

**MINUTES of the MARCH 23, 2024  
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FOUNDATION BOARD  
NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

Meeting was held in person and virtually on March 23, 2024.

Members present:

Ann Allen	Doug Gunn	Jan Sims
Ray Allen	Becky Harris	Mike Sims
Lamar Barden	Ben Humphries	Chris Townson
Larry Black	Jack Hunter	Nancy Victory
Bobby Brannon	Johnny Jernigan	Kurt Wamsley
Donna Brooks	Fran McCaskill	Laurie Watts
Bob Brooks	Ron McCaskill	Mike Wetzel
Gradon Clemons	Jerry Pounds	Errol Wilken
Robin Dawson	Cindy Ramsey	Fannie Yin
Jody Dean	Scott Ramsey	Timothy Yin
Bob Donaldson	Chuck Simmons	

Honorary Members present:

Fred Luter	Gil McKee	Leroy Fountain
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Virtual Attendees Present:

Wayne Mahnker		Phil Walton	
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FB Spouse, Guests, NOBTS Staff and Faculty present:

Jean Black	Lindsay Holder	Sean Vereen
Jamie Dew	Larry Lyon	Judy Wamsley
Wanda Gregg	Carla Ross	Nancy Whatley
Norris Grubbs	Betty Scurlock	

The Moskau (Becky Harris) and Price (Ray & Ann Allen) awards were presented on Friday night. The State of the Seminary report was also shared on Friday night.

Dr. Dew's gave his report.

He then opened the floor for Q & A.

## **MOTIONS:**

### **Election of 2024/25 Officers: Mike Wetzel, presented (Officers serve from March 2024 to March 2025)**

Chris Townson - Chair  
Jerry Pounds - Vice-Chair  
Ben Humphries - Recording Secretary  
Larry Lyon - Treasurer  
Mike Wetzel - Executive Secretary

Officers Chairman – Dr. Chris Townson moves from Vice-Chairman to Chair.

Vice Chairman – Dr. Jerry Pounds moves from Recording Secretary to Vice Chairman

Recording Secretary –Mr. Ben Humphries has agreed to be nominated as this year's Recording Secretary

Treasurer – Dr. Larry Lyon

Executive Secretary – Dr. Mike Wetzel

- Motion: Jack Hunter
- Second: Call for raised hands

Motion passed

### **2023 Financial Investment Report: Larry Lyon, presented**

Audit figures were provided.

2/3 spent and 1/3 reinvested back into the FB Corpus

Mike called for raise of hands to approve the audited statement

- A call for affirmation of the financial report was called for by raise of hands.

### **Approval of 2023 Foundation Board Meeting Minutes: Chris Townson, presented**

- Motion: Becky Harris
- Second: Errol Wilken

Motion passed

### **Affirmation of New Members: Chris Townson, presented**

Terry Ewing	Sean Vareen
Wes Perry	David Caston

Call for Amen to affirm these new members.

### **Institutional Advancement report: Dr. Mike Wetzel, presented**

Have you ever thought about what your legacy is going to be? How do we get the next generation to know about us?

Tell people how important NOBTS is to you.

### **Giving Tuesday Matching Gift: Errol Wilken, presented**

The Giving Tuesday Team is recommending a goal this year of \$250,000. Is there a motion to accept the goal for GT Matching Gift?

- Motion: All in favor please raise your hand.
- Second: No second needed because recommendation came from the team.

### **Foundation Board Project Proposal and Vote: Dr. Larry Lyon and Dr. Mike Wetzel, presented**

Proposal 1. Louise and Richard Danielson Early Learning Center conversion to office space and Home School classrooms.

Proposal 2. Frost Administration Building bathroom and plumbing renovations.

Proposal 3. Roland Q. Leavell Chapel bathroom and plumbing renovations.

The FB board voted to use the available funds for Proposal 1.

- Motion: Jack hunter
- Second: Errol Wilken

Motion passed

The board also voted to raise funds for the additional \$35,000 needed to complete the FB 2024 project. A goal was set for June 1<sup>st</sup> for funds to be in.

The board requested that they be kept updated as to the amount of funds we've received.

Motion – Ron McCaskill

Second – Kurt Wamsley

Motion passed

### **Campus Tour: Dr. Larry Lyon**

The DeMent room was toured on the walk over to the cafeteria.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ben Humphries, Recording Secretary