

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

April 18, 2018

The Board of Regents met as a Committee of the Whole at 8:45 a.m., Wednesday, April 18, 2018, in the Thomas Jefferson Room 1-136 C, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Robert Levy called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Executive Assistant Carolyn Blanchard called the roll, and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Robert Levy, Chair
Marty Chabert, Vice Chair
Collis Temple III, Secretary
Claudia Adley
Randy Ewing
Thomas Henning
Richard Lipsey
Edward Markle
Charles McDonald
Darren Mire
Sonia Perez
Wilbert Pryor
T. Jay Seale III
Adarian Williams
Jacqueline Wyatt

Absent from the meeting was:

Blake David

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Levy noted that no written requests were received for public comments and asked whether the audience had any comments at the time. There were none.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2018

On motion of Regent Adley, seconded by Regent Ewing, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the minutes of March 21, 2018.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

SPONSORED PROGRAMS

FY 2017-2018 BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS

Ms. Carrie Robison, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, highlighted recommendations for the constitutionally prescribed program components of the Board of Regents Support Fund (BoRSF), and reminded the Board that a Board development session in March had included general information relative to planning and budgeting, merit-driven review, and decision-making processes. She then specified the following five (5) recommendations for FY 2017-18 across all BoRSF subprograms. By these recommendations, the Board was asked to authorize 181 awards, with contingencies, as follows:

I. Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars

Board action completes the endowments for proposals ranked 1, 2, and 3 in the Consultants' Report (i.e., proposals 003EC, 008EC and 005EC) with \$1,200,000 in FY 2017-18 funds.

II. Enhancement of the Quality of Academic, Research, and Agricultural Departments and Units

Board action approves the following:

- Departmental Enhancement: The \$2,485,460 available and recommended for expenditure shall be awarded in the rank order, at the funding levels, and with the funding stipulations recommended by consultants:
Comprehensive-Multiyear: Ranks 1-3
Targeted-One Year: Ranks 1-19

Should the amount of money ultimately available to fund first-year activities in Departmental Enhancement projects be less than the \$2,485,460 disbursed herein, the following principles shall apply: (1) All Support Fund money shall be awarded in rank

order, at funding levels and with stipulations recommended by consultants; (2) if the remaining money in the budget for a particular component is insufficient to fully fund the next recommended proposal for that component, the remaining funds shall constitute the total award for that proposal; and (3) should an institution refuse or be denied an award, that money shall be awarded to the next highest ranked unfunded proposal within that component.

- BoR/SREB Doctoral Support Initiative: A total of \$150,000 in FY 2018-19 funds is provided from the Support Fund for four (4) proposals, ranked 1-4, for the durations and at the levels recommended.
- Endowed Professorships: A total of \$2,560,000 from the Support Fund is approved to match sixty-seven (67) applications submitted in FY 2017-18 under the Endowed Professorships subprogram: \$1,680,000 to match forty-five (45) new and prior-year requests and \$880,000 to match twenty-two (22) backlogged slots
- First-Generation Endowed Undergraduate Scholarships: A total of \$360,000 from the Support Fund is approved to match eight (8) applications submitted by June 30, 2017 under the First-Generation Endowed Undergraduate Scholarships subprogram.
- Endowed Two-Year Student Workforce Scholarships: A total of \$600,000 from the Support Fund is approved to match eighteen (18) applications, ranked 1-17, submitted in FY 2017-18 under the Endowed Two-Year Workforce Scholarships subprogram.

III. Targeted Research & Development

Board action approves disbursement of \$2,280,727 estimated to be available in FY 2017-18 to fund the first year of new RCS, ITRS, PoC/P, and ATLAS projects as follows:

1. Research Competitiveness Subprogram: \$1,286,078
2. Industrial Ties Research Subprogram: \$662,411
 - A. Industrial Ties: \$423,726
 - B. Proof-of-Concept/Prototyping Initiative: \$238,685
3. Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars: \$332,238

Approved R&D proposals shall be funded at the levels and with the stipulations recommended by consultants; Support Fund money shall be awarded to fund at recommended levels the top twenty-six (26) RCS proposals, seven (7) ITRS proposals, six (6) PoC/P proposals, and eight (8) ATLAS proposals; the RCS proposal ranked 27th shall be funded partially, based on the amount of remaining funds in RCS. In addition, the following principles shall apply: (1) should an institution refuse or be denied an award, or should FY 2017-18 money be returned from previously funded R&D contracts, that money shall first be used to provide full funding to rank orders partially supported with remaining funds, then offered to the next-ranked proposal which the consultants recommended for Priority I funding within the respective subprogram (ranks 28-34 in RCS; rank 8 in ITRS Industrial Ties; and ranks 9-19 in ATLAS), subject to availability of funds; (2) if the remaining money in the budget for a particular component is insufficient to fully fund the next-ranked recommended proposal for that component, the remaining funds shall constitute the total award for that proposal; and (3) if there are no remaining Priority I proposals in a particular subprogram the money shall be awarded in descending rank order to Priority I proposal(s) in another R&D subprogram in accordance with restrictions applicable to allocation of funds for multi-year projects. Should the amount of

money ultimately available to fund first-year activities in all R&D projects be less than the \$2,280,727 disbursed herein, adherence to the following principles shall be uniformly enforced: R&D Priority I proposals shall be funded in rank order at the levels and the durations and with the stipulations recommended by consultants until the funds designated for each component have been exhausted.

IV. Recruitment of Superior Graduate Students

Board action approves disbursement of \$880,000 from the Support Fund to match eleven (11) applications, ranked 1-10, submitted in FY 2017-18 under the Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships subprogram.

V. Contingency Plan for Budgetary Shortfall

Board action approved the following contingency plan for a budgetary shortfall: should the final FY 2017-18 Support Fund budget not achieve the amount cited herein, any shortfall shall be accommodated through a proportionate reduction in the amounts allocated for proposals in the competitive non-endowment Enhancement and Research and Development program components.

On motion of Regent Seale, seconded by Regent Temple, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to recommend approval of the FY 2017-18 BoRSF funding recommendations, with contingencies, as presented.

Following Board approval, Mr. Daniel Bozard, Vice President of Development at the LSU Foundation, thanked the Board for its commitment to funding endowment matching opportunities, and particularly Endowed Professorships submitted before the program suspension in 2012. A general discussion of remaining outstanding endowment matching requests followed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Robison noted three items on the consent agenda:

- A. Use of Expendable Earnings in Vacant Endowed Chair: University of Louisiana at Monroe
- B. Appointment of Endowed Chairholder without National Search: Tulane University Health Sciences Center
- C. Louisiana Nominations to the National Science Board

On motion of Regent Pérez, seconded by Regent Lipsey, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the items on the consent agenda as listed below:

- **University of Louisiana at Monroe: Use expendable funds in the Tom and Mayme Scott Chair for Clinical Pharmacy to pay moving expenses for donated equipment related to the Chair's area of focus;**

- **Tulane University Health Sciences Center: Appoint Dr. Emad Kandil to the Elias S. Hanna M.D. Cardiovascular Foundation Chair in Cardiovascular Surgery; and**
- **Board of Regents: Nominate Dr. Les Guice, Dr. Yuri Lvov, and Mr. Edward Markle to the National Science Board.**

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Larry Tremblay, Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Student Affairs, noted several items on the consent agenda as follows:

On motion of Regent Temple, seconded by Regent Markle, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below:

- A. R.S. 17:1808 (Licensure)**
 - 1. Initial License**
 - a. Boston University**
 - 2. License Renewals**
 - a. Central Texas College**
 - b. Northeastern University**
- B. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) Institutional Renewals**
 - 1. Bossier Parish Community College**
 - 2. Tulane University**
 - 3. University of Louisiana at Lafayette**
 - 4. University of Louisiana at Monroe**

PUBLIC STATEMENT AND INTERVIEWS FOR COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Chair Levy reminded the Board of the process that has been under way for the past several months to select the next Commissioner of Higher Education. He said that during the last two days each of the three finalists have had conversations with the current Commissioner, system presidents, a legislator, the business community, faculty leadership, the Council of Student Body Presidents and Board staff. Chair Levy said the three finalists will be interviewed today in public and in executive session in accordance with the Open Meetings laws requirements.

- **DR. ROBERT DONLEY FOR COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

Chair Levy introduced the first candidate, Dr. Robert Donley from Florida. He said that Dr. Donley has over 30 years of experience in the areas of public and private executive management, leadership, policy and governmental relations including 22 years in higher education executive management with the State University System in Florida, the State University System in Iowa and the State Higher Education Executive Officers.

Dr. Donley presented a public statement to the Board followed by a series of questions asked by Chair Levy as listed below.

- Briefly summarize your career and why you think you would be ready to assume the responsibilities of Commissioner of Higher Education for Louisiana.
- What would you hope to accomplish in your first 90 days? In the first year?
- The role of Commissioner involves regular contact with multiple stakeholders beyond the four university systems. These include the legislature as well as business and community groups. What are your initial thoughts on how to engage these groups?
- Describe your philosophy on how to create an inclusive environment for the Board of Regents and for the public institutions it represents.
- What are your goals for improving the K-12 Pipeline including dual enrollment? How do you plan to develop, monitor and assess dual credit programs for high school students?
- You have had an impressive career. What specific experience made the biggest impression on you and how did it help to shape your career?

Next, Chair Levy noted since this was a personnel item, the Board would go into executive session pursuant to R.S. 42:16. He noted that Dr. Donley had been given written notification of the executive session as required under R.S. 42:17 (A)(1) and had opted to allow the discussion to occur in private as opposed to an open meeting. Chair Levy said no action would be taken nor any voting conducted during the executive session. Chair Levy said a two-thirds vote of the members present was necessary to go into executive session.

On motion of Regent Chabert, seconded by Regent Temple, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session pursuant to R.S. 42:16.

Roll Call Vote: Yes

Robert Levy, Chair
 Marty Chabert, Vice Chair
 Collis Temple III, Secretary
 Claudia Adley
 Randy Ewing
 Thomas Henning

Yes Vote continued

Richard Lipsey
 Edward Markle
 Charles McDonald
 Darren Mire
 Sonia Peréz
 Wilbert Pryor

Yes Vote continued

T. Jay Seale III
 Adarian Williams
 Jacqueline Wyatt

Roll Call Vote: Absent

Blake David

Chair Levy said there were 15 votes to enter into executive session with one member absent. The executive session started at 9:20 a.m., and at 11:08 a.m. the Board returned from Executive Session with no actions taken and no voting held.

- **DR. PAUL TURMAN FOR COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

Chair Levy introduced the second candidate, Dr. Paul Turman from South Dakota. He said that Dr. Turman currently serves as System Vice President for Academic Affairs for the South Dakota Board of Regents, where he provides leadership for the academic affairs functions of the South Dakota System.

Dr. Turman presented a public statement to the Board followed by a series of questions asked by Chair Levy as listed below.

- Briefly summarize your career and why you think you would be ready to assume the responsibilities of Commissioner of Higher Education for Louisiana.
- What would you hope to accomplish in your first 90 days? In the first year?
- The role of Commissioner involves regular contact with multiple stakeholders beyond the four university systems. These include the legislature as well as business and community groups. What are your initial thoughts on how to engage these groups?
- Describe your philosophy on how to create an inclusive environment for the Board of Regents and for the public institutions it represents.
- What are your goals for improving the K-12 Pipeline including dual enrollment? How do you plan to develop, monitor and assess dual credit programs for high school students?
- You have had an impressive career. What specific experience made the biggest impression on you and how did it help to shape your career?

Next, Chair Levy noted since this was a personnel item, the Board would go into executive session pursuant to R.S. 42:16. He noted that Dr. Turman had been given written

notification of the executive session as required under R.S. 42:17 (A)(1) and had opted to allow the discussion to occur in private as opposed to an open meeting. Chair Levy said no action would be taken nor any voting conducted during the executive session. Chair Levy said a two-thirds vote of the members present was necessary to go into executive session.

On motion of Regent Chabert, seconded by Regent Wyatt, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session pursuant to R.S. 42:16.

Roll Call Vote: Yes

Robert Levy, Chair
Marty Chabert, Vice Chair
Collis Temple III, Secretary
Claudia Adley
Randy Ewing
Thomas Henning

Yes Vote continued

Richard Lipsey
Edward Markle
Charles McDonald
Darren Mire
Sonia Pérez
Wilbert Pryor

Yes Vote continued

T. Jay Seale III
Adarian Williams
Jacqueline Wyatt

Roll Call Vote: Absent

Blake David

Chair Levy said there were 15 votes to enter into executive session with one member absent. The executive session started at 11:32 a.m., and at 1:15 p.m. the Board returned from Executive Session with no actions taken and no voting held.

• DR. KIM HUNTER REED FOR COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Chair Levy introduced the third candidate, Dr. Kim Hunter Reed from Colorado. He said that Dr. Reed is the current Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Higher Education, where she leads an agency providing statewide coordination of higher education policy and strategic planning.

Dr. Reed presented a public statement to the Board followed by a series of questions asked by Chair Levy as listed below.

- Briefly summarize your career and why you think you would be ready to assume the responsibilities of Commissioner of Higher Education for Louisiana.
- What would you hope to accomplish in your first 90 days? In the first year?
- The role of Commissioner involves regular contact with multiple stakeholders beyond the four university systems. These include the legislature as well as business and community groups. What are your initial thoughts on how to engage these groups?

- Describe your philosophy on how to create an inclusive environment for the Board of Regents and for the public institutions it represents.
- What are your goals for improving the K-12 Pipeline including dual enrollment? How do you plan to develop, monitor and assess dual credit programs for high school students?
- You have had an impressive career. What specific experience made the biggest impression on you and how did it help to shape your career?

Next, Chair Levy noted since this was a personnel item, the Board would go into executive session pursuant to R.S. 42:16. He noted that Dr. Reed had been given written notification of the executive session as required under R.S. 42:17 (A)(1) and had opted to allow the discussion to occur in private as opposed to an open meeting. He added that after Dr. Reed's interview with the Board in executive session, the Board would continue in executive session to discuss all three candidates. Chair Levy said no action would be taken nor any voting conducted during this executive session. Chair Levy said a two-thirds vote of the members present was necessary to go into executive session.

On motion of Regent Chabert, seconded by Regent Wyatt, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session pursuant to R.S. 42:16.

Roll Call Vote: Yes

Robert Levy, Chair
 Marty Chabert, Vice Chair
 Collis Temple III, Secretary
 Claudia Adley
 Randy Ewing
 Thomas Henning

Yes Vote continued

Richard Lipsey
 Edward Markle
 Charles McDonald
 Darren Mire
 Sonia Pérez
 Wilbert Pryor

Yes Vote continued

T. Jay Seale III
 Adarian Williams
 Jacqueline Wyatt

Roll Call Vote: Absent

Blake David

Chair Levy said there were 15 votes to enter into executive session with one member absent. The executive session started at 1:35 p.m. with discussions ending with Dr. Reed at 2:50 p.m.

Further deliberations continued amongst Board members during executive session until 3:59 p.m. At this time the Board Members returned from deliberations with no actions taken nor any voting held.

On motion of Regent Ewing, seconded by Regent Pryor, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to select Dr. Kim Hunter Reed as the next Commissioner of Higher Education for the State of Louisiana.

Chair Levy noted that the motion did require a roll call vote and in accordance with Louisiana R.S.17:3123.1, requiring a two-thirds vote of the full membership of the Board of Regents (i.e., 11 votes needed for a successful appointment).

Roll Call Vote: Yes

Robert Levy, Chair
Marty Chabert, Vice Chair
Collis Temple III, Secretary
Claudia Adley
Randy Ewing
Thomas Henning

Yes Vote continued

Richard Lipsey
Edward Markle
Charles McDonald
Darren Mire
Sonia Pérez
Wilbert Pryor

Yes Vote continued

T. Jay Seale III
Adarian Williams
Jacqueline Wyatt

Roll Call Vote: Absent

Blake David

On motion of Regent Chabert, seconded by Regent Wyatt, the Board, acting as a Committee of the Whole, granted authority to Chair Robert Levy to negotiate terms of the contract on behalf of the Board with the newly appointed Commissioner of Higher Education.

Chair Levy said this was a difficult decision for the Board as there were three worthy candidates for the position. He said that Dr. Kim Hunter Reed is uniquely positioned to lead Louisiana Higher Education into the future and is poised to face the challenges that lie ahead. Chair Levy offered congratulations to Dr. Kim Hunter Reed as the Commissioner Appointee.

Dr. Reed said it was an honor to be selected as the next Commissioner. She said she takes this responsibility seriously and looks forward to working with the Board. She also thanked her Colorado team for being supportive.

Chair Levy lastly thanked the members of the Search Committee for their time, energy and efforts during this process. He also conveyed the Board's support to Dr. Reed to ensure she started off with a good foundation.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Levy said the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Regents will be on Wednesday, May 23, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.