

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING
September 16-17, 2008**

BE IT REMEMBERED, That the Mississippi State University Presidential Search Committee met at the Board Office in Jackson, Mississippi, at 10:30 a.m., and pursuant to notice in writing to each and every member of said Committee, said date being at least five days prior to this September 16, 2008 meeting. At the above-named place there were present the following Committee members to wit: Mr. Scott Ross (Chair), Mr. H. Ed Blakeslee, Mr. Aubrey B. Patterson, Dr. Douglas Rouse, and Mr. C.D. Smith. Committee member Ms. Robin Robinson was absent. The following Mississippi State University Interview Search Advisory Committee members were present to wit: Dr. Bill Kibler, Vice President for Student Affairs and Chairman of the Search Advisory Committee; Dr. Susan Bridges, Professor of Computer Science and Engineering; Mr. Braxton Coombs, Student Body President; Dr. Linda Cornelious, Professor and Interim Head of Instructional Systems and Workforce Development; Mr. David Jones, Past President of the MSU Alumni Association; Dr. Melissa Moore, Associate Professor of Marketing; Ms. Joy Odom, MSU Staff Council President; and Dr. Lynne Richardson, Dean of the College of Business and Industry. Dr. Thomas Meredith, Commissioner of Higher Education; the search consultant, Mr. Jerry Baker of Baker and Associates, LLC in Atlanta, Georgia; and Board members Mr. Alan Perry and Ms. Amy Whitten also attended the meeting. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ross.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Smith, with Ms. Robinson and Dr. Rouse 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 Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Blakeslee, with Ms. Robinson and Dr. Rouse 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 Mississippi State University.

During Executive Session, the Committee conducted first round interviews of the candidates for the position of President at Mississippi State University.

On motion by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Smith, with Ms. Robinson absent and not voting, the Committee voted to return to Open Session.

AT APPROXIMATELY 5:00 P.M. THE COMMITTEE RECESSED UNTIL THE NEXT MORNING.

THE COMMITTEE RECONVENED AT 8:00 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2008. There were present the following Committee members to wit: Mr. Scott Ross (Chair), Mr. H. Ed Blakeslee, Mr. Aubrey B. Patterson, Ms. Robin Robinson, Dr. Douglas Rouse, and Mr. C.D. Smith. The following Mississippi State University Interview Search Advisory Committee members were present to wit: Dr. Bill Kibler, Dr. Susan Bridges, Mr. Braxton Coombs, Dr. Linda Cornelious, Mr. David Jones, Dr. Melissa Moore, Ms. Joy Odom, and Dr. Lynne Richardson. Dr. Thomas Meredith, Mr. Jerry Baker, and Board member Dr. Stacy Davidson also attended the meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Blakeslee.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion by Ms. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Smith, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee members voted to adjourn.



President, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning