

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING  
March 16-17, 2022**

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, That the Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi met in a regular session in Meeting Room 2B at the Mississippi State University Riley Center in Meridian, Mississippi, at 2:00 p.m., and pursuant to notice in writing, to each and every member of said Board said date being at least five days prior to this March 16-17, 2022 meeting. At the above-named place there were present the following members to wit: 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.

**WELCOME**

Trustee Bruce Martin welcomed everyone to Meridian and provided a brief history of the Mississippi State University Riley Center.

**PRESENTATIONS**

The board received presentations from Dr. Alfred Rankins, Jr., Commissioner of Higher Education and Mr. Van Gillespie, Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs, Risk Management and Special Projects Officer.

**At approximately 4:00 p.m. the Board recessed until 9 a.m. March 17, 2022.**

**The meeting reconvened at approximately 9 a.m. March 17, 2022.** The following members were present: Dr. Ormella Cummings, Dr. Steven Cunningham, Mr. Tom Duff, 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. Ms. Teresa Hubbard was absent.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

On motion by Trustee McNair, seconded by Trustee Cummings, with Trustee Hubbard absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Board meetings held on February 17, 2022 and February 25, 2022.

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**INFORMATION AGENDAS**

Presented by Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr.

**LEGAL**

1. **SYSTEM** – The Board received a report of the payment of legal fees to outside counsel. (See Exhibit 1.)

**ADMINISTRATION/POLICY**

2. **SYSTEM** – The following items have been approved by the Commissioner on behalf of the Board and are available for review at the Board Office.
  - a. **JSU** – In accordance with Board Policy 701.06 Budget Escalations and Revisions, all revisions to annual budgets which do not increase the total amount of the budgets must be approved by the Commissioner prior to implementation and subsequently reported to the Board. On February 24, 2022, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the budget revisions to the FY 2022 Ayers academic programs after conducting a review. It appears that these revisions were necessary to align 2022 budgets to individual program needs over the remaining months of the year. Per IHL Ayers administrative guidelines, the institutions are required to either report these revisions to the IHL Executive Office (i.e. self-approved revisions) or have certain proposed budgetary revisions pre-approved by the IHL Executive Office. The requested revisions do not fit under the pre-approval by the IHL Executive Office policy section of the guidelines. The IHL Executive Office financial and academic staff have reviewed and approved these revisions. A copy of the documents is on file at the Board Office.
  - b. **MSU** – On February 21, 2022, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr., approved a Right of Way Easement between Mississippi State University and Clayton Village Water Association, Inc. (CVWA) to allow for the installation of a waterline across MSU property that will connect CVWA’s planned water tower to CVWA’s existing water infrastructure. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs has reviewed the Agreement and found the same to be compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts. A copy of the documents is on file in the IHL Board Office.
  - c. **UMMC** – On February 21, 2022, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr., approved a Rental Agreement between the University of Mississippi Medical Center and Bunnell, Inc. for UMMC’s rental of LifePulse High Frequency Jet Ventilators and the WhisperJet Patient Box on an as-needed basis. The term of this agreement is one year beginning March 8, 2022 and ending March 7, 2023 at an estimated cost of \$97,500. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs has reviewed the Agreement and found the same to be compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts. A copy of the documents is on file in the IHL Board Office.
  - d. **UMMC** – On February 21, 2022, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr., approved a Water Service Line Easement, which includes a Memorandum of Understanding, between the City of Jackson and the University of Mississippi Medical Center, for

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the purpose of laying, installing, constructing, maintaining, operating, inspecting, altering, removing and replacing subsurface pipes, lines and appurtenances for water services to a UMMC owned building located at 746 Lakeland Drive, Jackson, Ms. This is an irrevocable easement from the City of Jackson to UMMC. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs has reviewed the Agreement and found the same to be compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts. A copy of the documents is on file in the IHL Board Office.

- e. **UMMC** – On February 21, 2022, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr., approved a Lease Agreement between the University of Mississippi Medical Center (lessor) and Woodrow Wilson Gulf, LLC d/b/a Gulf Auto Care (lessee) for property located at 352 East Woodrow Wilson Avenue, Jackson, MS for lessee’s operation of a service station/convenience store. The term of the lease is 34-months effective March 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024. This is a revenue generating lease with lessee paying annual rent in the amount of \$21,228.13 for year one, \$23,865.96 for year two and \$24,343.32 for year three. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs has reviewed the Agreement and found the same to be compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts. A copy of the documents is on file in the IHL Board Office.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- President Starr announced the next meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2022 at the Board Office.

**PRESENTATION**

The Board received a presentation from Mr. Van Gillespie, Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs, Risk Management and Special Projects Officer.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

  
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President, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning

  
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**EXHIBIT**

Exhibit 1      Report of the payment of legal fees to outside counsel.

# EXHIBIT 1

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## 1. SYSTEM - REPORT OF PAYMENTS TO OUTSIDE COUNSEL

### Legal fees approved for payment to outside counsel in relation to litigation and other matters:

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Brunini, PLLC (statement dated 2/15/22) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement, in the amount of \$2,305.00, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 2,305.00**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mayo Mallette, PLLC (statement dated 2/4/22) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$96.50, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 96.50**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Wise Carter (statement dated 9/27/21) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$10,527.52, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 10,527.52**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Currie Johnson & Myers, P.A. (statements dated 12/15/21, 1/27/22 and 1/27/22) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$56,487.66, \$2,031.00 and \$819.10, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 59,337.76**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Gore, Kilpatrick & Dambrino, PLLC (statement dated 11/24/21) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (This statement, in the amount of \$566.10, represents services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 566.10**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Hagwood & Tipton, P.C. (statements dated 1/7/22, 1/7/22, 1/7/22 and 1/7/22) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$2,359.50, \$864.80, \$1,287.00 and \$520.25, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 5,031.55**

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mayo Mallette, PLLC (statements dated 1/5/22, 1/5/22 and 1/5/22) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$231.00, \$1,332.00 and \$10,222.60, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 11,785.60**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Taylor, Wellons, Politz, Duhe, APLC (statements dated 12/20/21, 12/21/21, 12/21/21, 12/21/21, 12/21/21 and 1/12/22) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$108.00, \$94.50, \$297.00, \$621.00, \$351.00 and \$12,148.75, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 13,620.25**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Watkins & Eager, PLLC (statements dated 1/26/22, 1/31/22 and 1/31/22) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$2,610.00, \$82.80 and \$267.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 2,959.80**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statement dated 2/17/22) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$88.50, represents services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 88.50**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mayo Mallette, PLLC (statements dated 2/23/22 and 2/24/22 ) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$175.50 and 7,294.50, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 7,470.00**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware|Immigration (statement dated 2/16/22) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$2,250.00, represents services and expenses in connection with immigration/labor certifications.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 2,250.00**

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## Legal fees approved for payment to outside counsel in relation to patent and other matters:

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Conley Rose (statement dated 2/7/22) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with the following patent: “Compositions and Methods for Use in Food Processing and Preservation” - \$5,372.00, respectively.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 5,372.00**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mendelsohn Dunleavy (statements dates 2/9/22, 2/9/22 and 2/9/22) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patents: “Drugs Conjugated with Hexose Phosphate and Methods of Making and Using Same” - \$23.00; “Utilization of Oleaginous Microorganisms as an Oral Supplement for Animals” - \$3,227.50; and “Occidiofungin, a Unique Antifungal Glycopeptide Produced by a Strain of Burkholderia Contaminans” - \$757.50.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 4,008.00**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Stites & Harbison (statement dated 1/31/22) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with the following patent: “Stitched Polymer Matrix Composites Using Barrier Layers for Cryogenic Applications and Methods of Making” - \$7,920.00.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 7,920.00**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Thomas Horstemeyer (statement dated 1/31/22) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patents: “Biologically Active Cannabidiol Analogs” - \$1,309.10; “Biologically Active Cannabidiol Analogs” - \$70.50; “Biologically Active Cannabidiol Analogs” - \$70.50; “Biologically Active Cannabidiol Analogs” - \$70.50; “Biologically Active Cannabidiol Analogs” - \$70.50; “Dyes, Dye-Sensitized Solar Cells and Methods of Making and Using Same” - \$1,903.35; and “Biologically Active Cannabidiol Analogs” - \$248.55, respectively.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 3,743.00**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Stites & Harbison (statements dated 1/21/21, 1/28/22, 1/28/22, 1/28/22 and 1/28/22) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$20.00, \$479.60, \$38.00, \$750.00 and \$992.50, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with intellectual property patents.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 2,280.00**

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Workman Nydegger (statements dated 1/18/22, 1/24/22, 1/24/22 and 1/24/22) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$200.00, \$979.21, \$1,011.66 and \$830.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with intellectual property patents.)

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 3,020.87**

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statements dated 11/30/21, 11/30/21, 11/30/21, 1/18/22, 1/18/22, 1/18/22, 1/18/22, 1/18/22, 2/22/22, 2/22/22 and 2/22/22) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statement represents services and expenses in connection with the following patents: “Infrared Detection w Intrinsically Conductive” - \$3,276.00; “Methodology and Instrumentation for Thin Film Mechanical Analysis” - \$657.50; “An Automated Mechanism to Position Aquaculture Equipment” - \$9,300.00; “Oral Suction Device” - \$1,363.50; “An Automated Mechanism to Position Aquaculture Equipment” – \$3,097.50; “Mesoporous Material Derived” - \$560.50; “Additive Manufacturing of Carbons” - \$619.50; “Transition of Patent Files” - \$95.00; “An Automated Mechanism to Position Aquaculture Equipment” - \$301.50; “Additive Manufacturing of Carbons” - \$177.00; and “Block Co-Polymer Templated Crazing for Membrane Separation” -- \$449.00, respectively).

**TOTAL DUE.....\$ 19,897.00**