

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING
February 25, 2022**

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 February 25, 2022, 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. Gee Ogletree, Mr. Hal Parker, Mr. Gregg Rader, and Dr. J. Walt Starr. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Walt Starr, 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 rollcall. The meeting was held to discuss a litigation matter at the University of Southern Mississippi.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Trustee Duff, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to close the meeting to determine whether to declare an Executive Session. On motion by Trustee McNair, seconded by Trustee Hubbard, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously **to enter Executive Session** for the reason reported to the public and stated in these minutes, as follows:

Discussion of a litigation matter at the University of Southern Mississippi.

During Executive Session, the following matter was discussed and voted upon:

A motion was made by Trustee Starr that counsel representing the IHL Board, its members and USM in the CUSA (Conference USA) matter be granted permission to file a Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief, and any subsequent associated and necessary pleadings, in the Circuit Court of Forrest County, Miss. on behalf of the Board and its members, in their official capacities, and on behalf of USM. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ogletree, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve the motion.

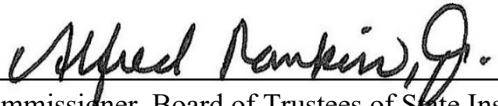
On motion by Trustee McNair, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to return to Open Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Trustee Duff, seconded by Trustee Cummings, 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