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On March 11, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards proclaimed that a state of emergency existed in Louisiana due to the presence of the COVID-19 being detected in the state. Gubernatorial orders triggered the existing statutes related to emergencies, and the Governor authorized public meetings of boards and commissions telephonically. Prior to meeting, boards and commissions were required to publicly issue a certification that a quorum could not be reached in person, and the public should be given opportunity to observe the proceedings and participate in its traditional manner. Ms. Mary Werner, Chair of the Board, in consultation of the Board, chose to conduct the Board meeting as was originally scheduled, April 23, 2020.

### Required certificate publicly posted with the agenda

**Certification of Inability to Achieve In-Person Quorum & Notice to Meet Through Electronic Means**

Issued April 21, 2020

In order to address the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor John Bel Edwards took measures to protect the public and issued several proclamations pertaining the crowd sizes and public buildings. Those proclamations were:

- On March 17, 2020, Proclamation Number 30 JBE 2020 (Section 4) was issued permitting public meetings through electronic means so long as conditions are met for public participation.
- On April 2, 2020, Proclamation Number 41 JBE 2020 was issued extending the “stay at home” order through April 30, 2020. The mandates of the above executive orders prevent a quorum of the LSU Board of Supervisors from meeting in person with members of the public.

In order to deal with the current emergency, the Board will conduct its meeting on April 23, 2020 through electronic means. The LSU Board of Supervisors will follow its normal procedures by posting the agenda and supporting materials in advance of the meeting on its website. The website will also have instructions for individuals to provide public comment and view the meeting in real time. Information and instructions about the meeting will be posted at: https://www.lsu.edu/bos/minutes.php Thank you in advance for your understanding in these unusual circumstances.

/s/Jason Droddy

Jason Droddy

Office of the LSU Board of Supervisors
MINUTES OF THE MEETING

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Ms. Mary Werner, Chair, called to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College through telephonic means on April 23, 2020. Roll was called.

Present
Ms. Mary Werner, Chair
Mr. Robert S. Dampf, Chair-elect
Mr. James Williams, Past Chair
Mr. Glenn Armentor
Mr. Jack “Jay” A. Blossman, Jr. (technical issues prevented audio)
Mr. Richard Brazzel
Mr. B. Wayne Brown
Mr. Blake Chatelain
Ms. Valencia Sarpy Jones
Mr. Lee Mallett
Mr. James M. Moore, Jr.
Mr. J. Stephen Perry
Mr. Rémy Voisin Starns
Mr. Jimmie M. Woods, Sr.
Mr. Robert “Bobby” Yarborough

Absent
Mr. Ronnie Anderson

Also participating in the meeting were the following: Mr. Thomas Galligan, Interim President of LSU; Mr. Winston DeCuir, General Counsel for LSU; University officers; and, administrators of the campuses; faculty representatives; interested citizens and representatives of the news media.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
The invocation was offered by Mr. Blake Chatelain and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Mary Werner.

III. Public Comment
There were no individuals registered for public comment.

The Board recessed the regular meeting to convene the committee meetings.

IV. Committee Meetings

The Vice Chair, Mr. Ricky Brazzel, presided in the absence of Mr. Anderson. Mr. Mallett participated in the Academic Committee.

4.A. Academic & Research Committee

4.A.1. Request from LSU A&M to Establish the PhD in Construction Management
Mr. Mallett made comments about the importance of this degree program to the industry and the positive benefits this would have.

Upon motion by Mr. Armentor, and seconded by Mr. Chatelain, the Committee recommended this resolution for Board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the request to establish a Doctor of Philosophy in Construction Management at LSU A&M, subject to approval by the Louisiana Board of Regents.

4.A.2. Request from LSU A&M to Establish the Graduate Certificate in Cloud Computing and Machine Learning

Upon motion by Mr. Moore, and seconded by Mr. Yarborough, the Committee recommended this resolution for Board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the request to establish the Graduate Certificate in Cloud Computing and Machine Learning at LSU A&M, subject to approval by the Louisiana Board of Regents.

4.A.3. Request from LSU A&M for a Letter of Intent for the Bachelor of Music Therapy

Upon motion by Mr. Chatelain, and seconded by Mr. Armentor, the Committee recommended this resolution for Board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the Letter of Intent for the Bachelor of Music Therapy from LSU A&M, subject to approval by the Louisiana Board of Regents.

4.A.4. Request from LSU Health Sciences New Orleans to Establish the PhD in Nursing

Upon motion by Ms. Jones, and seconded by Mr. Yarborough, the Committee recommended this resolution for Board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the request to establish a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Nursing at LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans, subject to approval by the Louisiana Board of Regents.

4.A.5. Request from LSU Health Sciences Shreveport to Establish the Doctor of Occupational Therapy

Upon motion by Ms. Jones, and seconded by Mr. Chatelain, the Committee recommended this resolution for Board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the request to establish a Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD) at LSU Health Sciences Center – Shreveport, subject to approval by the Louisiana Board of Regents.

4.B. Finance Committee

4.B.1. Request from LSU Eunice to Establish Scholarships for Miss LSU Eunice Pageant Winners
Mr. Brazzel moved for approval and the motion was seconded by Mr. Brown, but objection for approval from Mr. Perry. Mr. Perry stated his concern stemmed from the terrible economic conditions due to COVID-19 and the allocation of financial aid dollars awarded on this basis rather than other considerations.

By a roll call vote of 6 yeas and 1 nay, the Committee recommended the resolution.

**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 establish four scholarships for the Miss LSUE Pageant winners.

4.B.2. Request from LSU Eunice to Establish Scholarships for the Bengal Ambassador Program

Upon motion by Mr. Moore, and seconded by Mr. Brown, the Committee recommended this resolution for Board approval:

**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 establish eight scholarships for student leaders of the Bengal Ambassador Program.

4.B.3. Request to Authorize the President to Approve Campuses’ Scholarship Policy Changes in Response to Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic

Upon motion by Mr. Moore, and seconded by Mr. Yarborough, the Committee recommended this resolution for Board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College (“the Board”) authorizes the President to approve financial aid policies submitted by Louisiana State University in Shreveport, Louisiana State University at Alexandria, Louisiana State University at Eunice, LSU Health Sciences Center at New Orleans, and LSU Health Sciences Center at Shreveport for the allocation of institutionally-funded student financial aid in summer term 2020, any intersession terms during 2020, and the Fall 2020 semester.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a report on any changes to student financial aid policies related to the COVID-19 pandemic approved by the President will be presented to the Board at a meeting prior to November 1, 2020.

4.C. Property & Facilities Committee

4.C.1. Request from LSU Health Science Centers – New Orleans to Approve a Lease of Property for Agriculture Production in Vermilion Parish, Louisiana

Upon motion by Mr. Starns, and seconded by Mr. Yarborough, the Committee recommended this resolution for Board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College does hereby authorize Thomas C. Galligan Jr., Interim President, Louisiana State University System, to execute lease agreement with highest
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Thomas C. Galligan Jr., Interim President, Louisiana State University System, or his designee, be hereby authorized by and empowered for and on behalf of and in the name of the Board of Supervisors, in consultation with General Counsel, to include in the lease any and all provisions and stipulations that he deems in the best interest of the Board of Supervisors.

4.C.2. Request from LSU A&M to Consent to Financing by the LSU Research Foundation

Mr. Starns recused himself from voting on this item. Upon motion by Mr. Chatelain, and seconded by Mr. Brown, the Committee recommended this resolution for Board approval:

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 his or her designee, acting on behalf and in the name of the Board, and in consultation with general counsel, to execute and deliver a Consent to Leasehold Mortgage related to financing being sought by the LSU Research Foundation (LSURF) from Campus Federal Credit Union as required by the terms of the Amended and Restated Ground Lease for the Louisiana Emerging Technology Center (LETC), and to provide any other approvals or authorizations necessary for the LSURF project.

4.D. Athletics Committee


Upon motion by Mr. Starns, and seconded by Mr. Dampf, the Committee recommended this resolution for Board approval:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors for Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College (“Board”) approves the contract for Edward J. Orgeron, Jr., Head Coach of LSU Football, and authorizes the President to execute the contract on behalf of the Board.

4.D.2. Request to Approve Contract for LSU Football Offensive Coordinator Steven Ensminger

Upon motion by Mr. Armentor, and seconded by Mr. Dampf, the Committee recommended this resolution for Board approval:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors for Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College (“Board”) approves the employment contract for Steve Ensminger, and authorizes the President to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

4.D.3. Request to Approve Contract for LSU Defensive Coordinator Mark “Bo” Pelini

Upon motion by Mr. Dampf, and seconded by Mr. Starns, the Committee recommended this resolution for Board approval:
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors for Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College (“Board”) approves the employment contract for Mark “Bo” Pelini, and authorizes the President to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

4.D.4. Request from LSU Shreveport to Approve Contract for Women's Soccer Coach Justin Maullin

Upon motion by Mr. Starns, and seconded by Mr. Brown, the Committee recommended this resolution for Board approval:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors for Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College (“Board”) approves the employment contract for Justin Maullin, and authorizes the President to execute the agreement on behalf of the Board.

V. Reconvene Board Meeting

Present
Ms. Mary Werner, Chair
Mr. Robert S. Dampf, Chair-elect
Mr. James Williams, Past Chair
Mr. Glenn Armentor
Mr. Jack “Jay” A. Blossman, Jr. (technical issues prevented audio)
Mr. Richard Brazzel
Mr. B. Wayne Brown
Mr. Blake Chatelain
Ms. Valencia Sarpy Jones
Mr. Lee Mallett (technical issues prevented audio)
Mr. James M. Moore, Jr.
Mr. J. Stephen Perry
Mr. Rémy Voisin Starns
Mr. Jimmie M. Woods, Sr.
Mr. Robert “Bobby” Yarborough

Absent
Mr. Ronnie Anderson

VI. Personnel Actions Requiring Board Approval

Madame Chair reported that there were eight football coaches’ contracts on the personnel actions.

Mr. Starns moved approval of all contracts, and Mr. Dampf seconded the motion. Without objection, the Board approved the contracts as presented.
VII. Reports from Council of Staff Advisors and Council of Faculty Advisors

Due to the format of the meeting, the Council of Faculty Advisors and the Council of Staff Advisors submitted written reports that were distributed to the Board prior to the meeting and will be placed in the record. Ms. Werner summarized the reports as such:

Staff Advisors’ Report: The Staff Advisors reported that the staffs across the campuses have continued to perform their duties, both virtually and, where required, in person. They are supporting the faculty’s move to place courses online, and they are participating in COVID-related activities, such as collection or making of PPE.

Faculty Advisors’ Report: The Faculty Advisors reported general satisfaction in the collaborative work between faculty and administrators to move instruction to a virtual environment. Points were made about faculty paying out of pocket for some expenses to work online. The faculty are concerned about the fiscal prospects of the state and potential reductions in academics. From a work perspective, the faculty shared their concerns about lost research and funding to re-establish what was lost. The faculty are also inquiring about the safety procedures for laboratory work and the losses.

VIII. President’s Report

The President reported on storm damage to LSU Alexandria and LSU Agricultural Center property and assets that occurred during the night of April 22-23, 2020. Dr. William Richardson, Vice President of Agriculture, reported that buildings were destroyed or greatly damaged. On behalf of LSU Alexandria Chancellor Paul Coreil, the President reported 40 students were moved to the Hotel Bentley from campus housing due to lost electricity and water.

The President reported on the campuses’ COVID-19 response and actions. “We canceled all on-campus events that day of 30 or more people through the end of May and by the way that was two days before the CDC would recommend limiting gatherings of 50 or fewer people. March 13 that same day we started moving as many students as possible off of our Baton Rouge campuses and other campuses followed suit and again things were happening at lightning speed and we could not have done any of this without the incredible dedication of our faculty and staff. March 16 we finalized our continuity plans in case went to work remotely and we implemented them 5:30 PM that day and we had our first confirmed case. Putting it lightly, closing our campus was a monumental task. Students, staff, IT professionals and others were working around the clock. On the 24th we postpone commencement and I say postpone because I promise you we will celebrate our graduates when it is safe to do so. And safety has been our number one guide throughout planning. Now we were into remote learning, remote working and our attention turned to fighting Corona. Of course by this point our health science centers were literally at the front of the battle treating patients. At the same time we knew there weren't enough tests in the state, and two of our LSU researchers who had recognized potential threats of the virus were opening the River Road testing lab at LSU veterinary school and put it to work in a course of a week. By March 24 the lab was returning test results within when he four hours. On
the 25th LSU Health Science Centers report began testing. They are now able to conduct 1500 tests a day and return results in 24 hours.

On the 30th our students did begin online learning and there were no major issues. Meanwhile the health science Center in Shreveport was increasing its ICU capacity by 60%. The following day we began COVID testing at LSU health science Center in New Orleans. On April 1 we announce summer courses and intercession would be taught remotely and faculty turned to doing exactly that and getting ready for it. The next day, LSU health sciences New Orleans started clinical trials involving hydroxychloroquine later they added a clinical trial with hydroxychloroquine and Z pack just days later the health science Center in Shreveport became one of the first hospitals in the country to offer inhaled nitric oxide to Cove in patients as the clinical trial and became the first in the state to test the plasma treatment for the virus. On April 4 we signed a plan to turn the PMAC center to make downs and mask by the time the governor held his press conference last Friday we had produced over 1000 gallons and over 100 masks a day. We actually ran out of supplies we were doing so well. Operations continued, yesterday we made 800 gallons. Today we expect we will make 1000 gowns a chemistry professor and students are making hand sanitizer that's being used in corrections, law enforcement and other areas including across campus. Manship has developed a website to help identify misleading and incorrect information about the virus. The College of music and dramatic arts are doing virtual performances. The Ag Center everywhere in the state and Bill mentioned it before we began, in all 64 parishes, working with farmers, working with industry, working with the crawfish industry, and providing virtual 4 H every day to thousands of students who cannot meet in person Pennington, donating PPE and community engagement through several vehicles that are very successful. Let me note something. The research effort at Pennington, Ag and across our campus has been absolutely phenomenal. That research effort has proved that our research is real. It is practical and it is not only helping people, but it is literally saving lives. Hats off to the LSU research effort. LSU EOC donating PPE and donating and doing great things.

As we look forward, we are engaged in budget planning because we are planning in an environment of uncertainty. The state relies heavily on sales tax. Sales taxes down. We rely heavily on tourism as T Perry tells us when we talk. Tourism is shut down. We rely heavily on oil and gas resources and the price of oil and gas is below zero. We have asked our campuses to engage in planning endeavors what will be to we had to reduce the state budget by 5% or 10%, we hope for the best, but we promise we will be prepared. We have received $27.1 million through the first cares act funding. Half of that must go directly to students in terms of student relief and we are developing our plans across the whole LSU family to make those distributions across the year. The other argument to COVID-related purposes. I would note of that 27.1 million, none of it goes through research. Research has not received any significant relief or support at the federal or state level. Units that do not have students, the Pennington biomedical research Center and the LSU Ag Center do not receive any of that 27.1 million, well they do not. Let me close with what we are about. Are students. We would not be here without her students. And I have two significant announcements about two students. We have two significant scholarship owners on the flagship. LSU honors Deanna Roberson, she's a junior studying physics and the College of science and computer engineering in the College of engineering. She will receive a scholarship of up to $7500 from the very Goldwater scholarship foundation to pursue undergraduate research in STEM field after graduation she plans to pursue PhD in
electrical engineering and Pro for research and development in space-related fields. #2. Sarah Procopio of Baton Rouge is one of 62 Truman scholars -- 62 named in 2020. She's in Ogden honors college student Louisiana service scholar studying political communication in the Manship School of mass comp. She plans to take a year off between her graduate and undergraduate programs to serve in the Louisiana Department of health and then she hopes to pursue a Master of Public Policy with a concentration of social policy From the Gerald R Ford School of Policy in the University of Michigan. Madame Chair I would close by once again thanking all of my colleagues for the absolutely fantastic, selfless around-the-clock work they are doing to provide education, to provide research in the fight for coven throughout the state.

Thank you very much!”

IX. Reports to the Board

There were no reports to the Board.

X. Committee Reports

Mr. Armentor made a motion to accept all committee recommendations and approve those resolutions. Mr. Chatelain seconded the motion. Mr. Starns indicated his recusal from Item 4.C.2, but that his consent would apply to all other items. With the one recusal and no objection. The Board adopted all committee reports.

XI. Chair’s Report

“And as always, Tom Galligan is a hard act to follow and want to thank him during this time when I and the board invited him to join us and serve as the interim President of LSU, none of us had any idea what lay ahead. In the good times and in these very, very unprecedented difficult times. We’ve been reminded, many, many times that LSU has faced challenges. In the time of the Spanish flu, in the time of the world wars when our students were called into service and the life of this university was interrupted. However, LSU has always recovered and come back stronger than ever. I know that LSU will do the same this time. I want to take a moment to thank the leadership of this state Governor John Bel Edwards and the Commissioner of Administration Jay Dardenne and Ms. Barbara Goodson. They have been remarkable to work with. Pushed us to lead, provided the resources we needed given us the support and opened the doors to allow LSU to continue to work toward the resolution, solve the problems, dig into the research of this unknown virus. It was only a couple of months ago when we sat together not knowing what lay ahead. But still basking in the glory of the national championship. We have seen many remarkable achievements LSU Tigers in the current time, people working from their garages, the staff that comes on this campus every day to help manufacture PPE, the untold hours of the doctors and nurses, the medical students the lab techs and our hospitals across the state who have all worn purple and gold I want to say thank you to everyone of them. We will continue to fight this battle and we will bring LSU back together on this campus in Baton Rouge and on every campus across the state but know that our hearts go out to everyone who has suffered and all of those that continue this fight tonight, I hope you will join me and all Tigers across the country and across the world who no doubt will join in front of their televisions to watch history being made by another LSU Tiger yet again! We come again to celebrate, we come together in times of strife and difficulty we wish all the Tigers, stepping out into a new world tonight in the NFL, those who will be receiving their diplomas but yet don't walk across the stage until later this summer or next fall, we wish all of them the best.
thank you everyone! For every contribution you've made we will continue to fight this and LSU will once again be victorious and leave Louisiana to brighter days!

That concludes my report.”

XII. Adjournment

Chair Werner reported the next Board of Supervisors meeting will be May 22, 2020 in Baton Rouge. With no further business before the Board, Ms. Werner asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. With a motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Armentor, the meeting was adjourned.