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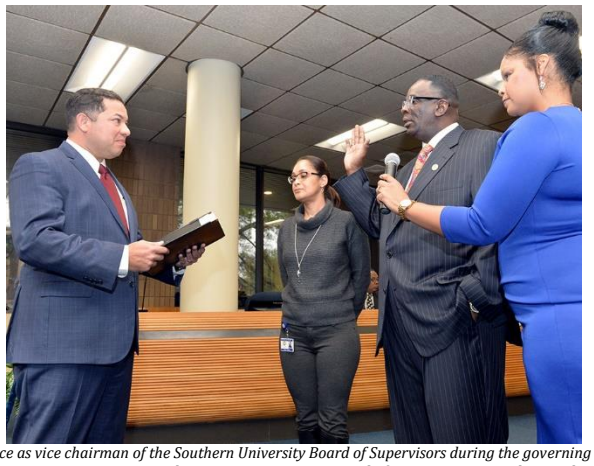
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SU Board installs officers for 2017, welcomes new members



Southern University Board of Supervisors chairwoman Ann A. Smith is installed during the governing board's regular meeting January 6, 2017, in Baton Rouge. SU Board of Supervisors general counsel Winston Decuir Jr. administers the oath of office. Pictured (left to right) are: EBR School Board Member Vereta Lee, Steven Smith, Hannah Smith, Ann A. Smith, Harold Smith, and Joi Smith.



Rev. Donald R. Henry takes the oath of office as vice chairman of the Southern University Board of Supervisors during the governing board's regular meeting January 6, 2017, in Baton Rouge. Pictured (left to right): Dana Henry, Rev. Henry, and Marguerite Henry. SU Board of Supervisors general counsel Winston Decuir Jr. administered the oath of office.



Taking the oath of office for the Southern University Board of Supervisors during the January 6, 2017, SU Board meeting in Baton Rouge, were three newly appointed members and two reappointed members. Pictured (left to right): Domoine D. Rutledge (newly appointed), Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert Jr. (reappointed), Chairwoman Ann A. Smith (reappointed), Leroy Davis (newly appointed), and Richard Hilliard (reappointed). SU Board of Supervisors general counsel Winston Decuir Jr. administered the oath of office.



New SU Board of Supervisors chairwoman Ann A. Smith (left) presents a commendation to outgoing SU Board of Supervisors chairman Leon R. Tarver II during the January 6, 2017, meeting of the Board of Supervisors in the J.S. Clark Administration Building on the SU Baton Rouge campus. Tarver was named SU Board of Supervisors Chairman Emeritus at the December 2016 meeting of the Board.

The Southern University and A&M College System Board of Supervisors today installed officers for 2017 and held a swearing-in ceremony for newly appointed members during its regular monthly meeting.

Chairwoman Ann A. Smith and vice chairman Rev. Donald R. Henry, who were elected during the annual officers' election in November 2016, were installed as the new officers for the governing board for the only historically black college and university system in America.

Smith is a retired school educator and administrator in Tangipahoa Parish, member of the Louisiana School Board Association, and former member of the Tangipahoa Parish School Board.

Henry represents the 2nd Congressional District. He is a planning and scheduling professional at Noranda Alumina, LLC; and co-owner of DRH Consulting Group, LLC in Gramercy.

Taking the oath of office for the SU Board were two newly appointed members and three reappointed members named by Governor Edwards, December 30, 2016.

"I salute the long-standing members of the Board for their great and unselfish service to the Southern University System and congratulate those members who have been reappointed who will continue in service. I genuinely look forward to working with you as we advance the mission of the Southern University System," said SU System President Ray L. Belton.

Sworn in on the 16-member board that serves to manage and supervise the SU System were:

Leroy Davis, of Baker, is a retired professor and dean of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College. Additionally, Davis is a former mayor and councilman of the City of Baker. He received a bachelor of science degree from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, a master of science degree from the University of Illinois, and a doctoral degree from the University of Illinois. He will serve as a representative of the 2nd Congressional District.

Richard T. Hilliard, of Shreveport, is a senior engineer and business consultant at the Maintowoc Company, Incorporated. Hilliard received a bachelor of science degree from Georgia Technological University and a master of science degree from Walsh College. He will serve as a representative of the 4th Congressional District.

Domoine D. Rutledge, of Baton Rouge, is an attorney and general counsel of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System. He is a former national president of the Southern University Alumni Federation and the current president and chairman of the Southern University System Foundation Board of Directors. Rutledge received a bachelor of arts degree and a juris doctorate from the Southern University Law Center. He will serve as an at-large member on the board.

Smith, of Kentwood, received a bachelor of science degree and a master of science in education from Southern University. She will serve as a representative of the 5th Congressional District.

Rev. Samuel C. Tolbert Jr., of Lake Charles, is the pastor of the Greater Saint Mary Missionary Baptist Church. He received a bachelor of arts degree from Bishop College and a master of divinity from Payne Theological Seminary. He has also received an honorary doctorate of divinity from Union Baptist College and Theological Seminary and Christian Bible College and an honorary doctorate degree from Temple Bible College. Rev. Tolbert will serve as an at-large member on the board.

The Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College is vested with the responsibility for the management and supervision of the institutions of higher education, statewide agricultural programs, and other programs which comprise the Southern University System. Members serve six-year terms appointed by the governor.

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