

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING  
May 8, 2009**

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, That the Commissioner Search Committee held a teleconference meeting on May 8, 2009 at 2:00 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, Mr. Bob Owens, Mr. Aubrey B. Patterson, Mr. Alan Perry, Ms. Christine Pickering, Ms. Robin J. Robinson, Mr. Scott Ross, Dr. Douglas Rouse, and Ms. Amy Whitten. Committee members Dr. Bettye Henderson Neely 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, Mr. Dan Parker, 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. Rouse, with Dr. Neely, Mr. Owens, and Mr. Smith 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. Whitten, seconded by Mr. Blakeslee, with Dr. Neely, Mr. Owens, and Mr. Smith 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.

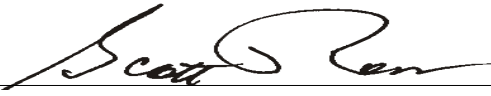
**During Executive Session, the following matter was discussed:**

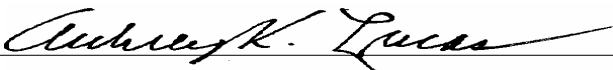
The Commissioner Search Committee discussed a personnel matter at the Board Office.

**On motion by Ms. Pickering, seconded by Mr. Patterson, with Dr. Davidson, Dr. Neely 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 Dr. Davidson, Dr. Neely and Mr. Smith absent and not voting, the Committee members voted to adjourn the meeting.

  
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