

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING
May 27-28, 2009**

BE IT REMEMBERED, That the Commissioner Search Committee met at the Board Office in Jackson, Mississippi, at 4:00 p.m., and pursuant to notice in writing to each and every member of said Board, said date being at least five days prior to this May 27, 2009 meeting. At the above-named place there were present the following Committee members to wit: Mr. H. Ed Blakeslee, Dr. Stacy Davidson, Dr. Bettye Henderson Neely, Mr. Bob Owens, Mr. Aubrey B. Patterson, Mr. Alan Perry, Ms. Robin J. Robinson, Mr. Scott Ross, Dr. Douglas Rouse, Mr. C.D. Smith, and Ms. Amy Whitten. **Although Ms. Christy Pickering joined the meeting by telephone, she was unable to vote because she was not physically present and the meeting was not noticed as a telephonic meeting.** 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Ms. Robinson, with Dr. Rouse, Mr. Smith, and Ms. Whitten absent and not voting and Ms. Pickering participating by telephone but not voting, the Committee voted to close the meeting to determine whether or not it should declare an Executive Session. On motion by Ms. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Patterson, with Dr. Rouse, Mr. Smith, and Ms. Whitten absent and not voting and Ms. Pickering participating by telephone but 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 conducted a second-round interview of one of three finalists for the position of Commissioner of Higher Education.

On motion by Ms. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Smith, with and Ms. Pickering participating by telephone but not voting, the Committee voted to return to Open Session.

AT APPROXIMATELY 6:40 P.M. THE COMMITTEE RECESSED UNTIL 8:00 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE COMMITTEE RECONVENED AT 7:30 A.M. ON THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2009. There were present the following Committee members to wit: 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, Mr. Scott Ross, Dr. Douglas Rouse, Mr. C.D. Smith, and Ms. Amy Whitten. The following Commissioner Interview Search Advisory Committee members were also present: Dr. Lynn

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Ms. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Perry, with Mr. Ross 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 Dr. Neely, seconded by Dr. Rouse, with Mr. Ross 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 conducted second-round interviews of the two remaining finalists for the position of Commissioner of Higher Education.

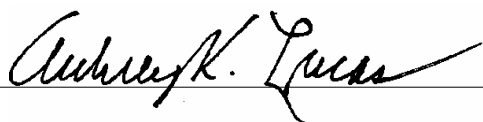
On motion by Ms. Robinson, seconded by Dr. Neely, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee voted to return to Open Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commissioner Search Committee, on motion by Mr. Perry, seconded by Ms. Pickering, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee members voted to adjourn the meeting.



President, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning



Interim Commissioner, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning