

MINUTES
LSU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
*Board Room, University Administration Building
3810 West Lakeshore Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808
Friday, April 25, 2025 | 9:00 a.m. CT*

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Scott Ballard, Chairman, called to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College on April 25, 2025.

Present

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

Absent

Mr. Glenn Armentor
Mr. John Carmouche
Mr. Patrick C. Morrow

Also participating in the meeting were the following: Dr. William F Tate IV, President of LSU; Mr. Trey Jones, Office of 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

The LSU Chapter of the Pershing Rifles presented the Colors.

The invocation was offered by Adam Carruth, a University High School Senior, and the pledge given by Ms. Kelly's Kindergarten class from the University Lab School.

III. Public Comment

There were not any individuals registered for public comment.

IV. Committee Meetings

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

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 Wearable Technology Development with Emerging Knitting Technology: A Pilot Study of Making Baby Thermal Monitor Hats

Dr. Sibeï Xia, Assistant Professor in the College of Agriculture, delivered an informative presentation.

No action needed on this item.

4.B. Academic Committee

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

4.B.1 Request LSU A&M to Establish a Bachelor of Arts in Design Studies

Upon motion by Mr. Mallett, 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 & Mechanical College does hereby approve the request from LSU A&M to establish the Bachelor of Arts in Design Studies.

4.B.2 Request from LSU A&M to Establish a Master of Science in Architecture

Upon motion by Ms. Otken, seconded by Mr. Alvendia, 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 Master of Science in Architecture

4.B.3 Request from LSU Eunice to Establish Four Certificate Programs

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 & Mechanical College does hereby approve the request from LSU Eunice to establish the following certificate programs:

- a) Certificate of Technical Studies in Payroll Administrator
- b) Certificate of Technical Studies in Business Entrepreneurship
- c) Certificate of Technical Studies in Basic Management
- d) Certificate of Applied Science in Paraprofessional Education

4.B.4 Request from LSU A&M to Establish the HSS Humanities Center

Upon motion by Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. Alvendia, 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 HSS Humanities Center.

4.B.5 Request from LSU Shreveport to Approve a Revised Mission Statement

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 & Mechanical College does hereby approve the request from LSU Shreveport to approve a revised mission statement.

4.B.6 Consent Agenda

There were five items on the consent agenda.

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

Request from LSU A&M to Augment the Janice Harvey Pellar Endowed Chair

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 augment the Janice Harvey Pellar Endowed Chair at LSU; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and/or the President, as may be appropriate, are hereby authorized and directed to execute any documents required to obtain matching gifts and otherwise complete the augmentation of the Janice Harvey Pellar Endowed Chair at LSU.

Request from LSU A&M to Convert the Freeport-McMoran Endowed Chair of Economics to Endowed 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 Freeport-McMoran Endowed Chair of Economics to two endowed professorships; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the two endowed professorships be named the FreeportMcMoran Endowed Professorship of Economics #1 with a corpus of \$500,000 and the FreeportMcMoran Endowed Professorship of Economics #2 with a corpus of \$500,000.

Request from LSU Health Sciences Center - Shreveport to Approve School and Program/Departmental Name Changes

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 Shreveport to rename the following school and programs:

- a) Rename the "School of Allied Health Professions" to the "School of Health Professions and Sciences" and;

- b) Rename the Program in Cardiopulmonary Science to the Department of Cardiopulmonary Science, and;
- c) Rename the Program in Medical Laboratory Science to the Department of Medical Laboratory Science, and;
- d) Rename the Program in Physician Assistant Studies to the Department of Physician Assistant Studies, and;
- e) Rename the Program in Public Health to the Department of Public Health, and;
- f) Rename the Program in Communication Disorders to the Department of Communication Disorders, and;
- g) Rename the Program in Occupational Therapy to the Department of Occupational Therapy, and;
- h) Rename the Program in Physical Therapy to the Department of Physical Therapy, and;
- i) Eliminate the Department of Clinical Sciences

Request from LSU A&M to Name a Room in the School of Music

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 a room in the College of Music & Dramatic Arts the Sonny Hill Trumpet Studio.

Request from LSU A&M to Offer the Master of Science in Computer Science 100% Online

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 offer the Master of Science in Computer Science 100% Online.

4.C. Finance Committee

Present for the Finance Committee were Mr. Mallett, Mr. Zuschlag, Mr. Alvendia, Ms. Aronson, and Ms. Boniol.

- 4.C.1 Request from LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport to Approve the FY2026 Expenditure of Carroll W. Feist Funds for the Feist Weiller Cancer Center and to Make Determinations of Acceptable University Purposes

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby (a) approve the budget request of \$3,804,526 from the Feist Legacy Account for the benefit of the Feist Weiller Cancer Center programs at the LSU Health Sciences Center – Shreveport and (b) that the Board determines that the use of those funds constitute and appropriate and acceptable university purpose.

4.D. Property & Facilities Committee

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

- 4.D.1 Request from LSU A&M Regarding the LETC Building

Upon motion by Mr. Zuschlag, 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 authorize the President of LSU, or designee, to execute a Termination Amendment to that certain Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Board and the LSU Research Foundation dated as of January 10, 2020, along with any acts of donation or other documents and agreements related thereto, with such Termination Amendment, acts of donation, and other documents and agreements to include such terms and conditions as the President, in consultation with the General Counsel, deems to be in the best interests of the Board of Supervisors.

- 4.D.2 Request from LSU A&M to Approve a Lease Agreement with the LSU Real Estate and Facilities Foundation for Renovation of the Music Recital Hall

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the President of LSU, or designee, to execute a Facility Lease Agreement for Construction to Recital Hall LLC in order to facilitate the renovations to the existing recital hall and supporting spaces at the LSU School of Music, and to execute related agreements as may be reasonably necessary to facilitate the Project;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of LSU, or 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 Facility Lease Agreement any and all provisions and stipulations that he deems in the best interest of the Board of Supervisors.

- 4.D.3 Request from LSU A&M to Approve a Lease Agreement with the LSU Real Estate and Facilities Foundation for Phase 2 of the Huey P. Long Fieldhouse Renovations

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University hereby authorizes the President of LSU, or designee, to proceed with the design and construction of the Huey P. Long Fieldhouse Renovations: Phase 2, and to execute all contracts and agreements necessary to carry out the project in accordance with LSU policies and procedures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of LSU, or designee, is authorized to make necessary changes to project scope, schedule, and budget as may be required to successfully deliver the project within available funding and in the best interest of the Board of Supervisors.

- 4.D.4 Request from LSU Health Sciences Center – Shreveport to Approve a Lease with Rapides Regional Medical Center

Upon motion by Mr. Zuschlag, 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 Rapides Healthcare System, LLC and (ii) any other requests, 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.

- 4.D.5 Request from LSU Agricultural Center to Approve a Lease of Property to the Church of the King, Inc.

Upon motion by Mr. Alvendia, 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 authorize the President of LSU, or designee, to execute a lease agreement and any related agreements or documents with Church of the King, Inc. for a 5.32 acre tract of land, and to include in such lease and other agreements and documents such terms and conditions as the President, in consultation with the General Counsel, deems to be in the best interests of the Board of Supervisors.

4.E. Athletics Committee

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

- 4.E.1 Request from LSU Athletics to Approve New Employment Agreement for Assistant Football Coach

Upon motion by Ms. Aronson, seconded by Mr. Starns, 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 Kyle Williams as described in this item and authorizes the President to execute the agreement in consultation with the Office of General Counsel.

- 4.E.2 Request from LSU Athletics to Approve New Employment Agreement for Senior Associate Athletics Director for Football Administration

Upon motion by Mr. Starns, 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 approves the Employment Agreement for Paul "Austin" Thomas as described in this item and authorizes the President to execute the Employment Agreement in consultation with the Office of General Counsel.

- 4.E.3 Request from LSU Athletics to Approve New Employment Agreement for Executive Deputy Athletics Director/Chief Operating Officer

Upon motion by Mr. Starns, 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 approves the Employment Agreement for Keli Zinn as described in this item and authorizes the President to execute the Employment Agreement in consultation with the Office of General Counsel.

- 4.E.4 Request from LSU A&M to Approve First Amendment to Employment Agreement for Men's Basketball Assistant Coach

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College authorizes the President to execute the First Amendment to Employment Agreement for David Patrick as described in this item, in consultation with General Counsel.

4.F. Risk Management Committee (Friday, April 25, 2025 | 8:00 a.m. CT | UAB – Room 104)

Present for the Risk Management Committee were Mr. Starns, Ms. Aronson, Ms. Boniol, Ms. Jones, 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.

4.F.1 FY 2025 3rd Quarterly Audit Summary

Upon motion by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Ballard, the summary was received.

4.F.2 FY 2025 Audit Activity Summary

Upon motion by Ms. Otken, seconded by Mr. Morris, the summary was received.

4.F.3 LSU A&M College of Human Science and Education Update

Dr. Roland Mitchell, E.B. “Ted” Robert Endowed Professor and Dean of the LSU College of Human Sciences & Education, provided an informative update on the University Lab School.

4.F.4 Adjournment

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

V. Reconvene Board Meeting

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

Present

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

Absent

Mr. Glenn Armentor
Mr. John Carmouche

Mr. Patrick C. Morrow

VI. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the February Board Professional Development Meeting from February 20, 2025, and February Board Meeting from February 21, 2025

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

VII. Personnel Actions Requiring Board Approval

Upon motion by Mr. Mallett, seconded by Mr. Temple, the personnel actions were unanimously approved.

VIII. Reports to the Board

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

IX. Reports from Faculty and Staff Advisors

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

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

X. Approval of Committee Recommendations

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

XI. President's Report

The president provided an informative report.

XII. Chairman's Report

Chairman Ballard provided an informative report.

Resolution for Student Board Member Emily Ames Otken

WHEREAS, Ms. Emily Otken is a native of Denham Springs, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Otken chose to attend the Louisiana State University Ogden Honors College and received her Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences with minors in Political Science and History, graduating Summa Cum Laude in 2022; and

WHEREAS, While at Louisiana State University Agricultural and Mechanical College, Ms. Otken served on the 2020 LSU Homecoming Court, President of the Alpha Epsilon Delta pre-medical honor society, Vice President of the Student Philanthropy Council, three terms as the LSU Student Government Director of Transportation and Safety, received the 2022 Love Purple Live Gold Legacy and Agent of Change award, and was a member of the Class of '22 Tiger 12; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Otken continued her education at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport, where she is currently a third-year student pursuing her Medical Doctorate; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Otken became a heavily involved and engaged student at the Health Sciences Center and within the Shreveport community ; serving as the President of the Internal Medicine Pediatrics Interest Group, Co-founding the Shreveport Chapter of the Christian Medical and Dental Association, working with underserved communities as an Area Health Education Center Scholar and Liaison, and volunteering with the Northwest Louisiana Veterans Home and the HUB: Urban Ministry; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Otken was elected to serve as the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center Shreveport Executive Council Student Body President and was subsequently elected by her fellow LSU campus student body presidents to serve as the Student Member to the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, After graduating medical school, Ms. Otken plans to attend residency and specialize in pediatrics with the intention of returning to Louisiana to practice medicine and to continue to serve her home state; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Otken has been a productive and dignified member of the LSU Board of Supervisors by remaining remarkably engaged, advocating for the students' perspective, and representing the students and Board at several events across our State; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College does hereby offer its appreciation to Ms. Emily Ames Otken for her service to the Board and her dedication to serving our students.

Upon motion by Mr. Starns, seconded by Ms. Aronson, the resolution was adopted by the Board.

XIV. Adjournment

Upon motion by Ms. Otken, seconded by Mr. Alvendia, the meeting was adjourned.