

MINUTES  
LSU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
*Board Room, University Administration Building  
3810 West Lakeshore Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808  
Thursday, December 11, 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 December 11, 2025.

Present

Mr. John “Scott” Ballard, Chair  
Mr. Lee Mallett, Vice-Chair  
Mr. Roderick “Rico” Alvendia  
Ms. Laurie Lipsey Aronson  
Ms. Rebecca F. Boniol  
Mr. John H. Carmouche  
Mr. Lavar R. Henderson  
Ms. Valencia Sarpy Jones  
Ms. Esperanza E. Moran  
Mr. Patrick Morrow  
Mr. Rémy Voisin Starns  
Mr. James M. Williams  
Mr. Joseph Blaise Zuschlag

Absent

Mr. Glenn J. Armentor  
Mr. Raymond R. “Randy” Morris  
Mr. Collis B. Temple Jr.

Also participating in the meeting were the following: Wade Rousse, President of LSU; Trey Jones, 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 Perishing Rifles presented the Colors.

The Invocation and Pledge were offered and given by 4-H students, Luke Mire and Dayton Pennington.

Chairman Ballard recognized former Interim President, and current Vice President for Agriculture and Dean of the College of Agriculture Dr. Matt Lee, and 4-H Students Luke Mire and Dayton Pennington.

The former President and students shared remarks on the beliefs and ideals of 4-H, and its effects on the youth in the program.

Chairman Ballard recognized Senator Thomas Pressley of District 38. Senator voiced concerns about the new senior vice chancellor structure of the Health Science Center in Shreveport. .

Chairman Ballard acknowledged Misti Cordell, Chair of the Board of Regents.

III. Public Comment

There were not any individuals registered for public comment.

IV. Committee Meetings

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

4.A. **Research and Agriculture Extension Committee**

Present for the Research and Agricultural Extension Committee were Ms. Boniol, Mr. Mallett, Ms. Moran, and Mr. Starns.

In lieu of Mr. Temple's absence, Mr. Mallett was appointed as chair for the committee.

4.A.1 Dementia Research and Prevention

Chairman Mallett recognized Interim Provost Blanchard.

Interim Provost Blanchard presented an informative presentation on Dementia Research and efforts being made for prevention.

No action was required on this item.

4.B. **Academic Committee**

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

4.B.1 Recommendation to Approve Conferral of Degrees for Calendar Year 2026 Commencement Exercises

Upon Motion by Mr. Henderson, 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 and Mechanical College does hereby approve the Recommendation to Approve Conferral of Degrees for Calendar Year 2026 Commencement Exercises.

4.B.2 Request from LSU A&M to Establish a Bachelor of Science in Artificial Intelligence

Upon motion by Mr. Henderson, 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 and Mechanical College does hereby approve the request from LSU A&M to Establish a Bachelor of Science in Artificial Intelligence.

4.B.3 Request from LSU Alexandria to Establish a Bachelor of Science in Aviation

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 and Mechanical College does hereby approve the Request from LSU Alexandria to Establish a Bachelor of Science in Aviation.

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

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 and Mechanical College does hereby approve the Request from LSU Eunice to Approve a Revised Mission Statement.

4.B.5 Request from LSU A&M to Name a New School in the College of Engineering

Upon motion by Mr. Alvendia, seconded by Mr. Henderson, 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 Request from LSU A&M to Name a New School in the College of Engineering.

4.B.6 Consent Agenda

There were six items on the consent agenda.

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

Request from the LSU Agricultural Center to Name Six Spaces at the Burden Welcome Center

**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 the LSU Agricultural Center to Name Six Spaces at the Burden Welcome Center.

Request from LSU A&M to Name Twenty-Three Spaces in the Our Lady of the Lake Health Interdisciplinary Science Building

**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 A&M to Name Twenty-Three Spaces in the Our Lady of the Lake Health Interdisciplinary Science Building.

Request from LSU A&M to Rename the Bachelor of Science in General/Special Education: Grades 1-5 the Bachelor of Science in Exceptional Educator: Grades 1-5

**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 A&M to Rename the Bachelor of Science in General/Special Education: Grades 1-5 the Bachelor of Science in Exceptional Educator: Grades 1-5.

Request from LSU A&M for the Continued Authorization of the National Center for Advanced Manufacturing

**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 A&M for the Continued Authorization of the National Center for Advanced Manufacturing.

Request from Pennington Biomedical Research Center for the Continued Authorization of the Institute for Dementia Research and Prevention

**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 Pennington Biomedical Research Center for the Continued Authorization of the Institute for Dementia Research and Prevention.

Request from LSU Health Sciences Center - New Orleans to Offer the Master of Public Health 100% Online

**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 and Sciences Center - New Orleans to Offer the Master of Public Health 100% Online.

4.C **Property and Facilities Committee**

Present for the Property and Facilities Committee were Ms. Aronson, Mr. Morrow, Mr. Alvendia, Ms. Boniol, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Mallett, and Mr. Zuschlag

4.C.1 Request from LSU A&M to Approve a New Lease and Renovations for Zeta Tau Alpha

Upon motion by Mr. Zuschlag, 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 and Mechanical College does hereby approve the Request from LSU A&M to Approve a New Lease and Renovations for Zeta Tau Alpha.

4.C.2 Request from LSU Health and Sciences Center - New Orleans to Enter into an Inter-Agency Lease with the Louisiana Department of Health in the Seton Clinic Building

Upon Motion by Mr. Alvendia, 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 approve the Request from LSU Health Sciences Center - New Orleans to Enter into an Inter-Agency Lease with the Louisiana Department of Health in the Seton Clinic Building.

4.C.3 Request from the LSU Health Sciences Center - New Orleans to Approve an Act 959 of 2003 Project for the Center for Advanced Learning and Simulation 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Clinical Office Space Buildout

Upon motion by Mr. Zuschlag, 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 and Mechanical College does hereby approve the Request from the LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans to Approve an Act 959 of 2003 Project for the Center for Advanced Learning and Simulation 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Clinical Office Space Buildout.

4.C.4 Request from LSU Alexandria to Revise the Capital Outlay Request for FY 2026/2027

Upon motion by Mr. Alvendia, seconded by Mr. Henderson, 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 Request from LSU Alexandria to Revise the Capital Outlay Request for FY 2026/2027.

4.D **Athletics Committee**

Present for the Athletics Committee were Mr. Carmouche, Mr. Willimas, Ms. Aronson, Ms. Boniol, Mr. Starns, and Mr. Zuschlag.

Chair Carmouche recognized Athletic Director, Verge Ausberry.

4.D.1 Request from LSU A&M to Approve the First Amendment to Employment Agreement for Football Coach (Frank Wilson)

Upon motion by Ms. Aronson, seconded by Mr. Starns, 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 request from LSU A&M to Approve the First Amendment to Employment Agreement for Football Coach.

4.D.2 Request from LSU Athletics to Approve Term Sheet for Football Head Coach (Lane Kiffin)

Upon motion by Mr. Starns, seconded by Mr. Williams, 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 Request from LSU Athletics to Approve Term Sheet for Football Head Coach.

4.D.3 Request from LSU Athletics to Approve Term Sheet for Head Strength and Conditioning Coach (Nick Savage)

Upon motion by Mr. Starns, seconded by Ms. 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 approve the Request from LSU Athletics to Approve Term Sheet for Head Strength and Conditioning Coach

- 4.D.4 Request from LSU Athletics to Approve Term Sheets for Six Assistant Football Coaches (Blake Baker; Joe Cox; George McDonald; Danes Stevens; Charlie Weis; Eric Wolford)

Upon motion by Mr. Zuschlag, seconded by Mr. Starns, 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 Request from LSU Athletics to Approve Term Sheets for Six Assistant Football Coaches

- 4.D.5 Request from LSU Athletics to Approve Term Sheet for Senior Executive Director of Football Operations (Thaddeus Rivers)

Upon motion by Mr. Zuschlag, seconded by Ms. Aronson, 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 Request from LSU Athletics to Approve Term Sheet for Senior Executive Director of Football Operations

- 4.D.6 Request from LSU Athletics to Approve Term Sheet for Senior Executive Director of Recruiting (Dwike Wilson)

Upon motion by Mr. Zuschlag, seconded by Ms. Aronson, 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 Request from LSU Athletics to Approve Term Sheet for Senior Executive Director of Recruiting

- 4.D.7 Request from LSU Athletics to Approve Term Sheet for Senior Executive Director of Player Personnel (Mike Williams)

Upon motion by Mr. Zuschlag, seconded by Ms. Aronson, 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 Request from LSU Athletics to Approve Term Sheet for Senior Executive Director of Player Personnel

- 4.E. Risk Management Committee (Thursday, December 11, 2025 | 8:00 a.m. CT | Board Conference Room)

Present for the Risk Management Committee were Mr. Starns, Mr. Alvendia, Ms. Aronson, Ms. Boniol, Mr. Henderson, Ms. Jones, Mr. Mallett, Ms. Moran, Mr. Morrow, and Mr. Zuschlag.

- 4.E.1 Audit Activity Update

Upon motion by Mr. Zuschlag, seconded by Mr. Henderson, the audit summary was received.

- 4.E.2 Discussion: *Professor Ken M. Levy v. Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College*, Docket No. 758,368, 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge (*This Item will be discussed in Executive Session pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17(A)(2)*)

Upon motion by Ms. Aronson, seconded by Ms. Jones the Committee entered executive session.

Upon motion by Mr. Zuschlag, seconded by Mr. Alvendia, the Committee entered regular session.

4.E.3 Adjournment

Upon motion from Ms. Moran, seconded by Mr. Alvendia, the Committee adjourned.

V. Reconvene Board Meeting

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

Present

Mr. John "Scott" Ballard, Chair  
Mr. Lee Mallett, Vice-Chair  
Mr. Roderick "Rico" Alvendia  
Ms. Laurie Lipsey Aronson  
Ms. Rebecca F. Boniol  
Mr. John H. Carmouche  
Mr. Lavar R. Henderson  
Ms. Valencia Sarpy Jones  
Ms. Esperanza E. Moran  
Mr. Patrick C. Morrow  
Mr. Rémy Voisin Starns  
Mr. Jason M. Williams  
Mr. Joseph Blaise Zuschlag

Absent

Mr. Glenn J. Armentor  
Mr. Raymond R. "Randy" Morris  
Mr. Collis B. Temple Jr.

VI. Approval of Committee Recommendations

As directed by Executive Committee, Mr. Trey Jones, General Counsel for LSU, presented an amendment as suggested by Mr. Williams to Article VII, Section 1(L)(3) of the Bylaws, as follows:

"Appointments for Chancellors and Sr. Vice Chancellors; however, the President shall have the authority to remove Chancellors and Sr. Vice Chancellors without board approval in consultation with the Board Chair, Vice Chair and Supervisor or Supervisors in whose district the Chancellor's or Sr. Vice Chancellor's campus is located."

Upon motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Morrow, the Bylaw Revision was unanimously approved.

Upon motion by Mr. Mallett, seconded by Mr. Henderson, the Committee Recommendations were unanimously approved.

VII. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the October 24, 2025 Board Meeting
- B. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the November 4, 2025 Board Meeting

Upon motion by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Carmouche, the minutes were unanimously approved.

VIII. Personnel Actions Requiring Board Approval

Upon motion by Mr. Carmouche, seconded by Mr. Henderson, the personnel actions were unanimously approved

IX. Request for Approval of Employment Agreement for President of the LSU System

Upon motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Ms. Jones, the Employment Agreement was unanimously approved.

X. Employment Agreement for the Executive LSU Vice President and Chancellor for A&M Campus

Upon motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Morrow, the Employment Agreement was unanimously approved.

XI. Board of Regents Bi-Annual Report

Chairman Ballard recognized Todd Manual, Vice President of Engagement, Civil Rights, and Title IX for a brief update.

Upon motion from Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. Henderson, the motion to receive the report was approved unanimously.

XII. Reports to the Board

Upon motion from Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. Alvendia, the Reports to the Board were unanimously received.

XIII. Reports from Faculty Advisors and Staff Advisors

Dr. Daniel Tirone, Chair of the LSU Council of Faculty Advisors, provided an informative report.

Ms. Quinneka McDonald, LSU A&M Staff Senate President, provided and informative report.

XIV. President's Report

Dr. Wade Rouse, President of LSU, provided and informative report.

XV. Chairman's Report

Chairman Ballard provided an informative report.

XVI. Adjournment

Upon motion by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Ms. Jones, the meeting was adjourned.