

MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM
SPECIAL MEETING
April 25, 2024

A. **Call to Order/Roll Call**

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System met for a Special Meeting on Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 1:02 p.m. The meeting was held in the Louisiana Purchase Room of the Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge. Chair Jimmy Clarke called the meeting to order.

PRESENT

Mr. Barry Busada	Mr. Virgil Robinson
Dr. Jimmy Clarke	Mr. Mark Romero
Ms. Lola Dunahoe	Mr. Joe Salter
Ms. Jo Lethermon	Mr. Brad Stevens
Dr. John Noble, Jr.	Ms. Julie Stokes
Mr. Dana Peterson	Ms. Bailey Willis

ABSENT

Mr. Steve Davison	Ms. Elizabeth Pierre
Mr. Alejandro “Al” Perkins	Ms. Kristine Russell

Also present were the following: System President Rick Gallot, System staff, and Attorney Linda Clark.

B. **Invocation**

Mr. Joe Salter opened the meeting with an invocation.

C. **Report of McNeese State University Presidential Search Committee**

System President Rick Gallot gave a little background concerning the search. He said that in February the Committee held its first meeting on McNeese State University’s campus to gather input from the campus and constituents concerning desoi-4(.7(e)9b3(r)-4.8(c)-1.62(t)--6e e)10.6(sea).[.45 ceang

On April 4, the Committee met in Baton Rouge to review applications and select semifinalists for interview. Four candidates were chosen for interview: Dr. Andy Benoit, Jr., Dr. Shadow Robinson, Dr. Wade Rouse, and Dr. Allen Vital.

On April 16-17, the four semifinalists were interviewed by the Committee on the campus, where they also met with students, staff, faculty, alumni, and community members. On April 17, the Committee selected two finalists for interview by the Board, Dr. Andy Benoit, Jr. and Dr. Wade Rouse.

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E. **Candidate Interviews**

Dr. Wade Rouse

Dr. Wade Rouse was introduced to the Board, and he

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