

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

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, That the Mississippi State University Presidential Search Committee met at the Board Office in Jackson, Mississippi, at 12:30 p.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 24, 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, 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, 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 member Dr. Stacy Davidson also attended the meeting. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ross.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Smith, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee voted to close the meeting to determine whether or not it should declare an Executive Session. On motion by Mr. Blakeslee, seconded by Ms. Robinson, and unanimously passed by those present, 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 Mississippi State University Presidential Search Committee received feedback on the background and reference checks for three candidates.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

  
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President, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning