

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING  
October 13, 2008**

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, That the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi met in a special session at the Board Office in Jackson, Mississippi, at 3:45 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 October 13, 2008 meeting. At the above-named place there were present the following 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, Mr. C.D. Smith and Ms. Amy Whitten. Ms. Christy Pickering and Dr. Douglas Rouse were absent. The search consultant, Ms. Jan Greenwood of Greenwood/Asher & Associates, Inc. in Miramar, Florida and Ms. Marion Frenche, an associate with Greenwood/Asher & Associates, Inc. also attended the meeting. The meeting was called to order by Ms. Amy Whitten, President.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion by Ms. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Owens, with Ms. Pickering and Dr. Rouse absent and not voting, the Board voted to close the meeting to determine whether or not it should declare an Executive Session. On motion by Dr. Neely, seconded by Mr. Smith, with Ms. Pickering and Dr. Rouse absent and not voting, the Board **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 Mississippi Valley State University.

**During Executive Session, the following matter was discussed and voted upon:**

On motion by Dr. Neely, seconded by Mr. Smith, with Ms. Pickering and Dr. Rouse absent and not voting, the Board approved Dr. Donna Oliver, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Edward Waters College in Jacksonville, Florida, as the preferred candidate for the position of President at Mississippi Valley State University. On Tuesday, October 21, 2008, Dr. Oliver will participate in open, day-long interviews on the MVSU campus with various university and community constituency groups.

**On motion by Mr. Owens, seconded by Mr. Patterson, with Ms. Pickering and Dr. Rouse absent and not voting, the Board voted to return to Open Session.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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



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President, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning