MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING
February 28, 2013

BE IT REMEMBERED, That the Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi met in a special session held in E. R. Jobe Hall on the Delta State University campus in Cleveland, Mississippi, at 12:30 p.m. At the above-named place there were present the following members to wit: Mr. H. Ed Blakeslee, Mrs. Karen L. Cummins, Dr. Ford Dye (by phone), Mr. Shane Hooper, Mr. Bob Owens, Mr. Hal Parker, Mr. Aubrey B. Patterson, Mr. Alan Perry, Ms. Christine Pickering (by phone), Ms. Robin J. Robinson (by phone), and Mr. C.D. Smith. Dr. Doug Rouse was absent. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ed Blakeslee, President.

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 meeting was held to discuss personnel issues related to the presidential search at Delta State University.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Trustee Perry, with Trustees Pickering and Rouse absent and not voting and with Trustees Dye and Robinson participating by phone, 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 Hooper, seconded by Trustee Perry, with Trustees Pickering and Rouse absent and not voting and with Trustees Dye and Robinson participating by phone, 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 state university personnel matter.

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

On motion by Trustee Cummins, seconded by Trustee Patterson, with Dr. Rouse absent and not voting and Trustees Dye, Pickering and Robinson participating by phone, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to appoint Dr. John Hilpert as President Emeritus of Delta State University effective upon his retirement as President.

On motion by Trustee Cummins, seconded by Trustee Robinson, with Dr. Rouse absent and not voting and Trustees Dye, Pickering and Robinson participating by phone, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to appoint Mr. William N. LaForge as President of Delta State University at a state salary of $192,937.50 per year plus a foundation supplement of $28,875 per year, and to authorize the Commissioner to enter into a contract with Mr. LaForge as discussed.

On motion by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Smith, with Trustee Rouse absent and not voting and Trustees Dye, Pickering and Robinson participating by phone, 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 Perry, seconded by Trustee Hooper, with Trustee Rouse absent and not voting and Trustees Dye, Pickering and Robinson participating by phone, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

[Signatures]

President, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning

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Commissioner, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning