MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING
January 16, 2013

BE IT REMEMBERED, That the University of Southern Mississippi Board Search Committee met at the Board Office in Jackson, Mississippi, at 8:00 a.m. At the above-named place there were present the following members to wit: Dr. Ford Dye, Mr. Bob Owens, Mr. Aubrey B. Patterson, Ms. Christine Pickering, and Ms. Robin J. Robinson. Mr. H. Ed Blakeslee, Mr. Shane Hooper, Dr. Douglas Rouse, and Mr. C.D. Smith also attended. The following members of the USM Interview Search Advisory Committee were present: Ms. Rosemary Aultman, Mayor of Clinton, MS; Ms. Lou Ann Poynter, Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair of the University of Southern Mississippi Foundation; Mr. Kim Bradley, President of the Hattiesburg City Council; Dr. Mary Ann Adams, Professor, Division of Education and Psychology at the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Campus; Mr. Michael Miles, Director of Music at the University of Southern Mississippi; Ms. April Jordan, Operations Manager, iTech Administration at the University of Southern Mississippi; and Ms. Jazmyne Butler, Student Body President at the University of Southern Mississippi. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robin Robinson.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Trustee Dye, seconded by Trustee Pickering, 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 Owens, seconded by Trustee Pickering, 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 personnel issues concerning the search for the next president of the University of Southern Mississippi.

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

The Board conducted first-round interviews of four of the six candidates recommended by the Campus Search Advisory Committee.

On motion by Trustee Dye, seconded by Trustee Owens, with Trustee Pickering absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to return to Open Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion by Trustee Dye, seconded by Trustee Owens, with Trustee Pickering 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