MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING
April 24, 2019

BE IT REMEMBERED, That the Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi met in a special called teleconference meeting held in the Clinton Bristow Dining Facility at Alcorn State University in Lorman, Mississippi, at 12:00 p.m., and pursuant to notice in writing, to each and every member of said Board. At the above-named place there were present the following members to wit: Dr. Steven Cunningham (by phone), Dr. Ford Dye (by phone), Mr. Shane Hooper, Ms. Ann H. Lamar, Ms. Jeanne Carter Luckey, Dr. Alfred E. McNair, Jr. (by phone), Mr. Chip Morgan, Mr. Gee Ogletree (by phone), Mr. Hal Parker, and Dr. J. Walt Starr (by phone). Mr. Tom Duff and Mr. Bruce Martin were absent. The meeting was called to order by Shane Hooper, 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. The meeting was held to discuss a personnel matter at Alcorn State University and a personnel matter at the University of Mississippi.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Trustee Morgan, with Trustees Duff, Martin, and McNair absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to close the meeting to determine whether to declare an Executive Session. On motion by Trustee Lamar, seconded by Trustee Parker, with Trustees Duff, Martin, and McNair absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session for the reasons reported to the public and stated in these minutes, as follows: Discussion of a personnel matter at Alcorn State University and Discussion of a personnel matter at the University of Mississippi.

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

On motion by Trustee McNair, seconded by Trustee Luckey, with Trustees Duff and Martin absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to employ Dr. Felicia Nave as the 20th president of Alcorn State University with a start date of July 1, 2019, at a state salary of $215,000; to give her a 4-year contract; to waive the requirement of Board Policy 403.03 Tenure of Institutional Executive Officers in order to hire her with tenure as a full professor within the Department of Chemistry and Physics, School of Arts and Sciences at Alcorn State University; to authorize a foundation salary supplement up to $35,000, contingent upon approval by the Alcorn State University Foundation Board, Inc.; and to authorize the reimbursement of moving expenses in an amount not to exceed $15,000.

The Board discussed a personnel matter at the University of Mississippi. No action was taken.

On motion by Trustee Luckey, seconded by Trustee Ogletree, with Trustees Duff and Martin absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to return to Open Session.
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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Trustee Parker, seconded by Trustee Morgan, with Trustees Duff and Martin absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

R. Hal Parker
President, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning

Alfred Q. Pinkard, Jr.
Commissioner, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning