

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING
March 21, 2018**

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 at the Board Office in Jackson, 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 21, 2018 meeting. At the above-named place there were present the following members to wit: Mr. Tom Duff, Dr. Ford Dye, Mr. Shane Hooper, Ms. Ann H. Lamar, Dr. Alfred E. McNair, Jr., Mr. Chip Morgan, Mr. Hal Parker, Mr. Alan Perry, Ms. Christine Pickering, Dr. Douglas Rouse, Mr. C.D. Smith and Dr. J. Walt Starr. The meeting was called to order by C.D. Smith, President.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee McNair, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to close the meeting to determine whether to declare an Executive Session. On motion by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee McNair, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously **to enter into Executive Session** for the reason reported to the public and stated in these minutes, as follows: Discussion of a personnel matter at the Board Office.

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

On motion by Trustee Dye, seconded by Trustee Hooper, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to appoint Dr. Al Rankins, President of Alcorn State University, as Commissioner of Higher Education at a salary of \$358,312.50 annually, to grant him a four-year contract beginning July 1, 2018 to include incidental expenses and other matters as necessary.

On motion by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Dye, 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 Dye, seconded by Trustee Rouse, 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