

MINUTES
LSU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
*Board Room, University Administration Building
3810 West Lakeshore Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808
Thursday, October 10, 2024 | 12:30 p.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 October 10, 2024.

Present

Mr. Jimmie Woods, Chair
Mr. Patrick C. Morrow, Vice-Chair
Ms. Valencia Sarpy Jones, Past-Chair
Mr. Glenn Armentor
Ms. Laurie Lipsey Aronson
Mr. Scott Ballard
Mr. John Carmouche
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. Rebecca Boniol

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.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The LSU Chapter of the Pershing Rifles presented the Colors.

The invocation was offered by Juliette LeRay, Reigning 2023 Homecoming Queen, and the pledge given by Brian Gage, Paradise Kellem, Madeline Le, Emma Long, Payton Manuel, and Mason Pfeffer, the 2024 LSU Homecoming Court Seniors.

Dr. Brandon Common, Vice President of Student Affairs, and Caitlyn Morrison, Manager - Campus Events, delivered a preview for Homecoming Week.

Dr. Joe W. Ramos, Director of LSU Health - LCMSC Health Cancer Center, delivered an informative presentation on LSU's current NCI designation progress.

III. Public Comment

There were not any individuals registered for public comment.

IV. Committee Meetings

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

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

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

4.A.1 Robotic Concrete Construction: Transforming Louisiana One Layer at a Time Presentation

Dr. Ali Kazemian, Assistant Professor in the Bert S. Turner Department of Construction Management, delivered an informative presentation on Robotic Concrete Construction.

No action needed on this item.

4.B. **Academic Committee**

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

4.B.1 Request from LSU A&M for Initial Designation of the Equine Health and Sports Performance Center of Excellence

Upon motion by Ms. Otken, seconded by Mr. Morrow, 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 for initial designation of the Equine Health and Sports Performance Center of Excellence

4.B.2 Request to Amend Article II, Section 6 of the Regulations of the Board from Louisiana State University

Upon motion by Ms. Otken, seconded by Mr. Morrow, 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 amendment to Article II, Section 6. of the Regulations, as indicated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board endorses a revision to Permanent Memorandum 23 reflective of these changes and supports each LSU institution to implement policies compliant with these Regulations and with respect to unique institutional missions.

4.B.3 Request to Amend Article III, Section 1 of the Regulations of the Board from Louisiana State University

Upon motion by Ms. Otken, seconded by Mr. Morrow, 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 amendment to Article III. Section 1. of the Regulations, as indicated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board endorses a revision to Permanent Memorandum 12 reflective of these changes and supports each LSU institution to implement sabbatical policies compliant with these Regulations and with respect to unique institutional missions.

4.B.4 Consent Agenda

There were two items on the consent agenda.

Upon motion by Ms. Otken, seconded by Mr. Morrow, the following items were unanimously approved.

Request from LSU Health Sciences Center - Shreveport for Continued Authorization of the Center for Brain 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-Shreveport for the continued authorization of the Center for Brain Health.

Request from LSU A&M to Concert the Paul M. Horton Chair in Chemical Engineering to Professorships

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby approve the request to convert the Paul M. Horton Chair in Chemical Engineering to two endowed professorships; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the two endowed professorships be named the Paul M. Horton Professorship in Chemical Engineering #1 and the Paul M. Horton Professorship in Chemical Engineering #2.

4.C. Finance Committee

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

4.C.1 Request to Approve Differential Tuition and Mandatory Fee Amounts Pursuant to the Authority Granted in Act 790 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature

Motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Ms. Aronson; Substitute motion by Ms. Moran requesting the President issue a report to the Board about future tuition increase. Substitute motion failed for lack of a second. Main motion by Mr. Williams was approved.

WHEREAS La. R.S. 17:3351(A)(5)(a) as enacted by Act 790 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature authorizes the Board to establish differential tuition for graduate, professional, specialized, or undergraduate high-cost programs; and

WHEREAS La. R.S. 17:3351(A)(5)(a) as enacted by Act 790 authorizes the Board to establish mandatory fee amounts for all programs and control and consolidate separate fees; and

WHEREAS La. R.S. 17:3351(A)(5)(a) as enacted by Act 790 requires the Board establish a process for providing adequate notice to students of tuition and fee amounts, the criteria for waivers in cases of financial hardship, and to make information regarding such waivers available to all students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College that the Board approves the implementation of the proposed differential tuition and mandatory fee increases at Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College, LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center, LSU School of Veterinary 4 Medicine, LSU of Alexandria, LSU in Eunice, LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans, and LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College that each campus shall have in a place a procedure for waivers for cases of financial hardship, awards of scholarships or waivers of tuition and fees, and compensation packages for graduate assistants; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that effective with the Fall 2025 semester, the President is authorized by this Board to set the differential tuition amount for students at Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College, LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center, LSU School of Veterinary Medicine, LSU of Alexandria, LSU in Eunice, LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans, and LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport by an amount not to exceed ten percent over a two-year period, pursuant to La. R.S. 17:3351(A)(5)(a) as enacted by Act 790 of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that effective with the Fall 2025 semester, the President is authorized by this Board to set the mandatory fees for each campus by an amount not to exceed the ten percent (10%) over a two-year period and consolidate required fees approved herein pursuant to La. R.S. 17:3351(A)(5)(a) as enacted by Act 790 of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College that the President of LSU, or his designee, is hereby authorized to make any adjustments necessary in finalizing and implementing these differential tuition and mandatory fee increases within the maximum tuition and mandatory fee amounts presented and authorized for each campus in this item, in accordance with La. R.S. 17:3351(A)(5)(a) as enacted by Act 790 of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session.

4.D. Property & Facilities Committee

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

4.D.1 Request from LSU A&M to Approve an Act 959 Project for the Headhouse Renovations

Upon motion by Mr. Morris, 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 hereby authorizes the President of LSU, or his designee, to approve the following project and process the project through the appropriate administrative channels of review and approval, namely, the Board of Regents, the Division of the

Administration, Office of Facility Planning and Control, and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget, pursuant to Act 959 of the 2003 Regular Legislative Session enacting R.S. 39:128(B)(4) as amended pursuant to Act No. 78 of the 2006 Regular Legislative Session and Act No. 395 of the 2023 Regular Legislative Session:

Headhouse Renovations Estimated total project cost is \$5,700,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of LSU, or his designee, is duly authorized by and empowered for and on behalf of and in the name of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College to approve the plans and specifications for the proposed improvements and to approve cost increases up to 20% of the amount approved to accommodate unforeseen conditions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the LSU President for Louisiana State University, or his designee, is duly authorized by and empowered for and on behalf of and in the name of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College to take such action the he may deem in the best interest of the Board of Supervisors to process and obtain administrative approvals for this project.

- 4.D.2 Request from LSUA Foundation to Accept Donation of Vacant Lot at 925 Jackson Street, Alexandria, Rapides Parish, Louisiana

Upon motion by Mr. Morris, 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 find an Appropriate University Purpose for the LSUA Foundation to accept the donation of a vacant lot at 925 Jackson Street, Alexandria, Rapides Parish, Louisiana, provided that the Foundation shall not formally accept the donation until it has received written authorization from the President of LSU following review of the final legal documents by the appropriate LSU officials, including the Office of General Counsel.

- 4.D.3 Request from LSU Health Sciences Center – Shreveport to Approve a Project to Expand Research Space

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the Chancellor of LSUHSC-Shreveport to work with the LSU Health Sciences Foundation in Shreveport and appropriate University officers and departments to prepare a business plan and a proposed lease of space for the former Mall St. Vincent Sears building and related space, with such business plan and proposed lease to be presented to this Board for further consideration prior to execution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the President of LSU to find an Appropriate University Purpose, as provided for in the Uniform Affiliation Agreement, for the LSU Health Sciences Foundation to purchase, with the Foundation’s own funds, the former Mall St. Vincent Sears building and related space.

- 4.D.4 Request from LSU to Approve the Schematic Design for the Julian T. White Hall

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 Schematic Design of the new exterior envelope for the Julian T. White Hall.

4.E. **Athletics Committee**

Present for the Athletics Committee were Mr. Ballard, Ms. Aronson, Mr. Carmouche, Mr. Morris, Mr. Starns, and Mr. Zuschlag.

4.E.1 Request from LSU Athletics to Increase Softball Season Ticket Prices and Tradition Fund

Upon motion by Mr. Morris, 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 (the "Board") does hereby approve the amendment to the LSU Athletic Ticket, Parking, and Tradition Fund Policy in Schedule C for LSU Softball season ticket pricing as presented on October 10, 2024.

4.G. **Risk Management Committee** (Thursday, October 10, 2024 | 9:00 a.m. CT | UAB – Room 104)

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

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

4.G.1. FY 2024 Annual Report

Upon motion by Ms. Moran, seconded by Ms. Otken, the report was unanimously approved.

4.G.2. LSU Health Sciences Center – Update on Shreveport Health Sciences Center Accreditation

No action needed for this item.

4.G.3. Adjournment

Upon motion by Ms. Moran, seconded by Mr. Carmouche, 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. Jimmie Woods, Chair
Mr. Patrick C. Morrow, Vice-Chair
Mr. Glenn Armentor
Ms. Laurie Lipsey Aronson
Mr. Scott Ballard
Mr. John Carmouche

Mr. Lee Mallett
Ms. Esperanza Moran
Mr. Randy Morris
Ms. Emily Otken
Mr. Rémy Starns
Mr. Blaise Zuschlag

Absent

Ms. Valencia Sarpy Jones, Past-Chair
Ms. Rebecca Boniol
Mr. Collis Temple Jr.
Mr. James Williams

VI. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the September 5, 2024 Board Professional Development
- B. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the September 5, 2024 Executive Committee Meeting
- C. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the September 5, 2024 Healthcare and Medical Education Committee Meeting
- D. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the September 6, 2024 Board Meeting (*subject to a correction showing Ms. Aronson was present for the Athletics Committee Meeting*)

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

VII. Personnel Actions Requiring Board Approval

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

VIII. Approval of Committee Recommendations

Upon motion by Mr. Ballard, seconded by Mr. Morrow, all committee recommendations with the exception of the Finance Committee were unanimously approved.

Upon motion by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Ballard, the Finance Committee's recommendations were approved. Ms. Otken registered an objection to the Finance Committee's recommendations.

IX. Resolution Regarding Impact of *Student for Fair Admissions v. Harvard, et al.*

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

X. Reports to the Board

Upon motion by Mr. Mallett, seconded by Mr. Ballard, the Reports to the Board were unanimously received.

XI. 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.

XII. President's Report

The president provided an informative report.

XIII. Chairman's Report

Chairman Woods provided an informative report.

XIV. Adjournment

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