

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING  
September 27, 2008**

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, That the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi met in an emergency meeting via teleconference on September 27, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. with public attendance available in Room 935 on the 9th floor of the Paul B. Johnson tower building in the Education and Research Center in Jackson, Mississippi, in the President's Conference Room in the Administration Building on the campus of the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and in Room 110 in the Lyceum on the campus of the University of Mississippi in Oxford, Mississippi. The following members participated in the teleconference: Mr. H. Ed Blakeslee, 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. Dr. Stacy Davidson and Dr. Bettye Henderson Neely were absent. The meeting was called to order by Ms. Amy Whitten, President.

**In accordance with Miss. Code Ann., §25-41-5, as amended, all votes taken during this teleconference meeting were recorded by name in a roll-call fashion. This emergency teleconference meeting was held to discuss a personnel matter at Mississippi State University.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion by Mr. Perry, with Dr. Davidson and Dr. Neely absent and not voting, 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 Mr. Ross, with Dr. Davidson and Dr. Neely absent and 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 Mississippi State University and  
Discussion of a related personnel matter at the Board Office.

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

The Board discussed a personnel matter at Mississippi State University.

On motion by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Ms. Robinson, with Dr. Davidson and Dr. Neely absent and not voting, the Board accepted Dr. Meredith's voluntary request that he be allowed to step aside and take leave until the investigation by the State Auditor's Office into allegations regarding landscaping performed in Dr. Meredith's yard has been completed, to prevent any perceived conflict or interference by him in the progress of the investigation.

**On motion by Ms. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Perry, with Dr. Davidson and Dr. Neely absent and not voting, 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 Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Perry, with Dr. Davidson and Dr. Neely absent and not voting, the Board members voted to adjourn.



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President, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning