

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING
October 24, 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 2:00 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 October 24, 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. Christy Pickering, 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 meeting was called to order by Ms. Whitten, President.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Discussion of a personnel matter at the Board Office,
Discussion of a personnel matter at Mississippi State University, and
Discussion of a personnel matter at Mississippi Valley State University.

During Executive Session, the following matters were discussed and/or voted upon:

The Board discussed a personnel matter at Mississippi Valley State University. **No action was taken.**

On motion by Mr. Blakeslee, seconded by Mr. Patterson, with Ms. Robinson absent and not voting and Ms. Pickering participating by telephone but not voting, the Board accepted the retirement of Dr. Thomas Meredith, Commissioner of Higher Education, effective November 15, 2008.

The Board discussed a personnel matter at Mississippi State University. **No action was taken.**

On motion by Mr. Blakeslee, seconded by Dr. Rouse, with Ms. Pickering participating by telephone but not voting, the Board voted to return to Open Session.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Ms. Whitten announced that the second round interviews for the next President of Mississippi State University to be held at the Board Office on Wednesday, November 5, 2008, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

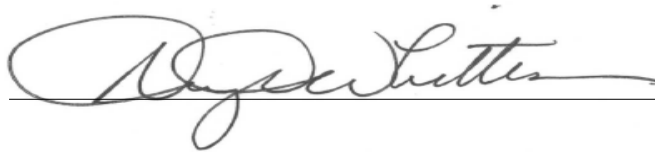
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OTHER BUSINESS

On motion by Dr. Rouse, seconded by Mr. Blakeslee, with Ms. Pickering participating by telephone but not voting, the Board appointed Dr. Aubrey Lucas as the Interim Commissioner of Higher Education at a salary of \$341,250 per year, effective immediately .

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Mr. Blakeslee, seconded by Dr. Davidson, with Ms. Pickering participating by telephone but not voting, the Board members voted to adjourn.



President, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning