

MINUTES
PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING
Lod Cook Alumni Center
3838 W. Lakeshore Ave, Baton Rouge, LA 70808
Wednesday, April 21, 2021 | Time: 3:00 p.m. CST

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Dr. Gabriela González, Vice Chair, called to order the Presidential Search Committee Meeting of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College at the Lod Cook Alumni Center in Baton Rouge on April 21, 2021.

Present

Ms. Hannah Barrios
Mr. Clarence Cazalot
Mr. Larry Clark
Ms. Gabriela González
Mr. Lester Johnson
Mr. Luke Laborde
Ms. Lori Martin
Mr. Roland Mitchell
Mr. Edwin Murray
Mr. Steve Nelson
Ms. Christel Slaughter
Ms. Tara Smith
Ms. Takeyra Wagner
Ms. Mary Leach Werner

Absent

Mr. Glenn Armentor
Mr. E.R. "Chip" Campbell
Ms. Jessica Jones
Mr. Rémy Starns
Mr. James Williams

Also participating in the meeting: Mr. Winston DeCuir, general counsel for LSU, and Laurie Wilder, Porsha Williams, Grant Higgison, and Julie Johnson, all of whom are representatives from Parker Executive Search Firm.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was offered by Ms. Valencia Jones. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Clark.

III. Public Comment

There were no individuals registered for public comment.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of the April 10, 2021 meeting by Ms. Jones and seconded by Ms. Slaughter. Motion adopted without objection.

V. Consideration of Candidate for Interviews

Dr. González opened the floor for discussion about candidate list. Dr. Mitchell proposed a motion to accept all names of candidates received by the search firm and close the nominations. Motion seconded by Ms. Barrios.

Mr. Clark questioned if the position posting stated the position would remain open until filled. Mr. Clark recommended the timeframe remain open past the current date.

Mr. DeCuir recommended the Committee amend the motion to include all applicants be considered without a formal deadline. The amended motion was seconded by Ms. Barrios.

A roll call vote was conducted – 15 yays and none opposed. The motion was adopted without objection.

Dr. González and Mr. DeCuir indicated the initial round of interviews will be conducted virtually and accessible to the public. Mr. DeCuir stated although the interviews are public, there is a portion of the interview that may be conducted in public.

Ms. Wilder explained the process of recruiting candidates for the position.

Dr. González requested a recess to await the Chairman’s arrival.

The meeting was reconvened. Mr. Williams requested a committee roll call.

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Mr. Williams open the floor for recommendations for candidates to be interviewed. The following individuals were recommended: Laurence Alexander, Ronald Clark, Jay Dardenne, Kelvin Droegemeier, James Henderson, Rustin Moore, Mary Ann Rankin, and Jeffery Talley.

Mr. Williams called for a motion to accept the right nominations. Moved by Mr. Starns, seconded by Mr. Cazalot. A roll call vote was conducted - 17 yays and none opposed. Without objection, the motion was adopted.

Mr. Williams and Ms. Wilders discussed the interview process.

VI. Adjournment

Without further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.