

MINUTES
LSU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
*Board Room, University Administration Building
3810 West Lakeshore Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808
April 23, 2026 | 9:00 a.m. CT*

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Lee Mallett, Chairman, called to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College on April 23, 2026.

Present

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

Absent

Dr. John Condos
Mr. Collis B. Temple Jr.

Also participating in the meeting were the following: Dr. Wade Rousse, President of LSU; Mr. 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.

Chairman Mallett took a moment to recognize the Board members whose terms were coming to an end.

Supervisor Laurie Aronson then took over as Chair of the meeting.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The LSU Chapter of the Perishing Rifles presented the Colors.

The Invocation was given by Bradley Goodson, a senior at the University Laboratory School.

The Pledge was given by Emily Claire Greene, another senior at the University Laboratory School, and Ms. Shannon Hannaman's Kindergarten Class.

Chairwoman Aronson recognized 54th Lieutenant Governor, Billy Nungesser, to say a few words.

Chairwoman Aronson then took a moment to recognize the leadership of the LSU Athletics for a history of success and welcomes the new basketball and football coaches.

Supervisor Morris and Supervisor Zuschlag were called to recognize the women's basketball program, and Legendary Women's Basketball Coach Kim Mulkey.

Kim Mulkey was given time to say a few words.

Supervisor Zuschlag then gave credit to the incredible collegiate career of Flau'jae Johnson, and then a picture was taken of the Board and Kim Mulkey.

Supervisor Ballard recognized the Gymnastics team, and Champion Coach Jay Clark.

Coach Jay Clark was given a moment to say a few words.

III. Public Comment

There were no individuals registered for public comments.

IV. Committee Meetings

Chairwoman Aronson 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 Mr. Starns, Chair, Mr. Alvendia, Ms. Aronson, Mr. Ballard, Ms. Boniol, Mr. Carmouche, Mr. Henderson, Ms. Jones, Ms. Moran, Mr. Morrow, Mr. Temple, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Zuschlag.

4.A.1 Intersection of Substance Use with Chronic Disease in Vulnerable Population.

Chairman Starns recognized Interim Provost Troy Blanchard.

Interim Provost Blanchard presented an informative presentation on the Intersection of Substance Use with Chronic Disease in Vulnerable Population.

No action was required on this item.

4.B **Academic Committee**

Present for the Academic Committee were Ms. Jones, Chair, Mr. Henderson, Vice-Chair, Mr. Alvendia, Ms. Aronson, Mr. Ballard, Ms. Boniol, Mr. Carmouche, Mr. Morrow, Mr. Starns, Mr. Temple, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Zuschlag.

Interim Provost Blanchard was called to recognize an excellent student, to be recognized by the Board.

4.B.1 Request from LSU Alexandria to Award a Posthumous Degree to Jiovani Emile Nolan.

Upon motion by Mr. Ballard, seconded by Ms. Moran, 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 Award a Posthumous Degree to Jiovani Emile Nolan.

4.B.2 Request from LSU A&M to Award an Honorary Doctorate.

Upon motion from Mr. Alvendia, 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 Request from LSU A&M to Award an Honorary Doctorate.

4.B.3 Request from LSU A&M to Approve a Revised Mission Statement.

Upon motion from Mr. Morrow, 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 Revised Mission Statement.

4.B.4 Request from LSU Shreveport to Offer a Master of Science in Biotechnology.

Upon motion from Ms. Moran, 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 Shreveport to Offer a Master of Science in Biotechnology.

4.B.5 Consent Agenda

There were four items on the consent agenda.

Upon motion by Mrs. Moran, seconded by Mrs. Aronson, the following items were unanimously approved.

- a. Request from LSU A&M to Name the LSU Athletics Facilities.

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 the LSU Athletics Facilities.

- b. Request from LSU A&M to Rename the Bachelor of Science in Child and Family Studies the Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Science.

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 Child and Family Studies the Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Science.

- c. Request from LSU Health New Orleans to Rename the School of Allied Health Professionals the School of Health Professions.

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 New Orleans to Rename the School of Allied Health Professionals the School of Health Professions.

- d. Request from LSU Health New Orleans for Continued Authorization of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Center of Excellence.

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 New Orleans for Continued Authorization of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Center of Excellence.

4.C Property and Facilities Committee

Present for the Property and Facilities Committee were Ms. Aronson, Chair, Mr. Morrow, Vice-Chair, Mr. Alvendia, Mr. Ballard, Ms. Boniol, Mr. Carmouche, Mr. Henderson, Ms. Jones, Ms. Moran, Mr. Morris, Mr. Starns, Mr. Temple, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Zuschlag.

Dr. Anzi Gilmore, LSU A&M Associate Vice President of Facility and Property Oversight was recognized to introduce the items.

- 4.C.1 Request from LSU A&M to Approve Master Agreements for Job Order Contracting

Upon motion by Mr. Ballard, seconded by Ms. Moran, 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 Master Agreements for Job Order Contracting.

- 4.C.2 Request from LSU A&M to Approve the Schematic Design of the Construction and Advanced Manufacturing Building.

Upon motion by Mr. Ballard, seconded by Ms. Moran, 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 Schematic Design of the Construction and Advanced Manufacturing Building.

- 4.C.3 Request from LSU Agricultural Center to Transfer the FETI Facility Property to the Office of State Fire Marshal.

Upon motion by Mr. Zuschlag, 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 Request from LSU Agricultural Center to Transfer the FETI Facility Property to the Office of State Fire Marshall.

- 4.C.4 Request from LSU Alexandria to Approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with City of Alexandria to Receive \$3M in Funding for the LSUA Downtown Health Education Campus.

Upon motion by Mr. Zuschlag, 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 Request from LSU Alexandria to Approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with City of Alexandria to Receive \$3M in Funding for the LSUA Downtown Health Education Campus.

- 4.C.5 Request from LSU to Approve a Late submission to the FY 2026-27 Capital Outlay Budget.

Upon motion by Mr. Zuschlag, seconded by Ms. Moran, 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 Late Submission to the FY 2026-27 Capital Outlay Budget.

- 4.C.6 Request from LSU A&M to Approve Acquisition of Copper Crowne Horse Training Facility and Simultaneous Lease Agreement to LHBPA Training Center, L.L.C.

Upon motion by Mr. Zuschlag, 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 Request from LSU A&M to Approve Acquisition of Copper Crowne Horse Training Facility and Simultaneous Lease Agreement to LHBPA Training Center, L.L.C.

4.D **Athletics Committee**

Present for the Athletics Committee were Mr. Zuschlag, Chair, Mr. Alvendia, Ms. Aronson, Mr. Ballard, Ms. Boniol, Mr. Carmouche, Mr. Henderson, Ms. Jones, Ms. Moran, Mr. Morris, Mr. Morrow, Mr. Starns, Mr. Temple, and Mr. Williams.

Chairman Zuschlag recognized Mr. Verge Ausberry, LSU Athletics Director, Mr. Jones, LSU General Counsel, and Ms. Lori Williams, LSU Deputy Athletic Director, to present the items.

Athletic Director, Mr. Ausberry, gave a small report.

- 4.D.1 Request from LSU Athletics to Approve Employment Agreement for Vice President and Athletics Director Verge Ausberry.

Upon a roll call vote, 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 Employment Agreement for Vice President and Athletics Director Verge Ausberry.

- 4.D.2 Request from LSU Athletics to Approve Term Sheet for Senior Deputy Athletics Director/Executive Director for External Relations for the LSU System Heath Schroyer.

Upon motion by Ms. Jones, 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 Deputy Athletics Director/Executive Director for External Relations for the LSU System Heath Schroyer.

- 4.D.3 Request from LSU Athletics to Approve Employment Agreement for Football General Manager.

Upon motion by Mr. Ballard, seconded by Mr. Carmouche, 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 Employment Agreement for Football General Manager.

- 4.D.4 Request from LSU Athletics to Approve Term Sheet for Men's Basketball Head Coach Will Wade.

Upon motion by Mr. Starns, 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 Request from LSU Athletics to Approve Term Sheet for Men's Basketball Head Coach Will Wade.

- 4.D.5 Request from LSU Athletics to Approve Term Sheets for Three Assistant Men's Basketball Coaches Johnny Jones, Rich Stansbury, and Damon Stoudamire.

Upon motion by Mr. Ballard, seconded by Mr. Carmouche, 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 Three Assistant Men's Basketball Coaches Johnny Jones, Rich Stansbury, and Damon Stoudamire.

- 4.D.6 Request from LSU Athletics to Approve Employment Agreement for Assistant Women's Basketball coach Bob Starkey.

Upon motion by Mr. Ballard, seconded by Mr. Carmouche, 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 Employment Agreement for Assistant Women's Basketball coach Bob Starkey.

- 4.D.7 Request from LSU Athletics to Approve Term Sheet for Assistant Women's Basketball Coach Fitzroy Anthony.

Upon motion by Mr. Morris, 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 Sheet for Assistant Women’s Basketball Coach Fitzroy Anthony.

4.D.8 Request from LSU Athletics to Increase Men’s Basketball Ticket Prices, Parking and Tradition Fund.

Upon motion by Mr. Morris, 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 Request from LSU Athletics to Increase Men’s Basketball Ticket Prices, Parking, and Tradition Fund.

4.D.9 Request from LSU Athletics to Increase Women’s Basketball Ticket Prices, Parking and Tradition Fund.

Upon motion by Mr. Ballard, 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 Athletics to Increase Women’s Basketball Ticket Prices, Parking and Tradition Fund.

4.E **Risk Management, Legal Affairs, and Audit Committee (Thursday, April 23, 2026 | 8:00 a.m. CT, Board Conference Room)**

Present for the Risk Management Committee were Mr. Starns, Chair, Mr. Carmouche, Vice-Chair, Mr. Alvendia, Ms. Aronson, Mr. Ballard, Ms. Boniol, Mr. Henderson, Ms. Jones, Ms. Moran, Mr. Morris, Mr. Morrow, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Zuschlag.

4.E.1 Mr. Chad Brackin was recognized to present the first item.

FY 2026 3rd Quarter Audit Summary

Upon motion by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Ballard, the Audit Summary was received.

4.E.2 Discussion of the following in executive session:

1. *Hutchinson v. Rouse, Docket No. 775,354, 19th Judicial District Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge;*
2. *Cheramie v. Board of Supervisors of LSU, Docket No. 776676, 19th Judicial District Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge;*
3. *Muslow v. Board of Supervisors of LSU, Case No. 19-11793, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana;*
4. *Draft findings of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor regarding Stephenson Technologies Corporation.*

Upon motion from Mr. Morrow, seconded by Ms. Moran, the committee entered executive session.

Upon Motion by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Ballard, the committee returned to open session.

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

V. **Reconvene Board Meeting**

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

Present

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

Absent

- Dr. John Condos

VI. **Approval of Committee Recommendations**

Upon motion by Mr. Ballard, seconded by Ms. Moran, the Committee Recommendations were unanimously approved.

VII. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the February 26, 2026 Board Professional Development
- B. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the February 27, 2026 Board Meeting

Upon motion by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Ms. Moran, the minutes were unanimously approved.

VIII. **Personnel Actions Requiring Board Approval**

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

IX. **Reports to the Board**

Upon motion by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Ms. Aronson, the Reports to the Board were unanimously approved.

X. Reports from Faculty Advisors and Staff Advisors

Dr. Daniel Tirone, Chair of the LSU Council of Faculty Advisors, and LSU A&M Staff Senate President Quinneke McDonald provided informative reports.

XI. President's Report

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

XII. Chair's Report

Acting Chairwoman Aronson recognized standing Chairman Mallett to give his report.

Chairman Mallett gave an informative report on the Board's performance and recent events, achievements, and Board plans moving forward.

Chairman Mallett recognized the Committee Leadership and thanked them for their service to the University.

Dr. Monique Cain was called to recognize Phillip O'Neill and Michael Bergeron as graduates of the Paul. M. Hebert Law School after serving the Board as student workers.

Supervisor Jones was recognized to read a resolution for Supervisor Aronson and Supervisor Morrow.

XIII. Adjournment

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