure all other appropriate approvals from agencies/parties of processes, documents, and administrative requirements prior to execution of documents.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, *that the President of University of New Orleans and his or her designee are hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents associated with said transaction.*

AND FURTHER, *that the University will provide Board staff with copies of approvals and recovery activities.*

J. Finance Committee

Mr. Hogan chaired the Committee and asked Mr. Eddie Meche, Mr. Josh Benoit, and Ms. Ashley McIntyre to present the items under consideration. First, Mr. Meche introduced Mr. Benoit, new System Budget and Finance Manager, who has joined the System office. Mr. Benoit said he was happy to be part of the UL System team and work to support the System mission and strategic priorities.

Mr. Meche presented Items J.1.-J.5. Mr. Benoit discussed Item J.6., and Ms. McIntyre reported on J.7.

After the reports, upon motion of Mr. Romero, seconded by Mr. Myers, the Board voted unanimously to separate Item J.6. from the rest of the agenda and consider it separately and approved Items J.1.-J.5. Also, Mr. Brandon DeCuir was asked about the implications of approving Item J.6. Mr. DeCuir introduced Mr. Lee Bressler, Managing Director at Raymond James-New Orleans to give insight. Upon motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Romero, the Board voted unanimously to approve Item J.6. subject to approval by the LSU Board of Supervisors at its June 26 meeting.

Mr. Romero was interested in hearing from the Presidents of Louisiana Tech University, Northwestern State University, and University of Louisiana Monroe, to discuss plans and progress concerning their financial conditions.

Dr. Castille (ULM) and Mr. William Graves reported on steps to budget stabilization. Dr. Kolluru (ULL) and Dr. Edwin Litolff gave an update of deficit reductions. Dr. Henderson (Louisiana Tech) discussed the issue of liquidity as well as an enrollment increase. President Genovese (Northwestern) and Mr. Wilson discussed the University's finances.

1. <u>Grambling State University's request for approval of an amendment to the lease agreement for the year eight extension for the University's food service operations and facilities with SODEXO MAGIC, LLC.</u>

   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Grambling State University's request for approval of an amendment to the lease agreement for the year eight extension for the University's food service operations and facilities with SODEXO MAGIC, LLC.*

   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, *that Grambling State University shall obtain final review from UL System staff, legal counsel, and shall secure all other appropriate approvals from agencies/parties of processes, documents and administrative requirements prior to execution of documents.*

   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, *that Martin Lemelle, Jr., President of Grambling State University, is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute this agreement.*

   AND FURTHER, *that Grambling State University will provide the System Office with copies of all final executed documents for Board files.*

2. <u>Nicholls State University's request for approval to change its FY27 tuition and fee schedule in accordance with authority granted by Act 790 of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session.</u>

   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Nicholls State University's request for approval to decrease its current high-cost differential tuition fee from the current 3.3% to zero and increase its Higher Education Fiscal Stabilization fee from 8% to 10% for all full-time enrolled undergraduate students in the Traditional Program beginning in the Fall 2026 semester.*

3. <u>Nicholls State University's request for approval to amend and extend the University's existing lease agreement with Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, LLC.</u>

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Nicholls State University's request for approval to amend and extend the University's existing lease agreement with Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, LLC, and continue to implement the First Day Complete Equitable Access Program.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, *that Nicholls State University shall obtain final review from the UL System staff, legal counsel and shall secure all other appropriate approvals from agencies/parties of processes, documents, and administrative requirements.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, *that the President of Nicholls State University and his designee is hereby designated and authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to execute the lease amendment.*

AND FURTHER, *that the University will provide the System office with copies of all final executed documents for Board files.*

4. <u>Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to divide the Leon Ford Family Endowed Chair in Regional Studies into four super professorships.</u>

   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University's request to divide the Leon Ford Family Endowed Chair in Regional Studies into four super professorships: Leon Ford III Endowed Super Professorship in Southeast Louisiana Studies; Edward Brent Dufreche Endowed Super Professorship in Biology; Nora Dell Fritscher Endowed Super Professorship in Nursing; and Phil and Ann Livingston, in Memory of Lacy Ann Livingston, Endowed Super Professorship in Nursing.*

5. <u>University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval for the contract extension for professional legal services with the law firm of Law Office of Greg Mier, LLC.</u>

   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request and authorizes the University of Louisiana at Lafayette to negotiate and to submit, for approval to the Louisiana Attorney General, a proposed amendment to the contract for professional legal services with the law firm of Law Office of Greg Mier, LLC.*

6. <u>University of New Orleans' request for approval for the execution of a supplemental lease between the Board, on behalf of the University, and UNO Research and Technology Foundation, in connection with modifications to Series 2022 Bond repayment terms.</u>

   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of New Orleans' request for approval of the form and authorization to execute a Second Supplemental Facilities Lease, by and between the*

Board, acting on behalf of the University, and UNO Research and Technology Foundation, Inc., to modify repayment terms described herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, *that the University of New Orleans shall obtain final review from UL System staff and legal counsel to the Board, and shall secure all other appropriate approvals from agencies/parties of processes, documents, and administrative requirements prior to execution of documents.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, *that the President of the University of Louisiana System, and his or her designee, and the President of the University of New Orleans, and his or her designee, are hereby authorized and directed to execute the lease described herein.*

AND FURTHER, *that the University of New Orleans will provide the System office with copies of all final executed documents for the Board's files.*

7. University of Louisiana System's discussion of Fiscal Year 2025-26 third quarter financial reports and ongoing assurances.

   This is a report only, and no Board action is required.

K. Legislation Committee

1. Recap of 2026 Regular Legislative Session

   In the interest of time, Mr. Romero asked Dr. Gallot to submit a written report recapping the actions and impact of the Legislative Session.

L. Personnel Committee

Committee Chair Salim asked Dr. Caprice Ieyoub to present the items. Dr. Ieyoub described the campus requests along with the Personnel Actions. Upon motion of Mr. Perkins, seconded by Mr. Busada, the Board voted to approve Items L.1.-L.7.

1. Grambling State University's request for approval to appoint Mr. Edwin Barry Pearson as Vice President for Finance, effective April 15, 2026.

   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Grambling State University's request to appoint Mr. Edwin Barry Pearson as Vice President for Finance, effective April 15, 2026.*

   President Lemelle introduced Mr. Pearson.

2. Louisiana Tech University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Jamie Newman as Dean of the College of Applied & Natural Sciences, effective July 1, 2026.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Louisiana Tech University's request to appoint Dr. Jamie Newman as Dean of the College of Applied & Natural Sciences, effective July 1, 2026.*

Dr. Donna Thomas introduced Dr. Newman.

3. McNeese State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Jan Robichaux as Dean of the Burton College of Education, effective June 1, 2026.

   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves McNeese State University's request to appoint Dr. Jan Robichaux as Dean of the Burton College of Education, effective June 1, 2026.*

Dr. Kedrick Nicholas introduced Dr. Jan Robichaux.

4. McNeese State University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Srinivasan Ambatipati as Dean of the College of Engineering & Science, effective June 1, 2026.

   NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves McNeese State University's request to appoint Dr. Srinivasan Ambatipati as Dean of the College of Engineering & Science, effective June 1, 2026.*

Dr. Nicholas introduced Dr. Ambatipati.

5. Southeastern Louisiana University's request for approval to appoint Dr. Mitchell Croatt as Dean of the College of Science and Technology, effective August 1, 2026.

   NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Southeastern Louisiana University's request to appoint Dr. Mitchell Croatt as Dean of the College of Science and Technology, effective August 1, 2026.*

6. University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request for approval to appoint Dr. Geoffrey Stewart as Interim Vice President for Advancement and Strategy, effective July 1, 2026.

   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request to appoint Dr. Geoffrey Stewart as Interim Vice President for Advancement and Strategy, effective July 1, 2026.*

President Kolluru introduced Dr. Stewart.

7. University of Louisiana Monroe's request for approval to appoint Dr. Gina Craft as Dean of the College of Pharmacy, effective April 20, 2026.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves the University of Louisiana Monroe's request to appoint Dr. Gina Craft as Dean of the College of Pharmacy, effective April 20, 2026.*

Dr. Michelle McEacharn introduced Dr. Craft.

8. Personnel Actions

Dr. Ieyoub introduced the campus Personnel Actions for consideration.

M. System President's Business

1. System President's Report

Personnel Actions

System President Gallot said that the campus and System Personnel Actions noted under the Personnel Committee had been reviewed by System Staff and are recommended for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Salim, seconded by Mr. Jackson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Personnel Actions.

Notes of Appreciation

Dr. Gallot said that University of New Orleans had joined the University of Louisiana System in 2011 and was returning to the LSU System on July 1. He said that good working relationships had been enjoyed since their joining the UL System. He also praised and thanked UNO President Kathy Johnson for her leadership since 2023 and announced that she had accepted a position as Executive Vice President and Provost at St. Louis University effective July 13. She was honored by the Board with a crystal award to commemorate her service to the University.

Additionally, Dr. Gallot announced Dr. Kedrick Nicholas' final meeting as McNeese State University Interim President. He thanked Dr. Nicholas for providing leadership during the interim period before the new President begins his tenure. Dr. Nicholas stated his sincere gratitude for the opportunity to serve as Interim President, and he appreciates the strengthened relationships he has enjoyed with the other University Presidents. He particularly thanked his wife and sons.

Management and Leadership Institute

President Gallot thanked the Management and Leadership Institute class for the presentation that morning. He said that the program has been instrumental in developing leaders across the System. He also stated that the next cohort will be paused for the time being. Lastly, he thanked Dr. Caprice Ieyoub for developing the Institute and her years of leadership and service as Director of the Institute. He wished her well as she is transferring to the Office of the Louisiana State Treasurer as Executive Counsel.

Mr. Romero asked President Kolluru to take a moment to recognize those who had worked to remedy four consecutive years of poor audit findings at University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Dr. Kolluru commented about the changes that had taken place to reverse the culture and bring about change. He said he was extremely proud of the team that had worked to have an improved outcome. Dr. Kolluru indicated that so far two of the audit failures have been cleared up because of their diligence.

2. Approval of resolution authorizing Attorney General's office to submit Public Declaration Letter to Federal Aviation Administration for Public Aircraft Operations. *(Executive Session may be required.)*

Mr. Brandon DeCuir explained the request. Upon motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Ms. Russell, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves a resolution authorizing the Attorney General's Office to submit a Public Declaration Letter to Federal Aviation Administration to Public Aircraft Operations.*

N. Board Chair's Business

1. Board Chair's Report

For Our Future Awards

Mr. Romero said that the application process is underway for the upcoming academic year's For Our Future awards. He said that, as the applications are reviewed and processed, each Board member will receive requests for consideration.

Upcoming Board Meeting

Chair Romero reminded the Board that the next meeting will be held in the Claiborne Building in Baton Rouge on Thursday, August 27.

2. Other Business

Mr. Romero said that the Board Development will immediately follow the conclusion of the Board meeting on the sixth floor in Room 6-242. The topic of the training session is the Board of Regents Funding Formula, and the presenter is Regents Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, Elizabeth Bentley-Smith. He encouraged them to take advantage of the opportunity to learn more about the complex method of funding the state's higher education.

O. Other Business

There was no other business to come before the Board.

P. Adjournment

Upon unanimous motion, the Board voted to adjourn at 1:15 p.m.