

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF REGENTS

**January 6, 1999**

The Board of Regents met in regular session at 10:09 a.m., Wednesday, January 6, 1999, 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, Chair  
Mary Ella Sanders, Vice Chair  
Richard D'Aquin, Secretary  
E. Edwards Barham  
Michael Dees  
Reggie Dupre'  
Frances Henry  
George Luffey  
Ron Roberts  
Pat Strong  
Roland Toups  
Ryan Gatti, Student Member

#### **Members Absent:**

John Keller  
John Georges  
Norbert Simmons

### MINUTES APPROVED

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 10, 1998

**On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of December 10, 1998, as circulated.**

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 1999

Chairman Callais requested Ms. Constance Koury, First Assistant Attorney General, to administer the following Oaths of Office:

Mary Ella Sanders, Chair  
Richard E. D'Aquin, Vice Chair  
Ron Roberts, Secretary

Executive Committee:

Harold Callais  
Mike Dees  
John Georges (absent)  
Pat Strong

Chairperson Sanders paid tribute to outgoing Chairman Callais and thanked him for his leadership during the past two years. Commissioner Savoie also expressed his appreciation to Regent Callais.

RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

**On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted to ratify 1999 Committee appointments as proposed by Chairperson Sanders. (See Attachment A.)**

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER**

Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, Commissioner of Higher Education, reported on the following:

- Commencement speaker at Grambling State University - December 18
- Dr. Brenda Albright, Consultant on Formula Funding
- House Appropriations Committee Meeting - January 7
- Preliminary Draft of Executive Budget
- Community/Technical College Board Orientation - January 12
- LaLINC (LOUIS) presentation - January 12
- Monitoring Committee Meeting - January 14
- Performance/Incentive Funding Task Forces - January 19-22

- CASE Conference at Nicholls State University - January 22
- Will speak at the Editorial Writers Association in Austin - January 23
- Committee/Board meeting - January 27-28

Commissioner Savoie referred board members to the December 29, 1998, editorial in the *Daily Advertiser* regarding declining revenues and the possible impact on education.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

**On motion of Regent Dees, seconded by Regent Luffey, the Board voted unanimously to adopt a policy to recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions to higher education.**

Chairperson Sanders recognized Regent Luffey who announced that his replacement to the Board would be announced this week. He continued by thanking the staff and other members of the Board for their hard work and dedication.

Regent Callais stated that he had spoken with Regent Keller who has been ill for an extended period and conveyed his greetings to the board members.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson Sanders declared the meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.