

# LOUISIANA COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

## LCTCS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING

### DRAFT MINUTES

Wednesday, May 10, 2017  
10:00 a.m.

The Louisiana Building  
Baton Rouge Community College  
201 Community College Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806

\*\* The Board of Supervisors of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System reserves the right to enter into Executive Session in accordance with R.S. 42.16-17.

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Hardy called the May 10, 2017, LCTCS Board of Supervisors monthly meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.**

#### B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**Supervisor Toups led the assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.**

#### C. ROLL CALL

Sara Kleinpeter called roll with the following results:

##### Members Present

Timothy W. Hardy  
Deni Grissette  
Stephen Toups  
Helen Carter  
Erika McConduit  
Michael J. Murphy  
Woody Ogé  
Joe Potts  
Paul Price, Jr.  
Stephen Smith  
Mark D. Spears, Jr.  
Craig Spohn  
Vincent St. Blanc, III  
Charles Strong  
Sommer Brown  
Jennifer Burgess

##### Absent

Willie Mount

##### Staff Present

Monty Sullivan  
Sara L. Kleinpeter  
Quintin Taylor  
David Helveston  
Anthony Brown  
Michael Redmond  
Emily Campbell  
Adrienne Fontenot  
Katie Waldrop  
Joe Marin  
Paul Carlsen  
Joel Watkins  
René Cintron  
Missy Lacour  
Erika Hughes  
Will Seaman



*Changing Lives,  
Creating Futures*

Monty Sullivan  
*System President*

##### Officers:

Timothy W. Hardy  
*Chair*

Deni Grissette  
*First Vice Chair*

Stephen Toups  
*Second Vice Chair*

##### Members:

Helen Bridges Carter  
Erika McConduit  
Willie Mount  
Michael J. Murphy  
N. J. "Woody" Ogé  
Joe Potts  
Paul Price, Jr.  
Stephen C. Smith  
Mark D. Spears, Jr.  
Craig Spohn  
Vincent St. Blanc, III  
Charles Strong

##### Student Members:

Sommer Brown  
Jennifer Burgess

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**D. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA FOR MAY 10, 2017**

**On motion by Supervisor Spohn, seconded by Supervisor Toups, the Board voted to revise agenda item G.3 from Transfer of Property from the Cavalier Foundation, City of Bossier, and Bossier Parish Community College to read Transfer of Property from the City of Bossier and Bossier Parish to the BPCF Foundation, Inc., and Subsequent Transfer to the LCTCS for the benefit of Bossier Parish Community College. The motion carried.**

**On motion by Supervisor Toups, seconded by Supervisor McConduit, the Board voted to approve the May 10, 2017, meeting agenda, as amended. The motion carried.**

**E. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM APRIL 12, 2017**

**On motion by Supervisor Grissette, seconded by Supervisor Toups, the Board voted to approve the April 12, 2017, meeting minutes. The motion carried.**

**F. REPORTS**

1. Chair of the Board Report

Chair Hardy provided the following report:

- ❖ Reminded the Board members to make every effort to attend any of the 2017 Spring Commencement ceremonies that are taking place over the next few weeks. Asked they let Sara know their plans on attending. A schedule was provided.
- ❖ Reported that the SkillsUSA State competition was held in late April at NWLTC and BPCF and was the largest in the system's history with more than 275 competitors, who competed in 50 contests. Seventy-seven total medalists...33 gold, 25 silver, and 19 bronze. The gold medalists are now eligible to compete in the national SkillsUSA championships in Louisville, KY June 19-23. On behalf of the Board, he congratulated all of the competitors and medalists...in particular the gold medalists. He wished them good luck at nationals. He acknowledged the LCTCS leadership team, recalling last year the Board and Dr. Sullivan challenged you to grow SkillsUSA statewide, and you answered the call. While 275 students competed, there were more than 450 people registered to attend the state conference, also a record for our system. Congratulations!!!
- ❖ Invited Board members and members of the audience to the 4th annual Louisiana Workforce Experience at the Capitol on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Students from our colleges will highlight the real world training and programs that the LCTCS colleges are using to prepare students for the workforce. Please let Sara know if you plan on attending.
- ❖ Congratulated Supervisor Toups and his wife, Valerie, on celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.
- ❖ Paid homage to Curt Eysink *“As you are all aware, we lost a member of our LCTCS Family two weeks ago. Curt Eysink was a dynamic leader, a dedicated husband and father, and a good man who made it his life’s work to make a better life for the people of this state. Whether in his role as Executive Director of the Louisiana Workforce Commission or here with the LCTCS in the workforce role, Curt worked tirelessly to create good jobs and train the people of this state to fill those jobs improving their life circumstance and that of their families. On behalf of the Board of Supervisors and the*

*entire LCTCS, we extend our most heartfelt sympathy to Curt's wife, Dianne, children, Samantha, Max, and Addy and his family and friends. At this time, I would request that we pause in a moment of silence in honor of Curt Eysink."*

A moment of silence was held.

He followed up with *"In the near future, we will have an opportunity to appropriately honor the extraordinary contributions that Curt made in service to the people of Louisiana."*

- ❖ Recognized Student Board Members Sommer Brown and Jennifer Burgess. Supervisors Brown and Burgess have been active members of the Board for their year's term.

Supervisor Sommer Brown is a student at Fletcher Technical Community College and anticipates receiving her Associates Degree in Business Administration in December 2017. She aspires to be a successful attorney and entrepreneur after she's done with law school.

Supervisor Jennifer Burgess has been a student at Baton Rouge Community College. She will graduate with an Associates Degree in Computer Science and a certificate in Computer Network Engineering next week – May 19, 2017. She plans to work in the computer engineering field and eventually pursue a Bachelor's Degree in computer science.

Each were presented with plaques of recognition

Ms. Brown shared her thanks to the Board for their support during her term and stated that she is *"honored to be here...looks forward to coming back and giving back."*

Ms. Burgess noted that her experience on the Board and at BRCC has changed her life. She was reenrolled at BRCC with a 1.8 GPA and BRCC accepted her on an academic probation. She will graduate with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 and two degrees. She shared, *"LCTCS doesn't know how much they can change someone's life no matter where they are....I now have two degrees and am going on to bigger and better things because of you...You change our lives and give us a chance in a way that a university cannot."*

- ❖ Noted that the Council for Student Body Presidents (COSBP) will hold elections on May 15th and two new student Board members will be elected to our Board. Their terms will begin in June. Once elected, the new members will be announced to the Board.
- ❖ Stated there is an opportunity for public comment at the end of the meeting. If you wish to make comments to the Board, please fill out a comment card and turn it into Sara Kleinpeter, Board Coordinator.

## 2. President's Report

Dr. Sullivan provided the following report:

- ❖ Thanked Sommer and Jennifer for their service to the Board. Also thanked the Board for including the student Board members in all processes and teaching them the way community leaders support the LCTCS.
- ❖ Invited Chancellor Neil Aspinwall to provide an overview of the communication and reporting structure. He gave each member a summary and flow chart of the functional committees. There are 8 functional committees made up of representatives from the colleges who serve as “experts” to the Chancellors and provide recommendations from the colleges for various procedures and policies at the campus level. The committees work to provide updates and changes that eventually come to the Board for approval. The committee chairs will serve in two year terms as chair.

The Functional Committee Chairs are:

- Kathleen Curphy, Delgado, Academic Affairs
- Darian Atkins, Louisiana Delta, Public Relations
- Marianne White, SOWELA, Institutional Advancement
- Joe Schexneider, SOWELA, Information Technology
- Khalli Hagan, River Parishes, Fiscal Affairs
- Bruce Waguespack, River Parishes, Workforce Development
- Charles Miller, South Louisiana, Institutional Research
- Arnel Cosey, Delgado, Student Affairs

The Chancellor Committee Chairs are:

- Rick Bateman, Student Affairs
- Earl Meador, Academic Affairs
- Will Wainwright, Advancement and Public Relations
- Neil Aspinwall, Workforce
- Natalie Harder, Finance and Administration
- Kristine Strickland, Strategic Planning and Information Technology

Supervisor Potts thanked Chancellor Aspinwall for the update and agrees with the idea that items that come before the Board are vetted so thoroughly from the college level. He asked that future Board items contain information on what functional committee recommends the item.

Supervisor St. Blanc thanked the Chancellors and functional committee chairs for working so diligently to make sure the needs of the students are upfront in the mission of the college and the Board.

- ❖ Invited Gavin Meche, a student at SLCC and graduate of WorkReadyU, along with SLCC Chancellor Natalie Harder, Director of Adult Basic Education John Hendricks, Adult Education Instructor Derrick Campbell, and Welding Instructor Marcus Simons to address the Board.

Chancellor Harder noted that though SLCC is sitting before the Board, she represents all of her colleagues in their effort to support students to succeed in any way possible. Mr. Hendricks noted the importance of building relationships with students and recognizing the potential in a student. Mr. Campbell noted the determination of Gavin Meche in his class. Gavin, at 16 years of age, worked tirelessly to increase his test scores in order to qualify for the 5 for 6 scholarship program. The instructors cheered him on and are inspired by his success so far. Mr. Simons noted his similar life experiences and challenges to Gavin's. Mr. Simons prides himself in not only instructing welding but also helping to coach Gavin and provide a positive life experience.

Gavin Meche noted that he first walked on to campus in June 2016. From the moment he stepped on campus, he was treated as an important person. During his time in the GED program, he was introduced to welding. He thanked Mr. Hendricks and Mr. Simons for pushing him to do better and succeed. *"Mr. Marcus wasn't just a welding instructor...he was someone you could talk to about anything....Even though I had many challenges in front of me, they helped me get through every day. Once I'm done with welding, I'm going to still go and visit. They are worth that visit. I'm glad to say that welding will be my future."*

Chair Hardy congratulated Mr. Meche on his success and noted to the Board that *"this is the whole reason we do what we do...changing lives."* He thanked the SLCC staff for their dedication to this student and all other students.

Supervisor St. Blanc thanked Mr. Meche for being a great example of what can be done at our colleges. His story will translate to so many who need to hear it. He noted, *"Where else can a student hear that their teachers love them?"* It's the truth and WorkReadyU is a great tool to change lives and create futures for our students.

Supervisor McConduit shared that she hears the word opportunity for Mr. Meche. She hopes he takes advantage of the opportunities available to him with the tools that SLCC and its instructors gave him. She thanked the SLCC representatives for going above and beyond their required job descriptions to make this and all students succeed.

Supervisor Toups noted that in less than a year, Mr. Meche has changed his life. He asked Mr. Meche where he wanted to be in a year. Supervisor Toups told Mr. Meche to be sure to stay in touch because when he was 18, he would have a place for him to work. Mr. Meche wants *"to be in the field working in a year from now. I want to be able to provide for my family."* Supervisor Toups reminded Mr. Meche to finish his program.

Supervisor Grissette commended Mr. Meche for all of his accomplishments and wished him the best in the future.

Supervisor Carter complimented Mr. Meche on being an outstanding individual to teach.

Supervisor Spears recognized the importance that Mr. Meche already knows he will give back to SLCC for giving him the opportunity to succeed.

Supervisor Potts noted that the self-motivation and drive inside of Mr. Meche will be important in his success. He reminded Mr. Meche to never lose that drive in the future. Potts stated, *“Remember the time that you made this happen. You are the reason why all of us are here. It is because of you. That’s what sets you apart from others.”*

Chair Hardy reminded Mr. Meche there are only two words in the English language that are always right if you say them – can and can’t. Always remember that. He encouraged Mr. Meche to continue on a positive trajectory.

Dr. Sullivan thanked Gavin and the SLCC instructors for their dedication to the future of students.

- ❖ Updated the Board on ongoing professional development programs.
  - The first Master Teacher Seminar will take place the first week in June. There are more than 30 applicants for 30 spots in the seminar. This program will take place at Cypress Bend and will allow for faculty to come together to learn best practices from each other and seminar guests.
  - The Second Annual Faculty Fellowship Award and Inaugural President’s Award for Teaching Excellence will be awarded during the September Annual Conference. Applications are open for those awards.
- ❖ Provided an update on realignments. Each of the colleges are working on plans for realignment and phases of realignment will begin July 1, 2017 and likely not be complete until July 1, 2018.
- ❖ Provided an update on the budget. HB 1 moved across to the Senate with level funding (as of March 2017) for Higher Education. We anticipate that it will be a continued discussion between the House and Senate for the FY 2017-2018 budget.
- ❖ LCTCS leadership continues to look at ways to drive down the cost of education for students to offset tuition increases. One method might be a decrease in the cost of textbooks. Leadership has encouraged faculty to look at open education resources and to improve the price point for textbooks.
- ❖ Dr. Paul Carlsen and Dr. Emily Campbell discussed financial aid opportunities to increase enrollment numbers. 70% of students who do not receive offer packages, do not go to college. The opportunity for students to succeed is tied to financial aid. The 5 for 6 scholarship program allows aid for qualified students from WorkReadyU to a two year program. The program allows colleges to set aside 5% of tuition increases and helps to cover costs associated with taking 6 credit hours to qualify for aid.
- ❖ Provided a legislative update. SB 102 was approved by the full Senate and is headed to the House. SB 102 creates the Louisiana Workforce Education Fund bill which will provide funding for institutions doing more workforce noncredit work that is currently unfunded. HB 113 by Rep. Broadwater proposed to eliminate the sunset laws on the tuition autonomy by boards. HB 342 was a constitutional amendment to eliminate the Board of Regents and create a Postsecondary Education Council. The bill has been deferred indefinitely. The statutory companion HB 528 was brought to the House floor with the intention to be modified. The 2017 Legislative Session ends on June 8, 2017.

**G. GENERAL ACTION ITEMS\*\***

**Supervisor Carter presented the Facilities Actions agenda items for consideration by the Board.**

**Facilities Actions**

1. Naming Opportunities at Bossier Parish Community College

**On motion by Supervisor Spohn, seconded by Supervisor Ogé, the Board voted to authorize Bossier Parish Community College the following naming opportunities:**

**AEP Foundation Learning Lab in the Learning Commons**

This naming opportunity is made possible by a \$1,400,000 commitment.

**Alta and John Franks Foundation Tutoring Center**

This naming opportunity is made possible by a \$300,000 commitment.

**BHP Billiton Learning Commons**

This naming opportunity is made possible by a \$300,000 commitment.

**Citizens National Bank Center for Business Studies**

This naming opportunity is made possible by a \$250,000 commitment.

**Storer Foundation Control Room**

This naming opportunity is made possible by a \$150,000 commitment, which will be recognized through the naming of a control room in the Center for Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Technology.

**Valveworks USA Parking Space**

This naming opportunity is made possible by a \$100,000 commitment, which will be recognized through the naming of a reserved parking space at the Center for Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Technology building.

**Red Ball Oxygen Welding Classroom**

This naming opportunity is made possible by a \$150,000 commitment, which will be recognized through the naming of a welding classroom in the Center for Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Technology.

**The motion also authorized the following contributions to Bossier Parish Community College, which will be recognized by plaques located in places of privilege.**

**Bossier Parish Police Jury and the City of Bossier City**

This land donation valued at \$2,250,000 to support the ACT 360 private match will be recognized with a plaque in a place of privilege on the first floor of the STEM building.

**BREMCO/SWEPSCO Scholarship Foundation**

This \$300,000 gift will be recognized with a plaque in a place of privilege on the first floor of the STEM building.

**Encana**

This \$300,000 commitment to support the construction of the Center for Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Technology will be recognized with a plaque in a place of privilege in the building.

**Greater Bossier Economic Development Foundation**

This \$700,000 commitment to support the construction of the Center for Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Technology will be recognized with a plaque in a place of privilege in the building.

**JP Morgan Chase Foundation**

This \$110,000 gift will be recognized with a plaque in a place of privilege in the STEM building.

**Michael H. Woods Family**

This \$150,000 commitment to a named First Generation Scholarship Fund will be recognized with a plaque in a place of privilege in the Administration building.

**The motion carried.**

Dr. Sullivan noted for the record that the contributions approved represent a larger number than the State of Louisiana provided to BPCC in the last year.

2. Naming Opportunity at Northshore Technical Community College

**On motion by Supervisor Murphy, seconded by Supervisor McConduit, the Board voted to authorize Northshore Technical Community College the following naming opportunity:**

**The Richard Weeks Center of Innovation**

This naming opportunity in the central lobby of the STEM campus is made possible by a \$200,000 commitment.

3. Transfer of Property from the City of Bossier and Bossier Parish to the BPCC Foundation, Inc., and Subsequent Transfer to the LCTCS for the benefit of Bossier Parish Community College

Staff presented, for informational purposes, details relative to a change in the conditions of the transfer of the STEM Building at Bossier Parish Community College property from the Cavalier Foundation, City of Bossier, and the Bossier Parish Government to the LCTCS Foundation. The transfer of property to the LCTCS Foundation provides a servitude/easement to the Cyber Innovation Center Incorporated, an easement that was not included as a part of the original information approved by the LCTCS Board of Supervisors earlier.

No action was taken.

**Chair Hardy presents the Consent Agenda items for consideration by the Board.**



## **H. CONSENT AGENDA**

**On motion by Supervisor Burgess, seconded by Supervisor Brown, the Board voted to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of agenda item H.1.**

### **Academic and Student Affairs**

Baton Rouge Community College  
**Program Addition**

1. Certificate of Technical Studies (CTS) in Enrolled Agent (CIP 52.1601) – **4 STARS**

**Chair Hardy referenced the Updates and encourages Board members to review the information.**

## **I. UPDATES**

1. Alternative Financing Projects
2. Report of Breazeale Sachse & Wilson, LLC for Quarter Ending March 31, 2017
3. Report on General Personnel Actions for LCTCS Colleges and System Office
4. Quarterly Financial Reports
5. Status Report on Capital Projects
6. Third Quarter Contracts Report
7. LCTCS Facilities Corporation Annual Report

Dr. Sullivan noted that item I.7. is the annual report of the LCTCS Facilities Corporation.

## **J. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no additional business to come before the Board.

## **K. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Hardy invited those with requests to address the Board to come forward when called. Ms. Kleinpeter reminded those with cards submitted to speak, there is a three minute limit to address the board.

Mr. Lenny Vasbinder introduced himself to the Board as a student at Delgado in Journalism. He serves as a reporter with the Daily Dolphin Student Newspaper. He is gravely concerned with the possibility of the cancellation of a number of programs at Delgado Community College, including the television production program, mass communications program, legal secretary program, and the dietetics technician program. He stated that students and professors were unaware that their programs were cancelled prior to any discussion or input. Students and professors were not allowed to share their concerns with the potential cancellation of programs. Mr. Vasbinder suggests that two buildings be renamed to raise funds – the Seymour Weiss Allied Health Center and Michael L Williamson Complex.

Delgado Community College SGA President Ms. Kendrica Garner addressed the Board and voiced the concerns of Delgado students. Many students have contacted her to try and find a way to keep the programs proposed for cancellation. Students request a “teach out” of programs so that they are able to graduate from Delgado Community College. She asks the Board to support the students and allow the programs to continue. By taking away the programs, you are taking away hope from the students.

BRCC SGA President Mr. Donald Fountain addressed the Board and introduced himself as the new SGA President. He offered to help the Board in any way possible and stated that he looked forward to working with the Board. He shared his experience in education with a diagnosed learning disability and vowed to help students who feel they do not have a voice.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

**On motion by Supervisor Ogé, seconded by Supervisor Spohn, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.**