

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING
May 26, 2009**

BE IT REMEMBERED, That the Commissioner Search Committee held a teleconference meeting on May 26, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. with public attendance available in the Board Room at the Board Office in Jackson, Mississippi. The following Committee members participated in the teleconference: Mr. H. Ed Blakeslee, Dr. Stacy Davidson, Dr. Bettye Henderson Neely, Mr. Bob Owens, Mr. Aubrey B. Patterson, Mr. Alan Perry, Ms. Christine Pickering, Ms. Robin J. Robinson, and Ms. Amy Whitten. Committee members Mr. Scott Ross, Dr. Douglas Rouse, and Mr. C.D. Smith were absent. The following Commissioner Interview Search Advisory Committee members were also present: Dr. Lynn House, IHL Assistant Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs; Dr. Mark Keenum, President of Mississippi State University; Dr. Robert Khayat, Chancellor of the University of Mississippi; Dr. Claudia Limbert, President of the Mississippi University for Women; Dr. Linda McFall, IHL Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration; and Dr. George Ross, President of Alcorn State University. Search consultants, Ms. Laurie Wilder and Mr. Bryan Hanson, of Parker Executive Search and Dr. Aubrey Lucas, Interim Commissioner of Higher Education, also attended the meeting. The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by Mr. Ed Blakeslee, Chair of the Commissioner Search Committee.

In accordance with Miss. Code Ann., §25-41-5, as amended, all votes taken during this teleconference meeting were recorded by name in a roll-call fashion. The teleconference meeting was held to discuss a personnel matter at the Board Office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Dr. Davidson, with Mr. Ross, Dr. Rouse, Mr. Smith, and Ms. Whitten absent and not voting, the Committee voted to close the meeting to determine whether or not it should declare an Executive Session. On motion by Ms. Pickering, seconded by Ms. Robinson, with Mr. Ross, Dr. Rouse, Mr. Smith, and Ms. Whitten absent and not voting, the Committee **voted to go into Executive Session** for the reason reported to the public and stated in these minutes, as follows:

Discussion of a personnel matter at the Board Office.

During Executive Session, the following matter was discussed:

The Commissioner Search Committee received the results of background and reference checks on candidates for the position of Commissioner of Higher Education.

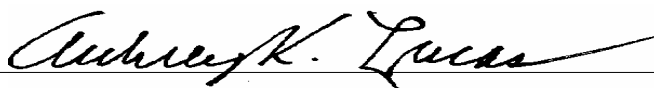
On motion by Ms. Whitten, seconded by Ms. Pickering, with Ms. Robinson, Mr. Ross, Dr. Rouse, and Mr. Smith absent and not voting, the Committee voted to return to Open Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commissioner Search Committee, on motion by Mr. Blakeslee, seconded by Ms. Pickering, with Ms. Robinson, Mr. Ross, Dr. Rouse, and Mr. Smith absent and not voting, the Committee members voted to adjourn the meeting.



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