MINUTES

BOARD OF REGENTS

September 23, 2004

The Board of Regents met in regular session at 9:05 a.m., Thursday, September 23, 2004, in the Louisiana Purchase Room of the Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Roland Toups called the meeting to order. Executive Assistant to the Commissioner, Ms. Carolyn Blanchard, called the roll and a quorum was established.

Present for the meeting were:

Scott Brame
Richard D'Aquin
Reggie Dupré
Frances Henry, Vice Chair
Stanley J. Jacobs
Robert Levy
William Oliver
W. Clinton Rasberry, Jr.
Clifford Smith
Pat Strong, Secretary
Artis Terrell
Roland Toups, Chair
Jeraul Mackey, Student Member

Absent:

Billy Blake Virgil Robinson

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Toups noted that no written requests were received for public comments and inquired if the audience had any comments at this time. There were none.

MINUTES APPROVED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 26, 2004

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of August 26, 2004, as circulated.

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Henry, Vice Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Mr. Gerard Killebrew, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, presented motions from the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report of September 22, 2004.

PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT - LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER-SHREVEPORT - REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A DEPARTMENT OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Oliver, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the request from the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-Shreveport to establish a Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, effective immediately.

PROPOSED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

A. Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-New Orleans - M.S. in Neuroscience

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to approve the proposed M.S. program in Neuroscience (CIP Code 30.2401) at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-New Orleans, effective immediately.

B. <u>University of New Orleans - M.S. in Financial Economics</u>

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the proposed M.S. program in Financial Economics (CIP Code 52.0601) at the University of New Orleans, effective immediately.

C. <u>Bossier Parish Community College - A.A. in Music</u>

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for the proposed Associate of Arts in Music (CIP Code 50.0901) program at Bossier Parish Community College, to be implemented beginning Spring, 2005. By January 15, 2006, the College shall submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education a progress report addressing concerns cited in the staff summary. Thereafter, additional progress reports may be required.

D. <u>Louisiana State University-Alexandria - Bachelor of Liberal Studies - Majors in English, History, Mathematics, Speech, and Theatre</u>

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant conditional approval for proposed new majors in English, History, Mathematics, Speech, and Theatre within the existing Bachelor of Liberal Studies (CIP Code 24.0101) program at Louisiana State University-Alexandria, effective immediately. A progress report addressing staff concerns regarding program administration and updating numbers of enrollees/graduates in each new major shall be due on September 1, 2005.

PROPOSED LETTERS OF INTENT

A. <u>Louisiana State University and A&M College, University of New Orleans, Southern University-Baton Rouge - Cooperative Ph.D. in Material Science and Engineering</u>

Mr. Killebrew informed the Board that after the Committee meeting on September 22, procedural questions had risen and the proposed Letter of Intent would be deferred until all questions had been answered.

B. <u>University of New Orleans - B.S. in Transportation</u>

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for proposed Letter of Intent for a projected B.S. program in Transportation (CIP Code 52.0209) at the University of New Orleans.

PROGRESS REPORTS ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROGRAMS

A. Southeastern Louisiana University - M.A. in Organizational Communications

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2003-2004 Progress Report from Southeastern Louisiana University Relative to Implementation of the M.A. Program in Organizational Communications. As all original stipulations of approval have been fulfilled, the program is hereby granted full approval.

B. <u>Louisiana State University-Shreveport - M.S. in Health Care Administration</u>

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Dupré, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2003-04 Progress Report from Louisiana State University-Shreveport Relative to the Implementation of the Master of Science Program in Health Care Administration. The next progress report shall be due August 1, 2005.

C. <u>South Louisiana Community College</u>

- 1. A.A.S. in Emergency Health Sciences
- 2. A.S. in Criminal Justice
- 3. A.S. in Industrial Technology

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2003-04 Progress Reports from South Louisiana Community College Relative to the Implementation of the Associate of Applied Science in Emergency Health Science, the Associate of Science in Criminal Justice and the Associate of Science in Industrial Technology programs. The next set of progress reports shall be due September 1, 2005.

D. <u>Nicholls State University - M.A.T. in Community/Technical College Mathematics</u>

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to authorize implementation of the M.A.T. program in Community/Technical College Mathematics at Nicholls State University, effective Fall 2004. As required by previous Board of Regents action, a progress report addressing other previously-cited staff concerns shall be due by April 1, 2005.

PROGRESS REPORT ON CONDITIONALLY-APPROVED CENTER - LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND A&M COLLEGE - LIFE COURSE AND AGING CENTER

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the Life Course and Aging Center at Louisiana State University and A&M College for a period of three years from this date. By September 1, 2005, the University shall submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education a progress report which addresses budgetary implications of the new grants overhead arrangement between the University, Center, and participating departments.

PROGRESS REPORTS ON APPROVED CENTERS/INSTITUTES

A. <u>Louisiana State University and A&M College</u>

1. <u>Center for Gas Turbine Innovation and Energy Research</u>

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2003-04 Progress Report from Louisiana State University and A&M College Relative to Operations of the Center for Gas Turbine Innovation and Energy Research. By October 1, 2006, the University shall submit a request for continued approval of the Center. If a proposal is not forthcoming by this date, the Board of Regents shall automatically reexamine the need for this Center.

2. Institute for Ecological Infrastructure Engineering

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2003-04 Progress Report from Louisiana State University and A&M College Relative to Operations of the Institute for Ecological Infrastructure Engineering. By July 1, 2005, the University shall submit a request for continued approval of this institute. If a proposal is not forthcoming by this date, the Board of Regents shall automatically reexamine the need for this Institute.

3. Center for Geoinformatics

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Mackey, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2003-04 Progress Report from Louisiana State University and A&M College Relative to Operations of the Center for Geoinformatics. By July 1, 2006, the University shall submit a request for

continued approval of this center. If a proposal is not forthcoming by this date, the Board of Regents shall automatically reexamine the need for this Center.

B. <u>University of New Orleans - Pontchartrain Institute for Environmental Sciences</u>

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Mackey, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to receive the AY 2003-04 Progress Report from the University of New Orleans Relative to Operations of the Pontchartrain Institute for Environmental Sciences. By July 1, 2006, the University of New Orleans shall submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education a request for continued approval of this Institute. If this request is not forthcoming by this date, the Board of Regents shall re-examine the need for this Institute.

TEACHER EDUCATION INITIATIVES

A. Report of the Blue Ribbon Commission for Education Excellence and Other Updates

Mr. Killebrew noted that Dr. Jeanne Burns had presented several items to the Academic and Student Affairs Committee: (1) the Blue Ribbon Commission's schedule for the AY 2004-05 meetings, noting that the agenda for Commission activities are expanding expectations for leadership in the state; (2) requests from several national organizations and federal/state governmental agencies for information about Louisiana's Teacher Preparation Program Assessment Model; and (3) a recent publication by SREB which highlights Louisiana's recent efforts toward improving school leadership.

B. Evaluation of Redesigned Teacher Preparation Program

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee to grant approval for the B.A. Program in Art Education Grades K-12 (CIP Code 13.1302) at the University of Louisiana at Monroe, effective immediately.

PRESENTATION BY THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS RELATIVE TO INCORPORATION OF THE CAPDAU CHARTER SCHOOL INTO THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Killebrew noted that Chancellor Tim Ryan, Dean Jim Meza, and Principal Shannon Verrett gave a presentation of the organization and administration of the Capdau Charter School within the College of Education and Human Development at the University of New Orleans. Regent Toups stated that the presentation was very persuasive and impressive and that the Board whole-heartedly supports this venture. He encouraged other universities in the state to consider similar initiatives.

ADOPTION OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2004

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Report of September 22, 2004, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Henry, Chair of the Facilities and Property Committee, Mr. Rich Griswold, Associate Commissioner for Facilities, presented motions from the Facilities and Property Committee Report of September 22, 2004.

SMALL CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the following small capital projects report as presented by staff.

O & T Support/Storage Building at the Burden Research Center -Louisiana State University Agricultural Center \$180.000 in State Funds

New Women's Field House - McNeese State University

\$349,900 in Auxiliary Funds

6K Renovations for Bone Marrow Facility -Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport \$250,000 in Restricted Self-Generated Funds

FY 2005-2006 CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET RECOMMENDATION (PRELIMINARY)

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to adopt the FY 2005-2006 Preliminary Capital Outlay Budget Recommendation as presented by the staff.

ACT 959 PROJECTS

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Facilities and Property Committee to approve the project for the Comparative Biology Building - Expansion into Existing Cage Storage Building at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center in accordance with the provisions of Act 959 of 2003. The project is estimated to cost \$690,000 to be paid through a federal grant.

ADOPTION OF THE FACILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2004

On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Facilities and Property Committee Report of September 22, 2004, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Oliver, Chair of the Technology Committee, Mr. Gerard Killebrew presented motions from the Technology Committee Report of September 22, 2004.

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER FOR INFORMATION AND LEARNING TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Killebrew stated that Mr. Mike Abbiatti, Associate Commissioner for Information and Learning Technology, had provided the Committee with updates on the progress of four statewide technology initiatives related to the Statewide E-learning Support Center: (1) the creation of a Statewide Interactive Video Strategy; (2) the establishment of a statewide interactive video network operations center (NOC); (3) the progress toward establishing wireless local area network capability on selected Louisiana Technical College campuses; and (4) the participation in the Governor's Broadband Advisory Council.

Mr. Killebrew also noted that Mr. Abbiatti provided an update on the Louisiana Optical Network Initiative (LONI). Special recognition was given to Dr. Michael Khonsari, Associate Commissioner for Sponsored Programs Research and Development, and his staff for their leadership in the design and presentation of the LONI Forum held September 2 and 3, 2004. Mr. Killebrew stated that Regent Oliver reviewed the LONI Guiding Principles.

On motion of Regent Oliver, seconded by Regent Raspberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Technology Committee to approve the LONI Guiding Principles.

Regent Toups requested that a detailed report be given on the LONI project at the next Board meeting. Regent Oliver noted that this project is not only the first for Louisiana but first for the nation.

ADOPTION OF THE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2004

On motion of Regent Oliver, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Technology Committee Report of September 22, 2004, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Brame, Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented motions from the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of September 22, 2004.

IMPENDING DESIGNATION OF PENNINGTON AS A USDA NUTRITIONAL RESEARCH CENTER - PRESENTATION FROM DR. DONALD WILLIAMSON

Dr. Kerry Davidson stated that a formal announcement from the USDA designating the Pennington Biomedical Research Center as a USDA-sanctioned Nutritional Research Center is expected very soon. He said that one of the first projects to be funded will be focusing on the problem of obesity in rural schools in Louisiana and the schools to be utilized will be LA GEAR UP schools.

CONSIDERATION OF NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP AND OFFICERS OF THE BoRSF PLANNING COMMITTEE

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the nomination(s) and re-nominations(s) of the appointing authorities for membership on the BoRSF Planning Committee for the next three years beginning January 1, 2005. Further, the Sponsored Programs Committee recommended that the Board approve the nominations of Dr. Kenneth Rea, Louisiana Tech University and Dr. Mildred Smalley, Southern University-Baton Rouge, as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, effective immediately.

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FEDERAL MATCHING GRANTS REQUESTS

A. **LaSPACE**

On motion of Regent Brame, Second by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the commitment of \$200,000 per year for five years from the Federal Matching Grants budget of the Board of Regents Support Fund as matching funds for the LaSPACE Program, starting in FY 2005-06. All matching funds are to be provided contingent upon the award of NASA LaSPACE funding.

B. LAMP

On motion of Regent Brame, Second by Regent Mackey, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the commitment of \$500,000 per year for five years from the Federal Matching Grants budget of the Board of Regents Support Fund as matching funds for Phase III of the Louis Stokes LAMP Program, starting in FY 2005-06. The remainder of the required matching funds will be provided by the participating institutions. Matching funds are to be provided contingent upon the award of NSF LAMP funding.

REQUEST FROM LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND A&M COLLEGE FOR MATCHING FUNDS FOR AN ENGINEERING RESEARCH CENTER PROPOSAL

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve committing a cash match from previously unspent monies in the Board of Regents Support Fund for the NSF ERC proposal from Louisiana State University entitled "Center for BioModular Multi-scale Systems." The amount of cash match provided for the proposal shall be half the required amount; i.e., ten (10) percent of the annual amount of requested NSF funding, not to exceed the following amounts: \$300,000 for the first year; \$325,000 per year for the second and third years; and \$350,000 per year for the fourth and fifth years, for a total of \$1,650,000 for the initial five-year duration of the award. All matching funds are to be provided only if NSF ERC funding is received. The remainder of the required matching funds is to be provided by the participating institutions.

OTHER BUSINESS - REPORT FROM ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR FINANCE RELATIVE TO THE BORSF BUDGET

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to accept the financial report as presented.

Regent Toups noted that an Industrial representative on the BoRSF Planning Committee had not been appointed as of yet, and he encouraged the staff to make an extra effort to fill that position as soon as possible.

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2004

On motion of Regent Brame, second by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of September 22, 2004, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

PLANNING, RESEARCH AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Oliver, Chair of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee, Dr. Jimmy Clarke, Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Research and Performance, presented motions from the Planning, Research and Performance Report of September 22, 2004.

LICENSURE

On motion of Regent Oliver, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to issue an initial operating license to Vanderbilt University, located in Nashville, Tennessee.

On motion of Regent Oliver, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to renew the two-year operating license for California School of Professional Psychology - Alliant International University, located in San Francisco, California.

PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS

On motion of Regent Oliver, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an initial operating license for Training Academy for Dental Assistants, located in Bossier City.

On motion of Regent Oliver, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an initial operating license for Unitech Training Academy, West Monroe.

On motion of Regent Oliver, seconded by Regent Mackey, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve an initial operating license for Delta College, Slidell Branch.

On motion of Regent Oliver, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to approve a change-of-ownership application for Northshore Career College, located in Hammond.

On motion of Regent Oliver, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Planning, Research and Performance Committee to renew the licenses of the following proprietary schools (initial license date in parentheses):

American School of Business (9/27/01)
Baton Rouge School of Computers (8/28/97)
Bryman College (9/30/95)
Camelot College (08/28/86)
Central Louisiana School of Therapeutic Massage (9/24/03)
Coastal College--Alexandria (08/28/97)
Coastal College--Baton Rouge (previously located in Lake Charles) (09/28/00)
Crescent City Coders, LLC (08/28/03)

Crescent City School of Gaming & Bartending (09/14/83)

Houston Marine Training Services (09/10/75)

H & R Block, Inc., (Ten Locations (08/26/93)

Alexandria, LA

Baton Rouge, LA (2)

Marrero, LA

New Orleans, LA

Pineville, LA

Shreveport, LA

Slidell, LA

Sulphur, LA

West Monroe, LA

Medical Training College (08/22/96)

MedVance Institute of Baton Rouge (09/27/01)

Mercy Educational Institute (08/25/94)

Metropolitan Community College (08/26/93)

PeachTree School of Dental Assisting (8/22/02)

Professional Technology "Pro Tech" Technical Training Inst., Inc. (08/22/96)

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REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

Dr. Clarke said that several updates had been mentioned: (1) a copy of the Instructional Advisory Council meeting minutes from the Learning Center for Rapides Parish; (2) Southern University-Shreveport had held an informational meeting regarding its AAS program in Dental Hygiene; and (3) information received thus far on preliminary fall headcount enrollment statewide indicates about a 2% increase over the previous fall's record enrollment.

ADOPTION OF THE PLANNING, RESEARCH, AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2004

On motion of Regent Oliver, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Planning, Research, and Performance Committee Meeting Report of September 22, 2004, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Regent Toups, Chair of the Executive Committee, Mr. Donnie Vandal, Deputy Commissioner for Administration, presented the Executive Committee Report of September 22, 2004.

<u>UPDATE AND BRIEFING ON ETHICS LAWS BY STAFF OF THE LOUISIANA BOARD OF</u> ETHICS

Mr. Vandal stated that due to changes to the ethics code recommended by the Governor and enacted by the Legislature during the last legislative session, Ms. Kathleen Allen, Deputy General Counsel of the Louisiana Board of Ethics gave an overview of the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics and its various provisions.

ADOPTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2004

On motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Oliver, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Committee Meeting Report of September 22, 2004, as presented. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER

Dr. Savoie reported on the following items:

- Endowed Chair presentations are completed except for St. Joseph Seminary College and thanked the campuses for hospitality shown;
- Regents and selected staff attended the Rotary Club luncheon on September 22, 2004 and the topic of discussion was adult literacy;
- Congratulations on Dr. Larry Tremblay's upcoming nuptials;
- Regent Levy was named "Lawman of the Year" by Ruston's Sunrise Kiwanis Club;
- The Board of Regents' Retreat will be held in Baton Rouge on October 5-6, 2004;
- Next Committee and Board meetings will take place at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond on October 28-29, 2004.

Regent Oliver expressed assurance that everyone had heard of outsourcing and downsizing and informed everyone that the BellSouth's Engineering Organization of Louisiana, Alabama, and Mississippi will be creating many new jobs. Regent Oliver expressed the desire that these positions be filled by Louisiana citizens, if at all possible, and stressed that colleges/universities need to produce "good people with a good education" to fill these jobs.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion of Regent Toups, seconded by Regent Levy, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

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