MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING  
April 23, 2012

BE IT REMEMBERED, That the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi held an emergency teleconference meeting on April 23, 2012 at 2 p.m. with public attendance available at the Board Office in Jackson, Mississippi. The following Board members participated in the teleconference: Mr. Ed Blakeslee, Dr. Stacy Davidson, Dr. Bettye Henderson Neely (by phone), Mr. Bob Owens, Mr. Aubrey Patterson, Mr. Alan Perry, Ms. Robin J. Robinson, Mr. Scott Ross, Dr. Douglas Rouse, Mr. C.D. Smith, and Ms. Amy Whitten. Ms. Christy Pickering was absent. The meeting was called to order by President Ed Blakeslee.

In accordance with Miss. Code Ann., §25-41-1, as amended, all votes taken during this teleconference meeting were recorded by name in a roll-call. The teleconference meeting was held to discuss a university personnel matter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Whitten, with Trustee Pickering absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to close the meeting to determine whether or not it should declare an Executive Session. On motion by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Whitten, with Trustee Pickering absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to go into Executive Session for the reason reported to the public and stated in these minutes, as follows:

Discussion of a university personnel matter.

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

On motion by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Blakeslee, Trustee Pickering absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve the proposed new employment arrangement with Dr. Martha Saunders as discussed by the Board and to authorize the Commissioner to memorialize same to be executed by the Board President.

On motion by Trustee Whitten, seconded by Trustee Perry, with Trustee Pickering absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to authorize the Commissioner to employ an interim president at the University of Southern Mississippi as discussed and to subsequently report to the Board as to whether the candidate discussed accepts the position. If the candidate does not agree to accept the position, the Commissioner shall come back to the Board to discuss other possible candidates for the interim position.

On motion by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Whitten, with Trustee Pickering 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 a motion by Trustee Whitten, seconded by Trustee Perry, with Trustee Pickering absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating the Board members voted to adjourn the meeting.

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President, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning

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Commissioner, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning