

MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

January 14, 2019

The Board of Regents met in session at 2:25 p.m., Monday, January 14, 2019, in the Louisiana Purchase Room 1-100, 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
Blake David
Anthony Kenney, Jr.
Charles McDonald
Darren Mire
Sonia Pérez
Wilbert Pryor
Jay Seale III
Gary Solomon, Jr.
Gerald Theunissen
Felix Weill

Absent from the meeting were:

Randy Ewing
Jacqueline Wyatt

OATH OF OFFICE CEREMONIES BY DR. UMA SUBRAMANIAN, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

A. Board Officers (Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary)

The newly appointed officers for 2019 were called to be sworn in by Dr. Uma Subramanian, Deputy Commissioner for Legal and External Affairs. She administered the oaths of office to Regent Marty Chabert as Chair, Regent Collis Temple III as Vice Chair and Regent Blake David as Secretary.

B. Recognition of Regent Robert W. Levy as Outgoing Chair of the Board

Regent Levy handed over the gavel to the new Chairman of the Board Marty J. Chabert. Chair Chabert presented Regent Levy with a gift of appreciation from the Board for his leadership role as Chairman of the Board for the past year. Chair Chabert accepted the assignment as Chair and said he was honored to be elected by his peers.

C. Members to Serve on the Executive Committee

Chair Chabert requested that members of the 2019 Executive Committee be sworn in by Dr. Subramanian as follows: Regents Claudia Adley, Marty Chabert, Blake David, Sonia Pérez, T. Jay Seale III and Collis Temple III. Regent Randy Ewing will be sworn in at a later date.

D. Newly Appointed and Reappointed Board Members

Governor John Bel Edwards appointed the following members to the Board of Regents on January 1, 2019: Mr. Gary Solomon, Jr. of New Orleans, and Mr. Felix Weill of Baton Rouge. The Governor also reappointed for new terms Mr. Robert Levy of Vienna and Mrs. Sonia Pérez of Baton Rouge. Dr. Subramanian administered the oath of office to each appointee.

Chair Chabert officially welcomed the new members to the Board. He thanked the new members for their willingness to work for the betterment of the State.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Chabert 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 DECEMBER 12, 2018

On motion of Regent David, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of December 12, 2018.

RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2019

On motion of Regent Temple, seconded by Regent Weill, the Board voted unanimously to ratify the Committee assignments for 2019.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Chair Chabert inquired if any member of the Board wanted to take up any of the committee reports separately before a motion was made to accept all reports. Regent Mire noted that Regent Pérez recused herself from voting on the Statewide Programs Committee; therefore in voting for acceptance of all reports, it would be necessary to note Regent Pérez's recusal.

On motion of Regent Mire, seconded by Regent Adley, the Board voted unanimously to approve all Committee recommendations from the December 12, 2018 Committee meetings and noted that Regent Sonia Pérez recused herself from voting on the Statewide Programs Committee.

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the items on the Consent Agenda as listed below.

- A. Reauthorization of Existing Centers and Institute
 - 1. Red River Watershed Management Institute at Louisiana State University at Shreveport
- B. Routine Staff Reports
 - 1. Staff Approvals
 - 2. Progress Reports for Conditionally Approved Programs/Units
 - 3. Letters of Intent/Proposals in the Queue

PROPOSED NEW RESEARCH CENTER OR INSTITUTE

Grant one-year conditional approval of the Kathleen Babineaux Blanco Public Policy Center at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, with a progress report and request for full approval due February 1, 2020.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS POLICY 2.22 – MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT

Postpone the Fall 2019 implementation of the 2.75 high school G.P.A. eligibility requirement for participation in academic dual enrollment courses under A.A. Policy 2.22. Staff will examine the AY 2018-19 performance of Dual Enrollment students, comparing grades earned by those with high school G.P.A.s between 2.5 and 2.75. During Fall 2019, staff will report its findings to the Board, at which time the Board may discuss the impact and make an informed decision regarding the implementation of an increased high school G.P.A. requirement.

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

BoRSF PLAN AND BUDGET, FY 2019-2020

Approve the FY 2019-20 Board of Regents Support Fund budget, with contingencies, as presented.

STATEWIDE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the Consent Agenda item as noted below.

A. Approval of TOPS Exceptions

Requests for exception to the TOPS regulatory provisions that require students to remain continuously enrolled and to earn the annual credit hours required during the academic year.

BACKGROUND:

Sections 705.A.6 and 7 of the TOPS administrative rules require TOPS recipients to continue to enroll in the fall and spring semesters of each academic year, to remain enrolled throughout the semester, and to earn the annual credit hours required by the end of the academic year. Section 2103.E authorizes the governing body to grant an exception to these requirements when the “student/recipient has exceptional circumstances that are beyond his immediate control and that necessitate full or partial withdrawal from or non-enrollment in an eligible postsecondary institution.”

Ten requests for exception were reviewed and approved by the LOSFA Advisory Board at its meetings of December 6, 2018 (5 exceptions) and January 10, 2019 (5 exceptions). The students have presented facts and circumstances that the students believe justify the granting of an exception as an exceptional circumstance.

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

Approve the Consent Agenda items as listed below.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. R.S. 17:1808 (Licensure)**
 - 1. License Renewal**
 - a. Herzing University**

- B. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) Institutional Renewal**
 - 1. Southeastern Louisiana University**

- C. Proprietary Schools Advisory Commission**
 - 1. Initial Licenses**
 - a. Burks Medical Training, LLC**
 - b. Professional Laser Training, LLC**

2. **Change of Ownership Application**
 - a. **Moore Career College**
3. **License Renewals**
 - a. **Academy of Acadiana -- Lake Charles (12/02/10)**
 - b. **Accelerated Dental Assisting Academy (Hammond) (12/10/15)**
 - c. **Advanced Welding School, LLC (12/11/17)**
 - d. **Alexandria Dental Assistant School (12/08/11)**
 - e. **Grade A Health Solutions, LLC (12/07/16)**
 - f. **Infinity College, Inc. (12/02/10)**
 - g. **Learning Bridge Career Institute (12/02/10)**
 - h. **Martin International, Inc., of Louisiana (12/16/82)**
 - i. **NASCAR Technical Institute (12/05/02)**
 - j. **National Driving Academy, Inc. (12/05/96)**
 - k. **New Orleans Culinary and Hospitality Institute, Inc. (12/10/15)**
 - l. **Southern Security School, Inc. (12/07/16)**
 - m. **Tulsa Welding School (12/07/06)**
 - n. **Unitech Training Academy -- Alexandria (12/04/08)**
 - o. **Unitech Training Academy -- Metairie (12/08/11)**

BOARD OF REGENTS' RESPONSE TO SENATE RESOLUTION 103 OF THE 2018 REGULAR SESSION

Approve the Board of Regents' Response to Senate Resolution 103 of the 2018 Regular Session and authorize the Commissioner of Higher Education to submit the response to the Senate Committee on Education prior to the February 15, 2019 deadline.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY DR. KIM HUNTER REED, COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Reed focused on recent meetings and events including:

- Recognition of Chairman Chabert and congratulations to the new Board officers and new Board members;
- Speaking engagement at One Acadiana in Lafayette; and
- Supporting campus food banks in November and December.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Chabert noted:

- Recognition of Mr. Al Perkins, University of Louisiana System Board Member, in the audience.
- Recognition Regent Robert W. Levy for his years of service on the Board, with a review of his outstanding accomplishments.
- Recognition of Dr. Larry Tremblay, Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Academic Affairs, upon his impending retirement. Chair Chabert presented Dr. Tremblay with a gift of appreciation from the Board for his service of 42 years to the Board. He noted Dr. Tremblay's institutional knowledge, hundreds of relationships he has built, constant availability to the Board, and testimony before legislators. Chair Chabert said he will be greatly missed.
- The next Board of Regents meeting will be February 26 and 27, 2019, at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

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