

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING
November 1, 2016**

BE IT REMEMBERED, That the Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi met in an emergency teleconference meeting held at the Board Office in Jackson, Mississippi, at 12:00 p.m. At the above-named place, there were present the following members to wit: Mr. Tom Duff (by phone), Dr. Ford Dye (by phone), Dr. Alfred E. McNair, Jr. (by phone), Mr. Chip Morgan (by phone), Mr. Hal Parker (by phone), Mr. Alan Perry (by phone), Ms. Christine Pickering (by phone), Dr. Douglas Rouse (by phone), Mr. C.D. Smith (by phone), and Dr. J. Walt Starr (by phone). Mrs. Karen L. Cummins and Mr. Shane Hooper were absent. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Doug Rouse, 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 teleconference meeting was held to discuss a personnel matter at Jackson State University.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee McNair, with Trustees Cummins, Hooper, and Morgan absent and not voting, 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 McNair, seconded by Trustee Perry, with Trustees Cummins, Hooper, and Morgan absent and not voting, 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 personnel matter at Jackson State University.

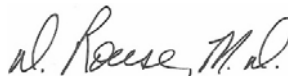
During Executive Session, the following matter was discussed and approved.

On motion by Trustee Pickering, seconded by Trustee Perry, with Trustees Cummins and Hooper absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to appoint Dr. Rod Paige as Interim President of Jackson State University effective November 7, 2016 on a month-to-month contract basis at a salary and salary supplement to be negotiated and approved by the Commissioner of Higher Education; to authorize the payment of up to \$7,500 in actual moving expenses reimbursable to Dr. Paige following approval by the Commissioner of Higher Education in order to secure Dr. Paige's employment at Jackson State University; and to appoint Dr. Evelyn Leggette as Acting President of Jackson State University effective immediately until November 7, 2016.

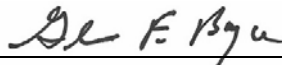
On motion by Trustee Pickering, seconded by Trustee Starr, with Trustees Cummins and Hooper absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to return to Open Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Pickering, with Trustees Cummins and Hooper 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