

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING
September 23-24, 2008**

BE IT REMEMBERED, That the Mississippi Valley State University Presidential Search Committee met at the Board Office in Jackson, Mississippi, at 7:30 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 23-24, 2008 meeting. At the above-named place there were present the following Committee members to wit: Dr. Bettye Henderson Neely (Chair), Dr. Stacy Davidson, Mr. Bob Owens, and Mr. Alan Perry. Committee member Ms. Amy Whitten was absent. The following Mississippi Valley State University Interview Search Advisory Committee members were present to wit: Dr. Moses Newsome, Jr., Vice President, Research, Planning, Community, and Economic Development and Chairman of the Search Advisory Committee; Dr. Gwendolyn Catchings, Vice-President of the Faculty Senate and Assistant Professor of Business Administration; Mr. Edgar Bland, Director of Academic Computing Services; Ms. Brandy Brown, Student Government Association President; Ms. Carolyn Upkins, President of the Mississippi Valley State University Alumni Association; Dr. Walter Roberts, President of the Mississippi Valley State University Foundation; and Dr. Abigail Newsome, Director and Assistant Professor of Bioinformatics. Dr. Thomas Meredith, Commissioner of Higher Education; 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 Chairman Neely.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Dr. Neely, seconded by Mr. Owens, with Ms. Whitten 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. Perry, seconded by Mr. Owens, with Ms. Whitten 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 Valley State University.

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

On motion by Mr. Perry, seconded by Dr. Davidson, with Ms. Whitten 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 7:30 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2008. There were present the following Committee members to wit: Dr. Bettye Henderson Neely (Chair), Dr. Stacy Davidson, and Mr. Alan Perry. Committee members Mr. Bob Owens and Ms. Amy Whitten were absent. The following Mississippi Valley State University Interview Search Advisory Committee members were present to wit: Dr. Moses Newsome, Jr.; Dr. Gwendolyn Catchings; Mr. Edgar Bland; Ms. Carolyn Upkins; Dr. Walter Roberts; and Dr. Abigail Newsome. Dr. Thomas Meredith, Ms. Jan Greenwood and Ms. Marion Frenche also attended the meeting. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Neely.

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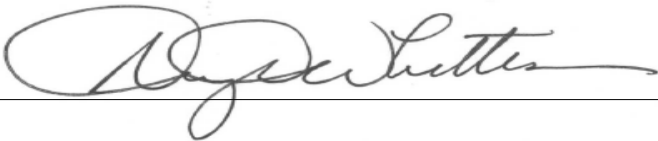
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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion by Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Perry, with Mr. Owens and Ms. Whitten absent and not voting, the Committee members voted to adjourn.



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