

MINUTES
BOARD OF REGENTS
January 8, 1998

The Board of Regents met in regular session at 10:25 a.m., Thursday, January 8, 1998, in the Board of Regents Auditorium, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chairman Harold Callais called the meeting to order. Coordinator of Board Services, Ms. Helen Johnson, called the roll and a quorum was established.

Members Present:

Harold Callais, Chairman
Mary Ella Sanders, Vice Chairman
Richard D'Aquin, Secretary
E. Edwards Barham
Reggie Dupre'
John Georges
Frances Henry
George Luffey
Norbert Simmons
Roland Toups
Michael Reese, Student Member

Members Absent:

Michael Dees
John Keller
Ron Roberts
Pat Strong

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation to Dr. Priscilla Kilcrease

Chairman Harold Callais presented Dr. Priscilla Kilcrease with a crystal champagne bucket commemorating her years of service with the Board.

Perfect Attendance

Chairman Callais also presented Regent Henry and Regent Sanders certificates for perfect attendance at all Board meetings in 1997.

MINUTES APPROVED

Approval of the Minutes of December 10, 1997

On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of December 10, 1997, as circulated.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 1998

Installation of Officers for 1998 by Cheney Joseph

Chairman Callais requested Mr. Cheney Joseph, Legal Counsel to the Governor, to administer the following Oaths of Office:

Harold Callais, Chairman
Mary Ella Sanders, Vice Chairman
Richard E. D'Aquin, Secretary

Executive Committee:

Mike Dees (absent)
John Georges
Ron Roberts (absent)
Norbert Simmons

Representative to the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission:

Frances Henry
(Michael Reese has been appointed by Chairman Callais to serve as the Chair's designee)

Installation of Commissioner E. Joseph Savoie as a Board Member of the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB)

Mr. Cheney Joseph, Legal Counsel to the Governor, administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner E. Joseph Savoie to serve as a Board Member of the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB).

RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Committee Appointments Ratified for 1998

On motion of Regent Luffey, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted to ratify 1998 Committee appointments as proposed by Chairman Callais. (See [Attachment A](#))

AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

On motion of Regent Simmons, seconded by Regent Georges, the Board voted to defer action on amendments to the bylaws until the next meeting.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, Commissioner of Higher Education, presented the following update of activities:

The Board of Regents' Ad Hoc Committee on Higher Education in the Shreveport/Bossier Metropolitan Area met December 16, 1997 and a report will be presented at the upcoming Planning and Research Committee meeting on January 28, 1998.

Dr. Lisa Smith Vosper, who recently joined the Board of Regents staff, received a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Research from Louisiana State University in December. She is working in the Planning, Research and Performance Division.

The Governor's Task Force on Community/Technical Colleges continues to meet and informational updates will be provided to the Board.

Dr. Kent Carruthers, consultant for the new funding formula, will return to Baton Rouge to meet with staff and representatives of colleges and universities to discuss updates, changes and receive suggestions.

Commissioner Savoie and Donnie Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Administration, met with Legislative Auditor, Dan Kyle, to discuss legislative audit activities and to provide a program for internal auditors at campuses.

A full staff retreat and a senior staff retreat were held to discuss internal activities.

OTHER BUSINESS

Executive Session

On motion of Regent Simmons, seconded by Regent Sanders, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with R.S. 42:6.1(A)(3), to discuss litigation matters.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yes: E. Edwards Barham
(11) Harold Callais
Richard D'Aquin
Reggie Dupre'
John Georges
Frances Henry
George Luffey
Mary Ella Sanders
Norbert Simmons
Roland Toups
Michael Reese

No: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Absent:
Michael Dees
John Keller
Ron Roberts
Pat Strong

The Board returned to regular session at 11:34 a.m. Chairman Callais announced that no actions or votes were taken during the Executive Session.

Chairman Callais asked Mr. Joseph and Mr. Jim Hrdlicka from the Attorney General's Office to comment on the Stay Order in effect due to pending litigation regarding Act 1360 of 1997, the higher education governance legislation enacted by the legislature in the past regular session.

Both Mr. Joseph and Mr. Hrdlicka stated that the Order prevents any official action from being taken toward the implementation of Act 1360 of 1997 until the Order is lifted.

On motion of Regent Barham, seconded by Regent Georges, the Board voted unanimously to acknowledge that no action taken today was intended in any way to implement the provisions of Act 1360 of 1997 and until the Stay is modified or vacated no such action will be taken by the Board of Regents.

Chairman Callais reiterated that committees appointed earlier were officially for members of the Board of Regents only.

On motion of Regent Georges, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted to ratify the 1998 Committee Assignments for members of the Board of Regents only.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Callais declared the meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.