

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING
October 21, 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 Mississippi Valley State University Business Education Building in Itta Bena, Mississippi, at 5:30 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 21, 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. Christine Pickering, Ms. Robin J. Robinson, Mr. Scott Ross, Dr. Douglas Rouse, Mr. C.D. Smith and Ms. Amy Whitten. The meeting was called to order by Ms. Whitten, President.

FIRST EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. Blakeslee, and unanimously passed by those present, the Board voted to close the meeting to determine whether or not it should declare an Executive Session. On motion by Mr. Perry, seconded by Dr. Rouse, and unanimously passed by those present, 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 Ms. Robinson, and unanimously passed by those present, the Board appointed Dr. Donna Oliver as the new Mississippi Valley State University president at an annual salary of \$192,937.50 and granted her a four-year contract of employment to begin January 1, 2009.

On motion by Mr. Perry, seconded by Dr. Rouse, and unanimously passed by those present, the Board voted to return to Open Session.

SECOND EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. Perry, and unanimously passed by those present, the Board voted to close the meeting to determine whether or not it should declare an Executive Session. On motion by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Dr. Rouse, and unanimously passed by those present, 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 the Board Office.

During Executive Session, the following matter was discussed:


The Board discussed a personnel matter at the Board Office. **No action was taken.**

On motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Neely, and unanimously passed by those present, the Board voted to return to Open Session.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Ms. Pickering, seconded by Ms. Whitten, and unanimously passed by those present, the Board members voted to adjourn.



President, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning