

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING
August 27, 2021**

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 meeting held via teleconference at the Board Office in Jackson, Mississippi at 12:00 p.m. on August 27, 2021, and pursuant to notice in writing, to each and every member of said Board. The following members participated via phone: Dr. Ormella Cummings, Dr. Steven Cunningham, Mr. Tom Duff, Ms. Teresa Hubbard, Ms. Jeanne Carter Luckey, Mr. Bruce Martin, Dr. Alfred E. McNair, Jr., Mr. Chip Morgan, Mr. Hal Parker, Mr. Gregg Rader, and Dr. J. Walt Starr. Mr. Gee Ogletree was absent. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Walt Starr, President.

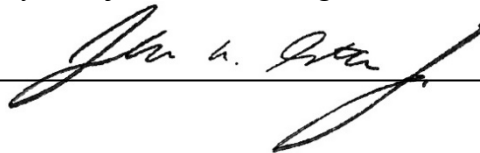
Due to recommendations from the Mississippi State Department of Health for social distancing due to COVID-19, members of the Board participated in the meeting via teleconference. **In accordance with Miss. Code Ann., §25-41-5, as amended, all votes taken during this teleconference meeting were recorded by name in a rollcall. The meeting was held to discuss matters related to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).**

Considering the growing concern for the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board discussed whether the Mississippi public universities should move past strongly encouraging the vaccine, the educational outreach activities stressing the importance of the vaccine, the incentives for students to get the vaccine, and the opportunities on the campuses to get the vaccine to the next step of mandating the vaccine for our students and employees.

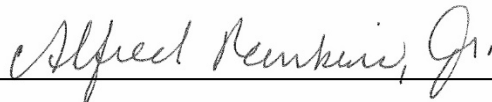
A motion was made by Trustee Morgan, that, except for clinical settings within institutions, centers, departments, and programs, institutions are directed to refrain from mandating the COVID-19 vaccination as a condition of enrollment or employment. It was seconded by Trustee Hubbard. The motion passed on a 9 to 2 vote, with Trustee Ogletree absent and not voting. Board members voting for the motion were: Dr. Ormella Cummings, Mr. Tom Duff, Ms. Teresa Hubbard, Ms. Jeanne Luckey, Mr. Bruce Martin, Mr. Chip Morgan, Mr. Hal Parker, Mr. Gregg Rader, and Dr. Walt Starr. Trustees voting against the motion were: Dr. Steven Cunningham and Dr. Alfred E. McNair.

ADJOURNMENT

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



President, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning



Commissioner, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning