

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING
November 16, 2023**

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 9:00 a.m., and pursuant to notice in writing mailed by certified letter with return receipt requested on November 22, 2022, to each and every member of said Board said date being at least five days prior to this November 16, 2023 meeting. At the above-named place the following members were present to wit: Dr. Ormella Cummings, Dr. Steven Cunningham (via Zoom), 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. Alfred McNair, President. Trustee Steven Cunningham introduced Dr. Marcus Thompson, the IHL Deputy Commissioner and Chief Administrative Officer, to provide the invocation.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

President McNair acknowledged the following Student Government Association members: President Jordan Buck from Alcorn State University, President Jason Johnson from Jackson State University, and President Ellie Herndon from Mississippi State University.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On motion by Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Rader, with Trustee Cunningham participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Jackson State University Board Search Committee meeting held on September 28-29, 2023, and the Board meetings held on October 10, 2023 and October 16, 2023.

CONSENT AGENDAS

On motion by Trustee Rader, seconded by Trustee Martin, with Trustee Cunningham participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve the following Consent Agendas.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

1. **DSU** – Approved the modification of existing academic degree programs, as follows.

Renaming

- a. Current program title: Bachelor of Science (BS) in Social Justice and Criminology
Proposed program title: Bachelor of Science (BS) in Criminal Justice and Criminology
Responsible academic unit: Division of Social Sciences and History
Current CIP code, IHL sequence: 43.0104, 5095
Total credit hours: 121
Effective date: November 2023

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- b. Current program title: Master of Science (MS) in Social Justice and Criminology
Proposed program title: Master of Science (MS) in Criminal Justice and Criminology
Responsible academic unit: Division of Social Sciences and History
Current CIP code, IHL sequence: 43.0104, 4443
Total credit hours: 36
Effective date: November 2023
2. **UMMC** – Approved the modification to an existing academic unit, as follows.
Current unit: Department of Periodontics and Preventive Services
Proposed units to operate under reorganized unit: Department of Periodontology
Effective date: July 2024
3. **SYSTEM** – Approved the degrees to be conferred in November and December 2023, provided each candidate has met all requirements for the degree.

Institution	Degree to be Conferred	Number	Subtotal	Total
Alcorn State University				
	<i>Undergraduate</i>			
	Bachelor of Science	133		
	Bachelor of Arts	56		
	Bachelor of Arts in Music	4		
	Bachelor of Business Administration	13		
	Bachelor of Music	10		
	Bachelor of Social Work	8		
	<i>Graduate</i>			
	Master of Arts in Teaching	10		
	Master of Business Administration	1		
	Master of Liberal Arts	7		
	Master of Science in Agriculture	10		
	Master of Science in Applied Science and Technology	5		
	Master of Science in Biology	10		
	Master of Science in Computer and Information Science	5		
	Master of Science in Nursing	2		
	Master of Science in Secondary Education	8		
	Master of Science in Workforce Education Leadership	4		
	Education Specialist	2		
	Total Undergraduate Degrees		224	
	Total Graduate Degrees		64	
	Total Degrees			228
Delta State University				
	<i>College of Arts and Sciences</i>			
	Bachelor of Applied Science	1		
	Bachelor of Arts	5		
	Bachelor of Fine Arts	3		
	Bachelor of Music	2		

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	Bachelor of Science	17		
	Bachelor of Science in Education	4		
	Bachelor of Science in Social Justice & Criminology	1		
	Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies	10		
	Bachelor of Social Work	1		
	Bachelor of University Studies	9		
<i>College of Business and Aviation</i>				
	Bachelor of Applied Science	1		
	Bachelor of Business Administration	29		
	Bachelor of Commercial Aviation	12		
<i>College of Education and Human Sciences</i>				
	Bachelor of Arts	4		
	Bachelor of Science	22		
	Bachelor of Science in Education	18		
<i>School of Nursing</i>				
	Bachelor of Science in Nursing	40		
<i>School of Graduate Studies</i>				
	Master of Applied Science	1		
	Master of Arts in Liberal Studies	2		
	Master of Arts in Teaching	9		
	Master of Business Administration	37		
	Master of Commercial Aviation	3		
	Master of Education	26		
	Master of Professional Accountancy	1		
	Master of Science in Sport and Human Performance	6		
	Master of Science in Social Justice & Criminology	5		
	Master of Science in Natural Sciences	1		
	Educational Specialist	26		
	Doctor of Nursing Practice	15		
<i>Total Undergraduate Degrees</i>			179	
<i>Total Graduate Degrees</i>			132	
<i>Total Degrees</i>				311
Jackson State University				
<i>Undergraduate</i>				
	Bachelor of Arts	15		
	Bachelor of Business Administration	43		
	Bachelor of Music	4		
	Bachelor of Music Education	2		
	Bachelor of Science	214		
	Bachelor of Science Education	13		
	Bachelor of Social Work	36		
	Bachelor of University Studies (C2C)	6		

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	<i>Graduate</i>			
	Master of Arts	11		
	Master of Arts in Teaching	30		
	Master of Business Administration	21		
	Master of Music Education	2		
	Master of Professional Accountancy	4		
	Master of Public Health	9		
	Master of Public Policy and Administration	8		
	Master of Science	46		
	Master of Science in Education	20		
	Master of Social Work	1		
	Specialist in Education	28		
	Doctor of Education	1		
	Doctor of Philosophy	27		
	Doctor of Public Health	3		
	<i>Total Undergraduate Degrees</i>		333	
	<i>Total Graduate Degrees</i>		211	
	<i>Total Degrees</i>			544
Mississippi State University				
	<i>College of Agriculture and Life Sciences</i>			
	Bachelor of Science	113		
	Bachelor of Landscape Architecture	6		
	Master of Agribusiness Management	11		
	Master of Science	24		
	Doctor of Philosophy	6		
	<i>College of Architecture, Art, and Design</i>			
	Bachelor of Fine Arts	2		
	Bachelor of Science	2		
	<i>College of Arts and Sciences</i>			
	Bachelor of Arts	109		
	Bachelor of Science	222		
	Bachelor of Social Work	8		
	Master of Arts	11		
	Master of Science	22		
	Master of Public Policy and Administration	7		
	Doctor of Philosophy	11		
	<i>College of Business</i>			
	Bachelor of Business Administration	188		
	Master of Business Administration	61		
	Master of Science Information Systems	3		
	<i>College of Education</i>			
	Bachelor of Music Education	6		

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	Bachelor of Science	206		
	Master of Arts in Teaching	3		
	Master of Arts in Teaching Middle	1		
	Master of Arts in Teaching Secondary	17		
	Master of Arts in Teaching Special	7		
	Master of Music Education	1		
	Master of Science	34		
	Master of Science in Instructional Technology	3		
	Educational Specialist	4		
	Doctor of Education	4		
	Doctor of Philosophy	8		
<i>College of Engineering</i>				
	Bachelor of Science	225		
	Master of Science	83		
	Master of Engineering	2		
	Doctor of Philosophy	15		
<i>College of Forest Resources</i>				
	Bachelor of Science	26		
	Master of Science	12		
	Doctor of Philosophy	3		
<i>School of Accountancy</i>				
	Bachelor of Accountancy	26		
	Master of Professional Accountancy	6		
	Master of Taxation	1		
<i>College of Veterinary Medicine</i>				
	Master of Science	1		
<i>College of Professional and Continuing Studies</i>				
	Bachelor of Applied Science	37		
<i>Academic Affairs</i>				
	Bachelor of University Studies – C2C	17		
	Certificate – Post Baccalaureate	7		
	Master of Science	2		
<i>Total Undergraduate Degrees</i>			1,200	
<i>Total Graduate Degrees</i>			363	
<i>Total Degrees</i>				1,563
Mississippi University for Women				
<i>Undergraduate</i>				
	Bachelor of Applied Science	18		
	Bachelor of Arts	12		
	Bachelor of Business Administration	24		
	Bachelor of Fine Arts	5		
	Bachelor of Music	1		

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	Bachelor of Professional Studies	5		
	Bachelor of Science	55		
	Bachelor of Science in Nursing	5		
	Graduate			
	Master of Arts	2		
	Master of Arts in Teaching	4		
	Master of Business Administration	5		
	Master of Education	2		
	Master of Fine Arts	5		
	Master of Public Health	2		
	Total Undergraduate Degrees		125	
	Total Graduate Degrees		20	
	Total Degrees			145
Mississippi Valley State University				
	Undergraduate			
	Bachelor of Arts	10		
	Bachelor of Science	38		
	Bachelor of Secondary Education	5		
	Bachelor of Social Work	6		
	Graduate			
	Master of Arts	6		
	Master of Science	16		
	Total Undergraduate Degrees		59	
	Total Graduate Degrees		22	
	Total Degrees			81
University of Mississippi				
	School of Engineering			
	Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering	1		
	Bachelor of Science in Computer Science	3		
	Bachelor of Science in Engineering	2		
	School of Education			
	Bachelor of Arts in Education	8		
	School of Business			
	Bachelor of Business Administration	112		
	School of Accountancy			
	Bachelor of Accountancy	4		
	School of Applied Sciences			
	Bachelor of Arts in Sport and Recreation Administration	1		
	Bachelor of Science	10		
	Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science	5		

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	<i>School of Journalism and New Media</i>			
	Bachelor of Arts in Journalism	5		
	Bachelor of Science (IMC)	29		
	<i>General Studies</i>			
	Bachelor of Multi-Disciplinary Studies	18		
	Bachelor of University Studies	3		
	<i>Graduate School</i>			
	Master of Accountancy	4		
	Master of Accountancy and Data Analytics	4		
	Master of Arts in Teaching	1		
	Master of Criminal Justice	2		
	Master of Education	2		
	Master of Science	14		
	Master of Taxation and Data Analytics	1		
	Doctor of Philosophy	9		
	<i>Total Undergraduate Degrees</i>		201	
	<i>Total Graduate/Professional Degrees</i>		37	
	<i>Total Degrees</i>			238
University of Mississippi Medical Center				
	<i>Undergraduate</i>			
	Bachelor of Science in Nursing	82		
	<i>Graduate/Professional</i>			
	Master of Health Informatics and Information Management	2		
	Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences	9		
	Master of Science in Biostatistics and Data Science	1		
	Master of Science in Clinical Investigations	1		
	Master of Science in Population Health Science	1		
	Master of Science in Nursing	29		
	Doctor of Medicine	7		
	Doctor of Philosophy	7		
	<i>Total Undergraduate Degrees</i>		82	
	<i>Total Graduate/Professional Degrees</i>		57	
	<i>Total Degrees</i>			139
University of Southern Mississippi				
	<i>College of Arts and Sciences</i>			
	Bachelor of Applied Science	10		
	Bachelor of Arts	83		
	Bachelor of Fine Arts	3		
	Bachelor of Liberal Studies	48		
	Bachelor of Music	2		
	Bachelor of Music Education	9		

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	Bachelor of Science	136		
	Bachelor of University Studies	15		
	Master of Arts	9		
	Master of the Arts in Teaching of Language	7		
	Master of Music	1		
	Master of Music Education	3		
	Master of Science	65		
	Doctor of Musical Arts	12		
	Doctor of Philosophy	23		
<i>College of Business and Economic Development</i>				
	Bachelor of Applied Science	5		
	Bachelor of Science	40		
	Bachelor of Science in Business Administration	149		
	Master of Business Administration	40		
	Master of Professional Accountancy	4		
	Master of Science	17		
	Doctor of Philosophy	8		
<i>College of Education and Human Sciences</i>				
	Bachelor of Arts	1		
	Bachelor of Science	206		
	Bachelor of Social Work	33		
	Master of Arts	7		
	Master of Arts in Teaching	4		
	Master of Education	15		
	Master of Library and Information Science	42		
	Master of Science	23		
	Doctor of Education	49		
	Doctor of Philosophy	11		
<i>College of Nursing and Health Professions</i>				
	Bachelor of Arts	32		
	Bachelor of Science	48		
	Bachelor of Science in Nursing	71		
	Master of Public Health	39		
	Doctor of Nursing Practice	35		
	Doctor of Philosophy	4		
<i>Total Undergraduate Degrees</i>			891	
<i>Total Graduate Degrees</i>			418	
<i>Total Degrees</i>				1,309
Total Undergraduate Degrees				
			3,294	
Total Graduate Degrees				
			1,324	
System Total				
				4,618

*Note: The system total for fall 2023 represents a decrease of 297 from fall 2022's total of 4,915.

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FINANCE

4. **SYSTEM** – Approved the budget escalations for Alcorn State University, Jackson State University, and Mississippi Valley State University, within their *Ayers* Endowment Diversity Program budgets. These escalations are needed to cover increased costs associated with program operating costs. The original budgets were approved at the June 2023 Board meeting. At that time, estimates of available funding were used to build the budget for these programs. Actual funding is now known, and the institutions have requested to revise their budgets to equal actual sources as shown below. All funds budgeted within these programs were generated from annual interest earnings of the *Ayers* Public and Private Endowment investments.

Alcorn State University

Object of Expenditure	Current Budget FY 2024	Budget Revision	Revised Budget FY 2024
Salaries, Wages & Fringe Benefits	\$ -		\$ -
Travel	-	30,000	30,000
Contractual Services	-		-
Commodities	-	30,000	30,000
Capital Outlay:			
Equipment	-		-
Library Resources	-		-
Student Aid	320,483	297,694	618,177
Total	\$ 320,483	\$ 357,694	\$ 678,177

Jackson State University

Object of Expenditure	Current Budget FY 2024	Budget Revision	Revised Budget FY 2024
Salaries, Wages & Fringe Benefits	\$ -		\$ -
Travel	-		-
Contractual Services	825,000		825,000
Commodities	-		-
Capital Outlay:			
Equipment	-		-
Library Resources	-		-
Student Aid	-	3,343,752	3,343,752
Total	\$ 825,000	\$ 3,343,752	\$ 4,168,752

Mississippi Valley State University

Object of Expenditure	Current Budget FY 2024	Budget Revision	Revised Budget FY 2024
Salaries, Wages & Fringe Benefits	\$ 63,405		\$ 63,405
Travel	6,000		6,000
Contractual Services	152,851		152,851
Commodities	54,000		54,000
Capital Outlay:			
Equipment	-		-

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Object of Expenditure	Current Budget FY 2024	Budget Revision	Revised Budget FY 2024
Library Resources	-		-
Student Aid	578,048	116,609	694,657
Total	\$ 889,304	\$ 116,609	\$ 1,005,913

5. **JSU** – Approved the request to amend its Management Agreement with SodexoMAGIC, LLC (SodexoMAGIC) to extend the term for an additional six months and revise the notice provision of the agreement to allow the University the time necessary to complete the negotiation process, or if necessary, conduct a comprehensive and thorough competitive bid process for the selection of a company to provide management of the campus foodservices. The Management Agreement with SodexoMAGIC provides dining and catering management services for the food service operations, including service for residential student meal plans, retail dining, convenience store, and franchise outlets. The term of the amended agreement is six months beginning January 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2024. The total contract cost is \$4,652,541.20. This amended agreement is funded by revenue generated from student meal plan allocations, catering, residential and retail dining, and franchise outlets. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.

6. **MVSU** – Approved the request to escalate the E&G Budget. The request is to purchase two (2) 56-passenger buses, a survey of the existing football field, and the installation of artificial turf.

Salaries, Wages, and Fringe Benefits	\$ 24,369,219	\$ -	\$ 24,369,219
Travel	973,861	-	973,861
Contractual Services	24,385,695	1,528,688	25,914,383
Commodities	1,459,814	-	1,459,814
Capital Outlay	638,708	1,171,312	1,810,020
Transfers	(227,297)	-	(227,297)
Total	\$ 51,600,000	\$ 2,700,000	\$ 54,300,000

7. **UM** – Approved Amendment 4 to the Master Service Agreement with Carnegie Dartlet LLC to incorporate digital data provisions. The current MSA is scheduled to expire on March 22, 2025. No additional funds would be incurred as part of Amendment 4. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.

8. **UMMC** – Approved the request to enter a Lab Services Agreement (LSA) and an Advisory Services Agreement (ASA) (collectively the “Agreement”) with ARUP Laboratories, Inc. (ARUP) for diagnostic reference laboratory testing and consultation services. In addition to this request, UMMC submitted a laboratory testing service agreement with Quest Diagnostics Nichols Institute (Quest) (Item #9 on the Finance Consent Agenda). UMMC seeks to simultaneously enter into contracts with multiple laboratory testing vendors to standardize the number of reference labs utilized by UMMC. Two vendors were selected to ensure sufficient coverage for tests that are currently being sent to multiple vendors. The Board also approved the request for the institution to add and/or remove locations and tests from the Agreement with ARUP and to update pricing as needed, as long as it does not increase the approved expenditure level. The term of the Agreement is three (3) years,

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from December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2026. The total estimated cost over the three (3) year term is \$8,750,000. UMMC has included a twenty percent (20%) annual increase for potential patient volume and price modifications. However, since it is unknown at this time the exact volume of tests that will be ordered from ARUP and Quest, UMMC requested the same amount for each agreement. The agreement will be funded by hospital patient revenue. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.

9. **UMMC** – Approved the request to enter a Laboratory Services Agreement with Quest Diagnostics Nichols Institute (Quest) for diagnostic reference laboratory testing services. In addition to this request, UMMC submitted a laboratory testing service agreement with ARUP Laboratories, Inc. (Item #8 on the Finance Consent Agenda). UMMC seeks to simultaneously enter into contracts with multiple laboratory testing vendors to standardize the number of reference labs utilized by UMMC. Two vendors were selected to ensure sufficient coverage for tests that are currently being sent to multiple vendors. The Board also approved the request for the institution to add and/or remove tests from the agreement with Quest and to update pricing as needed, as long as it does not increase the approved expenditure level. The term of the agreement is three (3) years, from December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2026. The total estimated cost over the three (3) year term is \$8,750,000. UMMC has included a twenty percent (20%) annual increase for potential patient volume and price modifications. However, since it is unknown at this time the exact volume of tests that will be ordered from Quest and ARUP, UMMC requested the same amount for each agreement. The agreement will be funded by hospital patient revenue. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.

REAL ESTATE

10. **JSU** – Approved the initiation of GS 103-330, JOC Roofing Improvements – EEF, and the appointment of Shafer Zahner Zahner PLLC as the design professional. This will be a phased endeavor to perform roof replacements at the following locations by their priority: 1) Campbell North and South; 2) Transitional Hall; 3) Dixon Hall; 4) Alexander Hall; 5) Stewart Hall; and 6) One University Place. The proposed project budget is \$4 million. Funds are available from SB 3000, Laws of 2023 - EEF (\$4,000,000).
11. **JSU** – Approved the initiation of GS 103-331, JOC University Place Improvements – EEF, and the appointment of Eley Guild Hardy Architects as the design professional. The building improvements shall include, but are not limited to, mechanical, structural, and interior/exterior cosmetics as funds permit. The proposed project budget is \$3.5 million. Funds are available from 3000, Laws of 2023 - EEF (\$3,500,000).
12. **MSU** – Approved the initiation of IHL 205-353, Hathorn Hall Interior Refinish, and the appointment of Shafer Zahner Zahner, PLLC as the design professional. The project will install new flooring, repaint the interior and update the restrooms and showers of Hathorn Hall. The proposed project budget is \$3 million. Funds are available from University Designated Funds (\$3,000,000).

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13. **MSU** – Approved the initiation of IHL 205-354, National Pan-Hellenic Council, and the appointment of Christian Preus Landscape Architecture as the design professional. This project will design and construct a plaza to honor the National Pan-Hellenic Council at the corner of George Perry and Barr Avenue on the main campus of MSU. The proposed project budget is \$250,000. Funds are available from University Designated Funds (\$250,000).
14. **MSU** – Approved the initiation of IHL 213-149, Bedenbaugh Interior Upgrades, and the appointment of Belinda Stewart Architects, P.A. as the design professional. This project will renovate the interior space of the Bedenbaugh Building and the Ammerman Hearnberger Food Processing Pilot Plant. This project includes ADA access inside the buildings. The proposed project budget is \$1.5 million. Funds are available from U.S. Small Business Administration (\$1,250,000) and University/MAFES Designated Funds (\$250,000).
15. **MUW** – Approved the initiation of IHL 204-136, Roofing Project, and the appointment of JBHM Architects, P.A. as the design professional. This project includes roof repair, roof deck replacement, shingle replacement, roof/low slope replacement, and new gutters and downspouts for seven campus buildings. The proposed project budget is \$2,663,277. Funds are available from SB 3000, Laws of 2023 (\$2,663,277) – Capital Expense Funds.
16. **UMMC** – Approved the request to increase the project budget for IHL 209-586, New Burn Unit, from \$4,000,000 to \$6,300,000 for an increase of \$2,300,000. The funding source will remain the same. This project will renovate the first floor of Batson Tower into a new Burn Unit. The Burn Unit is planned to have ICU beds, Med Surg rooms, and will reuse existing core spaces when possible. Funds are available from UMMC Patient Revenues (\$6,300,000). UMMC eventually plans to use state funding and Congressional funding for this project. Once the funds are received, UMMC will return to the Board and modify the funding source for this project.
17. **USM** – Approved the request to increase the project budget for IHL 210-248, Oyster Hatchery and Research Center, from \$10,000,000 to \$14,000,000 for an increase of \$4,000,000. The funding sources will remain the same. The project will renovate the Invertebrate Growout II for oyster and aquaculture research located at USM's Gulf Coast Research Laboratory - Cedar Point Campus, Ocean Springs, MS. Funds are available from SB 2924, Laws of 2016 (\$3,000,000); MDEQ and US Treasury Restore Act - Grant #1 RDCGR470130-01-00 (\$7,000,000) – Construction; and MDEQ and US Treasury Restore Act - Grant #1 RDCGR470130-01-00 (\$4,000,000) – Hatchery Aquaculture Equipment.
18. **MSU** – Approved the request to demolish and delete from inventory Building #1664 (Greenhouse) in Crystal Springs, MS. Built in 1940, the greenhouse was severely damaged by a hailstorm on June 18, 2023. It is not cost effective to repair. The approval letter has been received from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History stating Building #1664 is not eligible for designation as a Mississippi Landmark. All legal documentation will be kept on file in the IHL Office of Real Estate and Facilities.
19. **MSU** – Approved the exterior design of IHL 405-003, Renovations and Additions for the College of Architecture, Art and Design project – Howell Renovation & Addition. A copy of the rendering is included in the bound *November 16, 2023 Board Working File*.

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20. **UM** – Approved the request to amend the lease with Tailwind Campus Creek, LLC. This amendment provides an additional 234 bed spaces for student housing. The term of the amendment begins August 1, 2024. The initial lease amount is \$5,485,410. The increase in the cost of the lease will be up to 50% of the off-campus rental rate increase in the Oxford market (data provided by CollegeHouse) or 5% of the rental rate of the prior term, whichever is less. All years are based on the lease of 636 bed spaces with a 5% increase each year. This payment for the additional leased spaces will result in a total annual payment by the Lessee of \$5,485,410.00 starting August 1, 2024. Funds are available from self-generated Student Housing revenue. The Attorney General’s Office has reviewed this item for compliance with applicable law and found it to be acceptable.
21. **UMMC** – Approved the request to enter a Purchase and Sale Agreement with HGS Investments, LLC (Seller) for the purchase of a 6,179 square foot building situated on 0.38 acres of land physically located at 876 Lakeland Drive, Jackson, MS 39216 (Property) in Hinds County. UMMC received the following two independent property appraisals: \$800,000 and \$800,000. UMMC is purchasing the Property for a total of \$800,000 which is the average of the property’s two appraised values. The closing date shall be the earlier of (i) the date that is three (3) Business Days after the UMMC notifies the Sellers in writing that UMMC intends to Close, (ii) November 30, 2023, (iii) fifteen (15) Business Days from the date UMMC receives the required IHL Approval, or (iv) such earlier date as is mutually agreed upon by the parties. A Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment has been conducted on the Property. Based on the site inspection, current and past land use history, and record review, no recognized environmental conditions are evident at the Property. A copy of the property description and all legal documentation are on file with the UMMC Office of Real Estate and Facilities. The Attorney General’s Office has reviewed this item for compliance with applicable law and found it to be acceptable.
22. **UMMC** – Approved the request to enter a Medical Office Building Lease with Clinton MS I SGF, LLC (Landlord) to lease 43,767 square feet of office space located at Southpointe Business Park, 500 Clinton Center Drive, Clinton, MS 39056 for use by UMMC’s financial departments and offices. Pursuant to Board Policy 707.03, Approval of Prepayment for Goods and Services, the Board also approved the request to allow prepayment of rent on the first day of each month. The term of the agreement is ten (10) years, from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2033. The estimated total cost of the lease is \$9,675,000 over the term. Beginning in year two (2), UMMC has included an additional five percent (5%) to allow for annual price increases. Landlord may increase the operating expenses up to five percent (5%) per year. This agreement will be funded by general funds. The Attorney General’s Office has reviewed this item for compliance with applicable law and found it to be acceptable.
23. **UMMC** – Approved the request to enter a Lease Agreement with Jackson State University for 3,455 parking spaces in lots A, B, C, D, and the overflow lot on the grounds of the Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium (Stadium). These spaces will be utilized by UMMC’s faculty, staff, and students going to UMMC’s main campus. The term of this agreement is five (5) years beginning January 1, 2024, with the option to renew for two (2) additional five (5) year terms, through December 31, 2038. The total cost of the agreement over the fifteen (15) year term is \$11,250,000. UMMC will pay an annual lease cost of

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- \$750,000. The agreement will be funded by general funds. The Attorney General's Office has reviewed this item for compliance with applicable law and found it to be acceptable.
24. **USM** – Approved the exterior design of IHL 214-024, Gulf Park Language and Speech Therapy Center. A copy of the rendering is available in the bound *November 16, 2023 Board Working File*.
25. **USM** – Approved the request to enter a new Reimbursable Space Act Agreement, and associated Use Permit, and Host Tenant Agreement, between the National Aeronautics and Space Administration John C. Stennis Space Center (NASA) and the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the Center of Higher Learning and Related University Activities (IHL). Under these Agreements, NASA provides space for IHL through the Center of Higher Learning to facilitate the continued education of the NASA workforce and other academic and non-academic activities. This Agreement further addresses the terms and conditions for non-academic activities which IHL has authorized, pursuant to approval by NASA. The term of the new agreement is five years effective upon the date of last signature and shall terminate with the Reimbursable Space Act Agreement, unless otherwise extended. The estimated financial obligation for reimbursable costs owed to NASA for the term is \$4,033,026 subject to adjustment as provided in the Agreements. Funds are available from the State of Mississippi Appropriations for Center of Higher Learning, Education and General funds for the Department of Marine Sciences. The Attorney General's Office has reviewed this item for compliance with applicable law and found it to be acceptable.

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26. **DSU** – Approved the appointment of Dr. Michelle Roberts as the university's legislative liaison, pursuant to IHL Board Policy 201.0506.
27. **USM** – Pending approval by the Attorney General's Office, the Board approved the request to amend the contract with McDonald Hopkins LLC as outside counsel to expand the scope of services to include matters relating to information security and/or privacy, information security and/or privacy incidents, and to provide legal advice concerning information security and privacy. The proposed Amendment also extends the term of the existing contract through June 30, 2025, and increases the maximum amount payable under the term of the agreement from \$75,000 to \$100,000. The hourly rates remain the same at \$365 for lead attorney, \$290 for associate attorneys under the supervision of the lead attorney, and \$135 for paralegal services. All other provisions of the original agreement remain unchanged. This firm is approved counsel under the University's cyber insurance coverage, and fees and expenses exceeding policy deductibles for claims under the cyber insurance policy will be paid by the insurer. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$5,000,000 per claim with an annual aggregate of \$5,000,000. This request is pending approval of the Attorney General.
28. **USM** – Pending approval by the Attorney General's Office, the Board approved the request to amend the contract with Zachary and Leggett, PLLC as outside counsel to continue to provide services as necessary and render advice in the practice areas of general legal advice, commercial and regulatory matters, investigations in matters involving various legal issues and litigation. The proposed Amendment extends the term of the current

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agreement through June 30, 2025, and increases the maximum amount payable under the term of the agreement from \$15,000 to \$65,000. The hourly rates remain the same at \$195 for attorneys and \$90 for paralegal services. All other provisions of the original agreement remain unchanged. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$2,000,000 per claim with an annual aggregate of \$4,000,000. This request is pending approval of the Attorney General.

29. **UMMC** – On January 20, 2020, the President of the United States of America issued an emergency declaration under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the Stafford Act) related to the COVID-19 Pandemic. In August and September, 2021, the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) set up COVID-19 clinics in Parking Garage B to respond to the threat posed by this federally declared disaster by providing emergency protective measures for the COVID-19 pandemic which created an immediate threat to the health and safety of the general public requiring emergency response and protective measures at 2500 N. State St., Jackson, MS 39216 from August 10, 2021 to September 30, 2021. Accordingly, UMMC is seeking federal reimbursement through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for costs associated with emergency protective measures in connection with the COVID-19 Emergency Protective Measures (4528DR-MS). The Board approved the designation of Robert McElhaney, Associate Comptroller of Developmental Accounting at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, as the certifying official and applicant agent for the Federal Disaster Declaration. The Attorney General’s Office reviewed the request for compliance with applicable law and found the same to be acceptable. A copy of the designation form is included in the *November 16, 2023 Board Working File*.

ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

30. **ASU** – Approved the request to award one honorary degree at its Fall 2023 commencement ceremony. Supporting documents are on file at the Board Office.
31. **MUW** – Approved the request to pursue a more inclusive name for the university in the 2024 legislative session in accordance with Mississippi Code Annotated Section 37-117-1. In Fall 2022, a taskforce was formed to take a deeper dive into the university's name and recommend a more inclusive name. This task force was chaired by the Dean of Library Services, Amanda Clay Powers, and former Provost Tom Richardson. The task force included deans, Provost, Executive Director of University Relations, Executive Director of Alumni and Development, General Counsel, and representatives of our Faculty Senate, Staff Council, Student Government Association, Alumni Association, and the Foundation Board. In December 2022, the decision was made to extend the work of informing our constituencies of the rationale for changing the name and to develop a branding strategy. In the spring 2023, MUW and the MUW Foundation engaged the marketing communications firm of Chernoff Newman to assist the university in defining a clear brand identity, to help select a new name that reflects that identity, and to establish a plan to market that brand identity. Chernoff Newman began their work by conducting discovery sessions with key stakeholders, including the President’s Cabinet, the Naming Task Force, faculty, staff, current students, alumni, and foundation board members. They also have conducted discovery sessions with prospective students, a group that was underrepresented

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in the survey conducted by Love Communications group in the fall of 2022. With the information gathered from this extensive discovery process, Chernoff Newman is developing “a compelling brand positioning strategy” that aligns with the needs and aspirations of prospective students while supporting the university’s strategic goals. The brand identity, including a new name, will attract more students and elevate the university’s profile both regionally and nationally. This work is expected to be completed by the end of the calendar year.

REGULAR AGENDAS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Presented by Trustee Hal Parker, Chair

On motion by Trustee Parker, seconded by Trustee Cummings, with Trustee Cunningham participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #1 as submitted on the Academic Affairs Agenda. On motion by Trustee Ogletree, seconded by Trustee Luckey, with Trustee Cunningham participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve items #2-#4.

1. **SYSTEM** – Approved the following recommended actions based on the Academic Productivity Reviews.
 - a. Continue with Stipulation
 - DSU - BFA in Digital Media Arts (CIP: 50.0102, Seq: 5839)
 - JSU - BS in Biomedical Engineering (CIP: 14.0501, Seq: 5845)
 - JSU - MS in Data-Enable Science and Engineering (CIP: 14.9999, Seq: 4572)
 - b. Suspend
 - DSU - BA in Music (CIP: 50.0901, Seq: 5113)
 - DSU - BM in Music (CIP: 50.0901, Seq: 5741)
 - DSU - BBA in Healthcare Administration (CIP: 51.0701, Seq: 5850)
 - UM - BS in Applied Gerontology (CIP: 30.1101, Seq: 5863)
 - c. Delete
 - UM - MS in Health Promotion (CIP: 31.0599, Seq: 4433)
 - USM - BA in International Studies (CIP: 45.0901, Seq: 5752)
 - USM - PhD in Music Education (CIP: 13.1312, Seq: 1069)
 - USM - PhD in Criminal Justice (CIP: 43.0104, Seq: 1179)
2. **SYSTEM** – Approved the proposed amendments to Board Policy 201.0507 Campus Locations and Programs, subsection C Establishment of Off-Campus Instructional Programs Authorized; Attendance for first reading.

201.0507 Campus Locations and Programs

C. Establishment of Off-Campus Instructional Programs Authorized; Attendance

The Board may establish off-campus ~~instructional~~ degree-granting academic programs for universities if, in its opinion, such action is in the best interest of quality education for the State of Mississippi and the university system. ~~However, a~~ An existing Board-approved institutional degree-granting academic

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program may only be offered at any Board-approved off-campus instructional site for that institution after the institution first ~~without~~ obtains additional Board approval to offer the program at a specific institutional off-campus instructional site. Such approval shall only be sought after successful compliance with ~~Even so,~~ the requirements of 201.0507 E. below regarding “Off-Campus Conflicts” ~~shall still apply.~~

Attendance at an off-campus instructional site or through distance learning shall fulfill residency requirements.

3. **SYSTEM** – Approved the proposed amendments to Board Policy 501 Academic Programs and Units for first reading.

501 Academic Programs and Units

All new curricula, departments, on-campus and off-campus degree-granting academic programs of study, ~~organized research or services~~ being proposed by any or all of the institutions must be submitted to the Board and must be approved by the Board before being initiated. This provision shall apply regardless of whether or not the curricula, department, degree-granting academic program of study are presently offered at an on-campus or an off-campus instructional site of an institution and being proposed to be offered at another instructional site of that same institution.

4. **SYSTEM** – Approved the proposed amendments to Board Policy 502 New Academic Programs and Units for first reading.

502 New Academic Programs and Units

Requests to establish new on-campus and off-campus degree-granting academic programs, colleges, schools, departments, institutes, and centers will be considered by the Board on a schedule and in accordance with guidelines and procedures to be determined by the Commissioner after consultation with the Institutional Executive Officers. In developing such guidelines and procedures, the Commissioner shall consider: an impact analysis which evaluates benefits and risks associated with the establishment or expansion of a program ~~potential harm~~ to existing similar degree-granting academic programs, colleges, schools, departments, institutes, and centers at other state institutions; state, system, and institutional priorities; institutional missions; institutional performance; comparative funding; market demand; and other appropriate criteria.

FINANCE AGENDA

Presented by Trustee Tom Duff, Chair

On motion by Trustee Duff, seconded by Trustee Rader, with Trustee Cunningham participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #1 as submitted on the Finance Agenda. Trustee Martin recused himself from discussing or voting on item #2 on the Finance Agenda by leaving the room before there was any discussion or vote regarding the same. On motion by Trustee Duff, seconded by Trustee Parker, with Trustee Martin absent and not voting and Trustee Cunningham participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #2. Trustee Martin returned to the room following the discussion and vote on item #1 on the Finance Agenda. Trustee Ogletree recused himself from discussing or voting on items #3 - #5 on the Finance Agenda by leaving the room before there was any discussion or vote regarding the same. On motion by Trustee Duff, seconded by Trustee Hubbard, with Trustee Cunningham participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve items #3 - #5. Trustee Ogletree returned to the room following the discussion and vote on items #3 - #5 on the Finance Agenda.

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1. **USM** – Approved the request to issue tax-exempt or taxable bonds through the S.M. Educational Building Corporation (SMEBC) for the purpose of financing the cost of certain improvements and capital expenditures which will include, without limitation, the acquisition, construction, maintenance, enlargement, improvement or equipping of public buildings, land, and facilities on the main campus of USM located in or near Hattiesburg, MS including the demolition and removal of existing structures and the construction, renovation, equipping, and landscaping of the Reed Green Coliseum Athletic Facility, including appropriate external infrastructure improvements such as parking, utilities, streets and drives, funding capitalized interest, if necessary, and to pay the costs of the issuance, sale and delivery of said bonds. The Board also approved the financial advisor’s report provided by Hilltop Securities and the following professionals: Financial Advisor – Hilltop Securities; Bond Counsel – Butler Snow LLP; and Underwriters – Raymond James & Associates, Inc., and Wells Fargo Bank National Association. Bond counsel will be compensated at \$1.90 per \$1,000 up to \$25 million and at \$1.15 per \$1,000 over \$25 million. USM expects to issue up to a maximum of \$35 million par value, fixed rate bonds. Proceeds from the bond issue will support the project funds, capitalized interest, cost of issuance and the underwriter’s discount. The loan term will not exceed 30 years. Based on the Financial Advisor’s report dated November 16, 2023, the proposed debt amortization will have an average annual debt payment of \$2,444,475 at an expected all-in true interest cost of 5.21 percent. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.
2. **SYSTEM** – Approved the request to purchase workers’ compensation excess insurance and employer’s liability insurance from Safety National Casualty Company. The broker will be Arthur J. Gallagher. The IHL Workers’ Compensation Plan is required by the Mississippi Workers’ Compensation Commission to purchase coverage for workers’ compensation claims in excess of the self-insured retention of \$1,000,000 per occurrence. This is a one-year policy of insurance, December 1, 2023, through November 30, 2024, and a three-year broker assignment. The estimated premium is \$380,448 for the one-year term based upon an annual payroll of \$1,753,218,491. The exact cost may fluctuate as it is based upon annual payroll. This insurance is paid for by the IHL Self-Insured Workers’ Compensation Plan. The Plan collects assessments annually from each university, including UMMC, and the Board Office. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.
3. **UMMC** – Approved the request to enter a Purchase and Rebate Agreement with Baxter Healthcare Corporation (Baxter) for the provision of Intravenous (IV) products to include: solution/fluid products, nutritional products, and drug delivery systems (frozen, premixed, and/or MiniBag plus products). The Board also approved the request for the institution to add or remove products from the agreement, including by amendment, if required by the vendor without seeking prior Board approval as long as it does not increase the approved expenditure level. The term of the agreement is sixty (60) months from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2028. The total estimated cost of the agreement is \$22,650,000.00 over the sixty (60) month term. UMMC has included a fifteen percent (15%) increase each

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year to allow for potential price increases and patient volume growth. The agreement will be funded by hospital patient revenue. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.

4. **UMMC** – Approved the request to enter a new Solid Waste Services Agreement (Agreement) with BFI Waste Services, LLC. d/b/a Republic Services of Jackson (Republic) to provide solid waste removal, disposal, and recycling services at all UMMC locations in Lexington, Greenwood, Grenada, and the Jackson metro area. The Board also approved the request for the institution to add and/or remove locations specified in the Agreement without seeking prior Board approval as long as adequate funds are available. The term of the Agreement is five (5) years, from December 1, 2023, through November 30, 2028. The estimated cost of the contract is \$5,900,000 over the five (5) year term. This cost includes a five percent (5%) monthly price increase in year three (3) and a ten percent (10%) monthly increase beginning in year four (4). UMMC has also included a ten percent (10%) increase for anticipated volume growth. The contract will be funded by general funds. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.
5. **USM** – Approved the request to enter a Second Amendment to the Agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC for the relocation of the antenna facilities and associated equipment from Pulley Hall to Wilber Hall. This is a revenue-generating Agreement to provide access and space for antenna facilities and equipment for wireless services. The original Agreement was for an initial term of five (5) years from the Commencement Date with four (4) additional optional renewal terms of five (5) years each. Amendment Two does not change the Term. The Agreement generates revenue of approximately \$50,000 annually and is subject to annual escalation. Amendment Two does not change the amount of revenue. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.

REAL ESTATE AGENDA

Presented by Trustee Chip Morgan, Chair

On motion by Trustee Morgan, seconded by Trustee Ogletree, with Trustee Cunningham participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #1 as submitted on the Real Estate Agenda.

1. **USM** – Approved the request to increase the project budget for IHL 208-301, Reed Green Coliseum Renovation, from \$15,000,000 to \$43,170,506.50 for an increase of \$28,170,506.50, to modify the funding source to include Educational Building Corporation (EBC) bond proceeds as a funding source to allow for the budget increase, and to modify the scope of the project to include the following: Building Additions (approximately 33,000 square feet) along with arena, facility, and site improvements. A detailed description of the project scope is included in the bound *November 16, 2023 Board Working File*. Funds are available from Institutional Funds (\$7,000,000.00) from SB 3069 – 72-19-04

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Hattiesburg Tourism Tax and Southern Mississippi Educational Building Corporation Bond proceeds (\$36,170,506.50).

ADMINISTRATION/POLICY AGENDA

Presented by Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr.

On motion by Trustee Rader, seconded by Trustee Luckey, with Trustee Cunningham participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #1 as submitted on the Administration/Policy Agenda.

1. **SYSTEM** – Approved the following Board meeting dates and locations for January through December 2024.

Thursday, January 18, 2024	Board Office
Thursday, February 15, 2024	Board Office
Thursday, March 21, 2024	USM Gulf Park
Thursday, April 18, 2024	Board Office
Thursday, May 16, 2024	Board Office
Thursday, June 20, 2024	Board Office
Thursday, July 18, 2024	Subject to Call
Thursday, August 15, 2024	Board Office
Thursday, September 19, 2024	Board Retreat
Thursday, October 17, 2024	Board Office
Thursday, November 21, 2024	Board Office
Thursday, December 19, 2024	Subject to Call

Should committee meetings be held, they will most likely occur on the Wednesday prior to the Board meeting dates.

INFORMATION AGENDAS

Presented by Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

1. **SYSTEM** – The Board received the annual report of Halbrook Award Winners for Academic Achievement Among Athletes 2022-2023.

David C. Halbrook Awards for Academic Achievement Among Athletes ^a			
Public University Division – Men		Mississippi State University	
Public University Division – Women		University of Mississippi	
Independent College Division Overall		William Carey University	
Community and Junior College Division Overall		East Mississippi Community College	
John C. and Ernestine McCall Halbrook Improvement Award ^b		Belhaven University	
David M. Halbrook Certificate Award for Academic Achievement Among Athletes ^c			
	Institution	Male Recipient	Female Recipient
Public	Alcorn State University	Isiah C. Thomas (<i>Biomedical Engineering</i>)	Angelica Jacobs (<i>Animal Science</i>)

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David C. Halbrook Awards for Academic Achievement Among Athletes^a			
University Division	Institution	Male Recipient	Female Recipient
	Jackson State University	Richy Gamo (<i>Computer Science</i>)	Alexes Sanchez (<i>Social Work</i>)
	Mississippi State University	Austin Williams (<i>Finance</i>)	Emmanouela Antonaki (<i>Management</i>)
	Mississippi University for Women	Charles Wise (<i>Biology</i>)	Elizabeth Truelock (<i>Biology</i>)
	Mississippi Valley State University	Orlando Fernandez (<i>Engineering Technology</i>)	Toni Carter (<i>Health Physical Education</i>)
	University of Mississippi	Jayda Eckford (<i>Law Studies</i>)	Kenney Broadnax (<i>Criminal Justice</i>)
	University of Southern Mississippi	Dylan Evans (<i>Political Science</i>)	Katelyn Cartwright (<i>Biomedical Science</i>)
Independent College/University Division	Blue Mountain Christian University	Rick Bevan Sakamoto (<i>Business Administration</i>)	Andrea James Huguenin (<i>Business Administration</i>)
	Rust College	Jalin L. Thomas (<i>Sociology/Criminal Justice</i>)	Amelya M. Hatch (<i>Biology</i>)
	William Carey University	RJ Stinson (<i>Physical Education</i>)	Abigail Wickham (<i>Biology/Psychology</i>)
Community College Division	Coahoma Community College	William Gadman	Reneisha Myles
	Copiah-Lincoln Comm. College	Lawson Pearon	Faith Kiyett
	East Central Community College	Grant Edwards	Caroline Jackson
	East Mississippi Comm. College	Josh Aka	Carley Martin
	Hinds Community College	Conner Starns Chisholm	Lia Reonne Smith
	Holmes Community College	Gregory Davis	Lanie Potter
	Itawamba Community College	Rhett Gullett	Taylor Bishop
	Jones College	Alan Follis	Kirsty Cameron
	Meridian Community College	William McCullough	Callie Abraham
	MS Delta Community College	Wes Warnock	Taryn Clarck
	MS Gulf Coast Comm. College	Kade Carpenter	Bayley Askin
	Northeast MS Comm. College	Mitchell Woodard	Alexie Griffin
	Northwest MS Comm. College	Sam Brumfield	Kylie Gurley
	Pearl River Community College	Blaise Breerwood	Dallyn Nance
Southwest MS Comm. College	Jacob Cochran	Lilli Kate Robertson	

^a Trophy award to the institution with the highest percentage of graduating student athletes.

^b Cash award to institution with greatest improvement in percentage of student athletes graduating.

^c Certificate awarded to student athletes who have excelled in academics, leadership, and/or service.

- SYSTEM** – The Board received the correction to Alcorn State University’s data which was included in the annual report on institutional accreditation for the period beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 presented at the October 19, 2023 meeting. A table summarizing the correction is included in the bound *November 16, 2023 Board Working File*.

FINANCE

- SYSTEM** – As part of the *Ayers Settlement Agreement*, publicly and privately funded endowments were created for the benefit of Alcorn State University, Jackson State University, and Mississippi Valley State University. The *Ayers Investment Report*

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summarizes the activity in the endowment accounts for FY 2023. A copy of the report is included in the bound *November 16, 2023 Board Working File*.

REAL ESTATE

4. **SYSTEM** – The Board received the Real Estate items that were approved by the Board staff subsequent to the October 19, 2023 Board meeting in accordance with Board Policy 904 Board Approval. (See **Exhibit 1.**)

LEGAL

5. **SYSTEM** – The Board received a report of the payment of legal fees to outside counsel. (See **Exhibit 2.**)

ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

6. **SYSTEM** – 2023 Fall Commencement Schedules

Alcorn State University

Time/Date: 9:00 a.m., Saturday, December 8, 2023
Location: Davey L. Whitney Health, Physical Education and Recreation Complex
Speaker: Chief Terry Cosby, Natural Resources Conservation Services, United States Department of Agriculture

Delta State University

Graduates

Time/Date: 10:00 a.m., Friday, December 8, 2023
Location: Bologna Performing Arts Center
Speaker: Dr. Jung-Won Shin, Professor of Music and 2023 S. E. Kossman Outstanding Faculty Award Winner

Undergraduates

Time/Date: 2:00 p.m., Friday, December 8, 2023
Location: Bologna Performing Arts Center
Speaker: Dr. Jung-Won Shin, Professor of Music and 2023 S. E. Kossman Outstanding Faculty Award Winner

Jackson State University

Time/Date: 9:00 a.m., Friday, December 8, 2023
Location: Lee E. Williams Athletics and Assembly Center
Speaker: Ms. Sophia Y. Marshall, Senior Vice President of Communications for Comcast Central Division

Mississippi State University

Meridian Campus

Time/Date: 11:00 a.m., Thursday, December 7, 2023
Location: MSU Riley Center
Speaker: Dr. Mark E. Keenum, President, Mississippi State University

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Starkville Campus

Academic Affairs; College of Architecture, Art and Design; College of Arts and Sciences; College of Education

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., Friday, December 8, 2023
Location: Humphrey Coliseum
Speaker: Dr. Mark E. Keenum, President, Mississippi State University

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, College of Business, Bagley College of Engineering, College of Forest Resources, and College of Veterinary Medicine

Time/Date: 3:30 p.m., Friday, December 8, 2023
Location: Humphrey Coliseum
Speaker: Dr. Mark E. Keenum, President, Mississippi State University

Mississippi University for Women

Time/Date: 11:00 a.m., Friday, December 1, 2023
Location: Rent Auditorium, Whitfield Hall
Speaker: No Speaker

Mississippi Valley State University

Time/Date: 10:00 a.m., Saturday, December 16, 2023
Location: R.W. Harrison Sports Complex
Speaker: Dr. Roy C. Hudson - Adjunct Professor of English and Former Vice President for University Relations and Interim President for MVSU

The University of Southern Mississippi

Graduate Students – All Colleges

Time/Date: 6:00 p.m., Thursday, December 7, 2023
Location: Bernard Reed Green Coliseum, Hattiesburg, MS
Speaker: No Speaker

Undergraduates – College of Arts and Sciences; College of Nursing and Health Professions

Time/Date: 9:00 a.m., Friday, December 8, 2023
Location: Bernard Reed Green Coliseum, Hattiesburg, MS
Speaker: No Speaker

Undergraduates – College of Business and Economic Development; College of Education and Human Sciences

Time/Date: 2:00 p.m., Friday, December 8, 2023
Location: Bernard Reed Green Coliseum, Hattiesburg, MS
Speaker: No Speaker

7. **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. **ASU** – On October 25, 2023, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Facility Use Agreement between Alcorn State University (lessor) and the Mississippi Veterans Affairs (lessee) for use of office space on the ASU campus for a veterans' service officer. The term of the agreement is 2 years effective November 1, 2023. The IHL Senior Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management has reviewed the agreement and found the same to be compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts and Service Contracts and Policy 707.03 Approval of Prepayment for Goods or Services. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.

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- b. **MSU** – On October 13, 2023, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Temporary Construction Easement Agreement between Mississippi State University (grantor) and West Side Fund II, LLC and West Side Fund III, LLC, (grantees), contractors for the MSU Foundation who are performing renovations at The Mill Subdivision at MSU on behalf of the MSU Foundation. This easement is for an adjacent tract of land owned by the University to allow for lay down space for construction equipment and materials during renovations. The IHL Senior Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management 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 document is on file in the IHL Board Office.
- c. **MSU** – On October 13, 2023, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr., approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Copiah-Lincoln Community College, Simpson County Center for space for the project director of the MS Child Resource and Referral program operated by the University in accordance with the terms of a grant awarded by Mississippi Department of Human Services and for storage of equipment and/or commodities for that program. The term of the lease is 12 months effective October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024, at a cost of \$2,280 annually or \$190 per month payable on the first of each month. The IHL Senior Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management has reviewed the agreement and found the same to be compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts and Service Contracts and Policy 707.03 Approval of Prepayment for Goods or Services. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.
- d. **MSU** – On October 13, 2023, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr., approved the Grant of Permanent Utility and Temporary Construction Easements between the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, on behalf of Mississippi State University, (grantor) and the City of Tupelo, Mississippi (grantee), to allow the City to install and maintain a sanitary sewer line across the Northeast Mississippi Branch Experiment Station in Lee County, MS. The IHL Senior Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management has reviewed the agreement and found the same to be compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts and Service Contracts. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.
- e. **MSU** – On October 25, 2023, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr., approved a Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and 19185Commission LLC for approximately 2,400 square feet of space located at 19185 Commission Road, Long Beach, MS to provide space for a Resource and Referral Center operated by the University in accordance with the terms of a grant awarded by the Mississippi Department of Human Services. The term of the lease is 12 months effective September 15, 2023 through September 14, 2024, at a cost of \$30,000 annually or \$2,500 per month payable on the first of each month plus a security deposit in the amount of \$2,500. The IHL Senior Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management has reviewed the agreement and found the same to be compliant

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with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts and Service Contracts and Policy 707.03 Approval of Prepayment for Goods or Services. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.

- f. **MSU** – On October 31, 2023, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr., approved a Lease Agreement between the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Experiment Station (MAFES)/Mississippi State University and Poplar Innovations, Inc. (lessee) for use of approximately five acres of land located in Washington County, MS for planting and maintaining clone trials of *Populus* tree varieties. This is a new revenue-generating lease and will be effective November 1, 2023 through October 31, 2028 with an option for renewal for up to five additional years by mutual agreement of all parties. Lessee will pay \$5,000 per year due on November 1st of each year. The IHL Senior Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management has reviewed the agreement and found the same to be compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts and Service Contracts. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.
- g. **UM** – On October 25, 2023, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr., approved the Lease Agreement between the University of Mississippi and RecRe, Inc. for the RecRe Equipment Rental Box System installation in the Gertrude C. Ford Ole Miss Student Union. The term of the lease is three years effective October 15, 2023, at a cost of \$9,500 for the first year and the \$11,5000 for the second and third years for a total cost of \$32,500 over the full term of the lease. Pursuant to the payment schedule on page 25 of the agreement, these payments are due in advance on the first day of each one-year period. The IHL Senior Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management has reviewed the agreement and found the same to be compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts and Service Contracts and Policy 707.03 Approval of Prepayment for Goods or Services. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.

OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Parker requested that the Board reconsider the vote by which items #2 - 4 on the Academic Affairs Regular Agenda were approved for first reading and that the vote be taken via roll call vote.

A brief discussion of the proper procedure to reconsider a vote was held and it was determined that a two-thirds vote was required to pass the motion.

Trustee Parker then made a motion to reconsider the vote by which items #2 - 4 on the Academic Affairs Regular Agenda were approved for first reading. Items #2 – 4 are amendments to the following policies:

- Board Policy 201.0507 Campus Locations and Programs, subsection C Establishment of Off-Campus Instructional Programs Authorized; Attendance
- Board Policy 501 Academic Programs and Units

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- Board Policy 502 New Academic Programs and Units

The motion was seconded by Trustee Starr. President McNair asked for a vote on the motion via a show of hands. He announced that the motion passed on a 7 to 3 vote.

On the reconsideration of Trustee Ogletree's original motion to approve for first reading items #2 - 4 on the Academic Affairs Regular Agenda, seconded by Trustee Luckey, a roll call vote was taken, and the motion failed with 4 trustees voting to approve and 6 trustees voting not to approve. Dr. Steven Cunningham (via Zoom) and Dr. Alfred McNair abstained from voting. Trustees voting for the previous motion were Mr. Teresa Hubbard, Ms. Jeanne Luckey, Mr. Chip Morgan, and Mr. Gee Ogletree. Trustees voting against the previous motion were Dr. Ormella Cummings, Mr. Tom Duff, Mr. Bruce Martin, Mr. Hal Parker, Mr. Gregg Rader, and Dr. Walt Starr. Items #2 - #4 on the Academic Affairs Regular Agenda were not approved and will not move forward.

Trustee Ogletree offered comments about the decision not to approve the proposed policy amendments.

Subsequent to Trustee Ogletree's comments, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. requested Mr. Van Gillespie, IHL Senior Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management, to address the procedure used approving Trustee Parker's motion to reconsider. Mr. Gillespie stated that it was unclear whether the show of hands vote on Trustee Parker's motion constituted two-thirds of the trustees.

Trustee Ogletree then made a motion to suspend the rules that require a two-thirds vote on Trustee Parker's motion and to let the vote on Trustee Parker's motion stand as is. Trustee Duff seconded the motion. By consensus, all Trustees legally present and participating agreed to the motion to suspend the rules and let the results stand. Trustee Cunningham participated via Zoom. Items #2 - #4 on the Academic Affairs Regular Agenda were not approved and will not move forward.

**HEALTH AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE REPORT
Wednesday, November 15, 2023**

Committee members participated in the meeting in person or via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Alfred McNair on behalf of Chairman Dr. Steven Cunningham at approximately 3:00 p.m. The following items were discussed.

1. The Committee discussed the monthly financial summary and received a quarterly quality update. **No action was taken.**
2. Executive Session

On motion by Trustee Ogletree, with Trustees Cummings, Hubbard, and Parker absent and not voting, all Committee members legally present and participating voted unanimously to close the meeting to determine whether to declare an Executive Session. On motion by Trustee Starr, seconded by Trustee Ogletree, with Trustees Cummings, Hubbard, and Parker absent and not voting, all Committee members legally present and participating

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voted unanimously **to enter Executive Session** for the reasons reported to the public and stated in these minutes, as follows:

Discussion of two University of Mississippi Medical Center items consisting of discussions regarding prospective strategic business decisions of a public hospital.

Discussion of a University of Mississippi Medical Center item consisting of discussions regarding the prospective strategic business decisions of a public hospital, which is also related to discussions regarding the location, relocation, or expansion of a medical service and the prospective purchase, sale, or leasing of lands.

During the Executive Session, the following matters were discussed:

The Committee discussed two University of Mississippi Medical Center items consisting of discussions regarding prospective strategic business decisions of a public hospital. **No action was taken.**

The Committee discussed a University of Mississippi Medical Center item consisting of discussions regarding the prospective strategic business decisions of a public hospital, which is also related to discussions regarding the location, relocation, or expansion of a medical service and the prospective purchase, sale, or leasing of lands. **No action was taken.**

On motion by Trustee Ogletree, seconded by Trustee Starr, with Trustees Cummings, Hubbard, Morgan, and Parker absent and not voting, all Committee members legally present and participating voted unanimously to adjourn.

3. On motion by Trustee Duff, seconded by Trustee Ogletree, with Trustees Cummings, Hubbard, Morgan, and Parker absent and not voting, all Committee members legally present and participating voted unanimously to adjourn.

The following Committee members were present: Dr. Alfred McNair (Presiding), Dr. Steven Cunningham (Chair), Mr. Tom Duff, Ms. Jeanne Luckey, Mr. Bruce Martin, Mr. Chip Morgan, Mr. Gee Ogletree, Mr. Gregg Rader, and Dr. Walt Starr. Dr. Ormella Cummings, Ms. Teresa Hubbard, and Mr. Hal Parker were absent.

ANNOUNCEMENT

- President McNair announced the next Board meeting will be January 18, 2024 in Jackson.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Trustee Cummings, with Trustee Cunningham participating by Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to close the meeting to determine whether to declare an Executive Session. On motion by Trustee Luckey, seconded by Trustee Martin, with Trustee Cunningham participating by Zoom and Trustee Morgan absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously **to enter Executive Session** for the reasons reported to the public and stated in these minutes, as follows:

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Discussion of one Jackson State University item consisting of a discussion regarding the employment of a person in a specific position at Jackson State University;

Discussion of one University of Mississippi item consisting of a personnel matter relating to the job performance of a person holding a specific position at the University of Mississippi;

Discussion of one Mississippi State University item consisting of a personnel matter relating to the job performance of a person holding a specific position at Mississippi State University; and

Discussion of one Mississippi University for Women item consisting of a personnel matter relating to the job performance of a person holding a specific position at the Mississippi University for Women.

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

The Board received the evaluation reports and the general institutional executive officer evaluation criteria utilized by Commissioner Dr. Alfred Rankins, Jr. in his evaluation of the job performance of Dr. Glenn Boyce, Chancellor of the University of Mississippi; Mrs. Nora Miller, President of the Mississippi University for Women; and Dr. Mark Keenum, President of Mississippi State University. On motion by Trustee Ogletree, seconded by Trustee Cummings, with Trustee Cunningham participating by Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to accept the evaluation reports for Dr. Glenn Boyce, Chancellor of the University of Mississippi; Mrs. Nora Miller, President of the Mississippi University for Women; and Dr. Mark Keenum, President of Mississippi State University.


On motion by Trustee Cunningham, seconded by Trustee Martin, with Trustee McNair abstaining from voting and Trustee Cunningham participating via Zoom, all other Trustees legally present and participating voted to hire Dr. Marcus Thompson as President of Jackson State University at a state salary of \$450,000 per year plus a foundation salary supplement of \$5,000 per year, that Dr. Thompson be given a 4-year employment contract with a start date of November 27, 2023, and that such employment contract include a provision allowing for reimbursement of actual moving expenses, in an amount up to \$15,000, in order to move into required university housing.

On motion by Trustee Ogletree, seconded by Trustee Luckey, with Trustee Cunningham participating by Zoom, 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 Cummings, seconded by Trustee Hubbard, with Trustee Cunningham participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.



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Commissioner, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning

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EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 Real Estate items that were approved by the IHL Board staff subsequent to the October 19, 2023 Board meeting.

Exhibit 2 Report of the payment of legal fees to outside counsel.

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SYSTEM: REAL ESTATE ITEMS APPROVED SUBSEQUENT TO THE OCTOBER 19, 2023, BOARD MEETING SUBMISSION DEADLINE

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD'S REAL ESTATE AND FACILITIES STAFF ACCORDING TO BOARD POLICY §904 (A) BOARD APPROVAL.

Change Order Approval Note: No change orders approved by Board staff, as reflected within any of the following informational agenda items, increase the Board approved total project budget. The total project budget as approved by the Board provides for a contingency fund, which allows for an increase in the construction budget of between five and ten percent. Any increase in the total project budget caused by a change order, would require Board approval and could not be approved by Board staff until the budget increase is approved by the Board.

ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY

1. ASU- GS 101-328 – ASU DORMITORY RENOVATIONS

NOTE: This is a Bureau of Building project

Approval Request #1: Contract Documents

Board staff approved Contract Documents as submitted by Burriss Wagnon Architects.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, October 19, 2023

Approval Request #2: Advertise

Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, October 19, 2023

Project Initiation Date: June 15, 2023

Design Professional: Burriss Wagnon Architects

General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$5,675,000.00

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

2. MSU- IHL 205-323 – SOLAR AND LIGHTING ENERGY SAVINGS PERFORMANCE CONTRACT

Approval Request #1: Change Order #1

Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$542,852.00 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Entegriy Partners, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, October 24, 2023

Change Order Description: Change Order #1 includes the following: LED fixture revision; reaudit assessment; revisions to medium-voltage tie-in of solar array; and black chain link fencing around solar yard in lieu of galvanized chain link fencing.

Change Order Justification: This change was necessary due to user/owner requested modifications.

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Total Project Change Orders and Amount: One (1) change order for a total amount of \$542,852.00.

Project Initiation Date: April 21, 2022

Design Professional: Entegrity Energy Partners, LLC

General Contractor: Entegrity Energy Partners, LLC

Total Project Budget: \$8,500,000.00

3. **MSU- IHL 205-329 – SANDERSON CENTER RENOVATIONS AND REPAIRS**

Approval Request #1: Contract Documents

Board staff approved Contract Documents as submitted by Weir Boerner Allin Architecture

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, October 17, 2023

Approval Request #2: Advertise

Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, October 17, 2023

Project Initiation Date: November 17, 2022

Design Professional: Weir Boerner Allin Architecture

General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$2,500,000.00

4. **MSU- IHL 205-334 – RESEARCH & CURRICULUM UNIT RENOVATION**

Approval Request #1: Contract Documents

Board staff approved Contract Documents as submitted by MP Design Group

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, October 13, 2023

Approval Request #2: Advertise

Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, October 13, 2023

Project Initiation Date: April 20, 2023

Design Professional: MP Design Group

General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$2,000,000.00

5. **MSU- IHL 405-002 – JIM AND THOMAS DUFF CENTER**

Approval Request #1: Change Order #1

Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$54,567.70 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of AnderCorp, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, October 31, 2023

Change Order Description: Change Order #1 includes the following: installed and maintained temporary power feed to the Writing Center; performed the final grading work on the Quad area; credit to waive the AWI/QCP requirement associated with the millwork; installed and 8’x11’ roof access hatch, in lieu of the 8’X8’ access hatch; installed 1” Solarban 70 IG on clear glazing in lieu of the SNR 43 on Gray (Vision) and 1” SNR on Gray (Sprandel) at all storefront and curtainwall glazing.

Change Order Justification: This change was necessary due to user/owner requested modifications.

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Total Project Change Orders and Amount: One (1) change order for a total amount of \$54,567.70.

Project Initiation Date: March 1, 2019

Design Professional: Dale Partners Architects, P.A.

General Contractor: AnderCorp, LLC

Total Project Budget: \$65,000,000.00

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

6. MVSU- IHL 106-269 – JACOB ARON STUDENT UNION EXPANSION & RENOVATION-PHASE II

Approval Request #1: Award of Construction Contract

Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of \$18,674,000.00 to the apparent low bidder Richard Womack Construction.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, October 6, 2023

Project Initiation Date: March 18, 2021

Design Professional: McCarty Architects Professional Association

General Contractor: Richard Womack Construction

Total Project Budget: \$25,755,000.00

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

7. UM- IHL 407-001 – JIM & THOMAS DUFF CENTER FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION

Approval Request #1: Change Order #7

Board staff approved Change Order #7 in the amount of \$1,252,289.35 and one hundred fifty-three (153) additional days to the contract of W.G. Yates & Sons Construction Company.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, August 14, 2023

Change Order Description: Change Order #7 includes the following: extended the transformer pad; extended the tile and base into the electrical closet in the atrium; credit to add four (4) sides to the fume hoods; waterproofing change at the brick lintels; installed a damper end switch to the control fume hood make up air in a room; added a crane cost for the generator installation; time extension for site/civil issues; and one hundred fifty-three days to the contract.

Change Order Justification: These changes were due to errors and omissions in the plans and specifications; and latent job site conditions; user/owner requested modifications; and days for work as indicated herein.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Seven (7) change orders for a total amount of \$1,654,556.44.

Project Initiation Date: January 16, 2012

Design Professional: McCarty Architects

General Contractor: W.G. Yates & Sons Construction Company

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Phased Project Budget: 157,086,816.63

Total Project Budget: \$175,200,000.00

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8. UMMC- IHL 209-579B.1 COLONY PARK SITE UTILITIES AND GRADING

Approval Request #1: Award of Construction Contract

Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of \$1,785,978.00 to the apparent low bidder Hemphill Construction Company, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, October 16, 2023

Project Initiation Date: April 20, 2023

Design Professional: Cooke Douglas Farr Lemons Architects & Engineers

General Contractor: Hemphill Construction Company, Inc.

Phased Project Budget: \$3,175,088.00

Total Project Budget: \$5,897,737.00

9. UMMC- IHL 209-579B.2 COLONY PARK SITE ELECTRICAL UTILITIES

Approval Request #1: Award of Construction Contract

Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of \$616,680.00 to the apparent low bidder Fountain Construction Company, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, October 16, 2023

Project Initiation Date: April 20, 2023

Design Professional: Cooke Douglas Farr Lemons Architects & Engineers

General Contractor: Fountain Construction Company, Inc.

Phased Project Budget: \$2,722,620.00

Total Project Budget: \$5,897,737.00

10. UMMC- IHL 209-580A – RENOVATION FOR ADOLESCENT PSYCH - ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

Approval Request #1: Contract Documents

Board staff approved Contract Documents as submitted by JH&H Architects, P.A.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, October 13, 2023

Approval Request #2: Advertise

Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, October 13, 2023

Project Initiation Date: August 18, 2022

Design Professional: JH&H Architects, P.A.

General Contractor: TBD

Phased Project Budget: \$2,458,882.00

Total Project Budget: \$6,500,000.00

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11. UMMC- IHL 209-582 – UPDATE LAKELAND MEDICAL BUILDING

Approval Request #1: Change Order #2

Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the amount of \$124,934.36 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Thrash Commercial Contractors, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, October 6, 2023

Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following: new flooring and painting added on the first and second floors only; incorporated corner guards with the temporary wall located on the parking deck; and incorporated a new parapet wall on the second level of the parking deck.

Change Order Justification: These changes were due to user/owner requested modifications.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Two (2) change orders for a total amount of \$238,209.00.

Project Initiation Date: June 16, 2022

Design Professional: Burriss/Wagnon Architects, P.A.

General Contractor: Thrash Commercial Contractors, Inc.

Total Project Budget: \$2,200,000.00

12. UMMC- IHL 409-005A- NEW SCHOOL OF NURSING

Approval Request #1: Award of Construction Contract

Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of \$290,000.00 to the apparent low bidder Britt Demolition & Recycling, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, October 20, 2023

Project Initiation Date: January 19, 2023

Design Professional: Eley Guild Hardy Architects

General Contractor: Britt Demolition and Recycling, Inc.

Phased Project Budget: \$758,185.00

Total Project Budget: \$65,000,000.00

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13. USM – IHL 208-357 – OWINGS MCQUAGGE HALL ROOF REPLACEMENT

Approval Request #1: Construction Documents

Board staff approved the Construction Documents as submitted by Weir Boerner Allin Architecture, PLLC

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, October 20, 2023

Approval Request #2: Advertise/Receive Bids

Board staff approved the request to Advertise/Receive Bids

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, October 20, 2023

Project Initiation Date: August 17, 2023

Design Professional: Weir Boerner Allin Architecture, PLLC

General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$1,115,530.24

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EDUCATION AND RESEARCH CENTER

14. ERC-GS 111-070 - MECHANICAL UPGRADES

NOTE: This is a Bureau of Building project

Approval Request #1: Award of Construction Contract

Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of \$2,663,600.00 to the apparent low bidder McLain Plumbing and Electrical Services, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, October 23, 2023

Project Initiation Date: June 15, 2023

Design Professional: ERG

General Contractor: McLain Plumbing and Electrical Services, Inc.

Total Project Budget: \$2,800,000.00

15. ERC-GS 111-071 - RE-ROOF EDUCATION AND RESEARCH CENTER

NOTE: This is a Bureau of Building project

Approval Request #1: Award of Construction Contract

Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of \$1,887,000.00 to the apparent low bidder Roofing Solutions, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, September 26, 2023

Project Initiation Date: June 15, 2023

Design Professional: Shafer-Zahner-Zahner, PLLC

General Contractor: Roofing Solutions, LLC

Total Project Budget: \$2,207,790.00

EXHIBIT 2

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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 Ware|Immigration (statements dated 8/15/23, 9/1/23, 9/1/23, 9/1/23, 9/5/23 and 9/8/23) from the funds of Jackson State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$2,960.00, \$33.10, \$2,500.00, \$2,500.00, \$2,500.00 and \$460.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with an immigration/labor certification matter.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 10,953.10

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Brunini, PLLC (statement dated 10/20/23) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement, in the amount of \$2,993.75, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 2,993.75

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Copeland, Cook, Taylor & Bush (statement dated 10/13/23) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement, in the amount of \$3,321.00, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 3,321.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Phelps Dunbar (statement dated 10/6/23) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement, in the amount of \$142.50, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 142.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware|Immigration (statements dated 10/1/23 and 10/1/23) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$2,500.00 and \$583.00, represent services and expenses in connection with immigration/labor certification matters matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 3,083.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Brunini Law Firm (statement dated 10/20/23) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$487.50, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 487.50

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Lightfoot Franklin White, LLC (statement dated 10/13/23) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$10,975.00, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 10,975.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP (statement dated 10/12/23) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$6,931.50, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 6,931.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Bryan, Nelson, Schroeder, Castigliola & Banahan (statement dated 10/16/23) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$604.50, represents services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 604.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statement dated 10/16/23) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$2,478.00, represents services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 2,478.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mayo Mallette, PLLC (statement dated 10/11/23) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$9,216.98, represents services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 9,216.98

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware|Immigration (statements dated 8/1/23 and 10/1/23) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$32.46 and \$42.51, represent services and expenses in connection with immigration/labor certification matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 74.97

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Zachary & Leggett , PLLC (statement dated 11/1/23) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$562.09, represents services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 562.09

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

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, LLP (statements dated 9/25/23 and 10/10/12) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patent or intellectual property matters: “U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 63/392, 148” - \$2,891.50; and “U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 63/392, 148” - \$835.50.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 3,727.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statements dated 9/26/23, 9/26/23, 9/26/23, 9/26/23 and 9/26/23) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patents or intellectual property matters: “Hemagglutinin Substitution Increases Thermostability and Improves Yield of 2009 H1N1 influenza A. Virus in Cells” - \$1,766.00; “Recombinant Fimbrial Protein of Aeromonas Hydrophila as Vaccine in Catfish” - \$1,529.00; “Effective Oximes Patent Prosecution” - \$949.00; “Vibrio Assay Methods and Kits” - \$497.00; and “Live Attenuated Catfish Vaccine” - \$849.00.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 5,590.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Conley Rose (statements dated 10/5/23 and 10/5/23) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patents or intellectual property matters: “Drivr, a Virtual Reality System” - \$1,060.00; and “Mobile Markerless Motion Capture for Movement Data Collection in All Environments” - \$41.00.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 1,101.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Quarles & Brady, LLP (statement dated 9/13/23) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with the following patent or intellectual property matter: “Rice Cultivar” - \$1,055.00.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 1,055.00

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mendelsohn Dunleavy (statements dated 9/11/23, 10/16/23, 10/16/23, 10/16/23, 10/16/23, 10/16/23, 10/16/23, 10/16/23, 10/16/23 and 10/16/23) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patents or intellectual property matters: “Vaccine Composition Comprising Recombinant Protein of Staphylococcus Aureus Attenuated Enterotoxin and Cytotoxin” - \$771.22; “Engineering of the Production of a Conformational Variant of Occidiofungin that has Enhanced Inhibitory Activity Against Fungal Species” - \$2,804.50; “Drugs Conjugated with Hexose Phosphate and Methods of Making and Using Same” - \$118.50; “Drugs Conjugated with Hexose Phosphate and Methods of Making and Using Same” - \$860.43; “Drugs Conjugated with Hexose Phosphate and Methods of Making and Using Same” - \$165.00; “Oleaginous Mrobe Supplementation for Improving Black Soldier Fly Growth and Development” - \$3,397.00; “Species-agnostic Polymeric Formulations for Inhalable mRNA Delivery to the Lung” - \$2,257.00; “General U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application Work” - \$1,383.50; “Thienylpiperidine Donor NIR & II Xanthene-Based Dye for Imaging” - \$616.00; and “General U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application Work” - \$2,844.00.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 15,217.15

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Stites & Harbison (statements dated 9/25/23, 9/25/23, 9/25/23, 9/25/23 and 9/26/23) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patents or intellectual property matters: “Use of Liquid Smoke in Conjunction” - \$47.50; “Fluoroakylsilane-Modified” - \$813.00; “Unsymmetric CCC-HNC Pincer” - \$936.50; “Osteometric Measuring Device” - \$180.50; and “Unsymmetric CCC-NHC Pincer Metal Complexes and Methods of Use Thereof” - \$1,472.01, respectively.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 3,449.51

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Weatherly IP Solutions, LLC (statement dated 9/26/23) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with the following patent or intellectual property matter: “Bermudagrass Plant Named MSB-1017” - \$2,000.00.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 2,000.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Workman Nydegger (statements dated) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$, represent services and expenses in connection with intellectual property patents.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statements dated 9/26/23, 9/26/23, 9/26/23, 9/26/23, 9/26/23 and 9/26/23) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patents or intellectual property matters: “Oral Suction Device” - \$383.50; “An

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Automated Mechanism to Position Aquaculture Equipment” - \$1,681.50; “Methodology and Instrumentation for Thin Film Mechanical Analysis” - \$1,650.50; “Phenylphosphine Oxide Epoxy Polymer and Atomic Oxygen Stable Epoxy Polymer” - \$671.50; “Chevron Oronite Patent Maintenance” - \$442.50; and “Covestro Patents” - \$722.50.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 5,552.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mendelsohn Dunleavy, P.C. (statements dated 10/19/23, 10/19/23, 10/19/23, 10/19/23 and 10/19/23) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements represent services and expenses in connection with the following patents or intellectual property matters: “Open-Shell Conjugated Polymer Conductors, Composites and Compositions” - \$950.00; “Narrow Band Gap Conjugated Polymers Employing Cross-Conjugated Donors Useful in Electronic Devices” - \$1,420.00; “Block Copolymer Templated Crazing for Membrane Separation” - \$158.00; “Inhibition of Mast Cell Tumor Necrosis Factor for Therapeutic Use” - \$2,501.25; and “Vaccine Platforms with a Modified 5 Untranslated Region of Zika Virus Gnome for Infectious Agents and Cancers” - \$3,135.00.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 8,164.25