MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING
August 20, 2026

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 24, 2025, to each and every member of said Board said date being at least five days prior to this August 20, 2026 meeting. At the above-named place the following members were present to wit: Ms. Amy Arrington, Mr. Don Clark, Jr., Dr. Ormella Cummings, Dr. Steven Cunningham, Mr. Jerry L. Griffith, Mr. Jimmy Heidelberg (via Zoom), Ms. Teresa Hubbard (via Zoom), Mr. Bruce Martin (via Zoom), Mr. Gee Ogletree, Mr. Hal Parker, Mr. Gregg Rader, and Mr. Charlie Stephenson. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Steven Cunningham, President. Trustee Clark introduced Senior Pastor Scott Dickison from the Northminster Baptist Church of Jackson, MS who provided the invocation.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

- President Cunningham welcomed the following Student Government Association officers: President Evelyn Greer, Delta State University; President Lauren Cooper, Jackson State University; Vice President Erin Matthews, Jackson State University; President Zander Hall, Mississippi University for Women; President Jamison Ware, Mississippi Valley State University; Office of Student Leadership and Engagement Makyla Henderson, Mississippi Valley State University; and President Olivia Claire Williford, The University of Mississippi.
- President Cunningham also welcomed, Dr. Scott Tollison to his first Board meeting as interim president of Mississippi University for Women.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On motion by Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Griffith, with Trustees Heidelberg, Hubbard, and Martin participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Board meeting held on June 18, 2026.

CONSENT AGENDAS

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

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

1. **SYSTEM** – Approved the modification of an existing academic degree program, as follows:
   Rename
   Current program title: Bachelor of Science (BS) in General Science

Proposed program title: Bachelor of Science (BS) in Science, Health, and Society
Current CIP code, sequence: 30.0101, 5258
Proposed CIP code, sequence: 30.1501, 5258
Total credit hours: 120
Effective date: January 2027

2. **SYSTEM** – Approved the degrees to be conferred in Summer 2026 provided each candidate has met all requirements for the degree.

Institution	Degree to be Conferred	Number	Subtotal	Total
Alcorn State University				
Undergraduate				
	Associate of Science in Nursing	2		
	Bachelor of Arts	20		
	Bachelor of Business Administration	1		
	Bachelor of Science	12		
	Bachelor of Science in Nursing	1		
Graduate				
	Master of Arts in Teaching	1		
	Master of Science	13		
	Master of Science in Education	4		
	STEM MBA	4		
	Specialist in Education	3		
Total Undergraduate Degrees			**36**	
Total Graduate Degrees			**25**	
Total Degrees				**61**
Delta State University				
Undergraduate				
	Bachelor of Applied Science	4		
	Bachelor of Arts	4		
	Bachelor of Business Administration	10		
	Bachelor of Commercial Aviation	6		
	Bachelor of Science in Education	1		
	Bachelor of Science	9		
	Bachelor of Science in Social Justice and Criminology	2		
Graduate				
	Master of Applied Science	1		
	Master of Art in Liberal Studies	1		
	Master of Arts in Teaching	14		
	Master of Business Administration	28		
	Master of Commercial Aviation	9		
	Master of Education	23		
	Master of Science	4		
	Specialist in Education	23		
	Doctor of Education	2		
Total Undergraduate Degrees			**36**	
Total Graduate Degrees			**105**	
Total Degrees				**141**
Jackson State University				
Undergraduate				
	Bachelor of Arts	1		

Institution	Degree to be Conferred	Number	Subtotal	Total
	Bachelor of Business Administration	1		
	Bachelor of Music	1		
	Bachelor of Science	25		
	Bachelor of University Studies	1		
Graduate				
	Master of Arts	1		
	Master of Arts in Teaching	1		
	Master of Business Administration	24		
	Master of Professional Accountancy	15		
	Master of Science	9		
	Master of Social Work	1		
	Specialist in Education	6		
	Doctor of Education	2		
	Doctor of Philosophy	17		
Total Undergraduate Degrees			**29**	
Total Graduate Degrees			**76**	
Total Degrees				**105**
Mississippi State University				
Undergraduate				
	Bachelor of Accountancy	9		
	Bachelor of Applied Science	12		
	Bachelor of Arts	25		
	Bachelor of Business Administration	55		
	Bachelor of Fine Arts	1		
	Bachelor of Landscape Architecture	1		
	Bachelor of Science	234		
	Bachelor of University Studies	18		
Graduate				
	Master of Agribusiness Management	2		
	Master of Agriculture	6		
	Master of Applied Data Science	1		
	Master of Applied Science	4		
	Master of Arts	7		
	Master of Arts in Teaching	30		
	Master of Arts in Teaching Secondary	6		
	Master of Arts in Teaching Special Education	8		
	Master of Business Administration	20		
	Master of Engineering	1		
	Master of Professional Accountancy	7		
	Master of Public Policy and Administration	1		
	Master of Science in Instructional Technology	2		
	Master of Science	160		
	Master of Science in Nursing	35		
	Master of Science Information Systems	6		
	Master of Taxation	4		
	Specialist in Education	13		
	Doctor of Education	9		
	Doctor of Philosophy	53		
Total Undergraduate Degrees			**355**	

Institution	Degree to be Conferred	Number	Subtotal	Total
	Total Graduate Degrees		**375**	
	Total Degrees			**730**
Mississippi University for Women				
	Undergraduate			
	Bachelor of Applied Science	3		
	Bachelor of Arts	1		
	Bachelor of Business Administration	2		
	Bachelor of Professional Studies	2		
	Bachelor of Science	20		
	Bachelor of Science in Nursing	239		
	Graduate			
	Master of Arts in Teaching	1		
	Master of Business Administration	9		
	Master of Education	3		
	Master of Fine Arts	8		
	Master of Public Health	5		
	Master of Science in Nursing	31		
	Doctor of Nursing Practice	1		
	Total Undergraduate Degrees		**267**	
	Total Graduate Degrees		**58**	
	Total Degrees			**325**
University of Mississippi				
	Undergraduate			
	Bachelor of Accountancy	91		
	Bachelor of Arts	183		
	Bachelor of Arts in Education	3		
	Bachelor of Arts in Journalism	8		
	Bachelor of Arts in Sport and Recreation Administration	6		
	Bachelor of Business Administration	288		
	Bachelor of Fine Arts	6		
	Bachelor of Multi-Disciplinary Studies	51		
	Bachelor of Music	2		
	Bachelor of Science	29		
	Bachelor of Science (IMC)	50		
	Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering	1		
	Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice	14		
	Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science	22		
	Bachelor of Science in Law Studies	9		
	Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences	79		
	Bachelor of Science in Public Health	12		
	Bachelor of Social Work	37		
	Bachelor of University Studies	5		
	Graduate			
	Master of Accountancy	51		
	Master of Accountancy and Data Analytics	55		
	Master of Arts	24		
	Master of Business Administration	52		
	Master of Criminal Justice	10		
	Master of Education	22		

Institution	Degree to be Conferred	Number	Subtotal	Total
	Master of Fine Arts	3		
	Master of Laws	10		
	Master of Public Health	2		
	Master of Science	53		
	Master of Science in Criminal Justice	10		
	Master of Science in Exercise Science	1		
	Master of Social Work	12		
	Master of Taxation	5		
	Master of Taxation and Data Analytics	17		
	Specialist in Education	12		
	Doctor of Education	3		
	Doctor of Pharmacy	1		
	Doctor of Philosophy	50		
	Total Undergraduate Degrees		**896**	
	Total Graduate Degrees		**393**	
	Total Degrees			**1,289**
University of Mississippi Medical Center				
	Undergraduate			
	Bachelor of Science in Nursing	99		
	Graduate			
	Master of Executive Population Health Management	4		
	Master of Health Informatics and Information Management	1		
	Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences	2		
	Master of Science in Nursing	6		
	Doctor of Nursing Practice	5		
	Doctor of Philosophy	6		
	Total Undergraduate Degrees		**99**	
	Total Graduate Degrees		**24**	
	Total Degrees			**123**
University of Southern Mississippi				
	Undergraduate			
	Bachelor of Applied Science	8		
	Bachelor of Arts	11		
	Bachelor of Fine Arts	1		
	Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies	2		
	Bachelor of Liberal Studies	9		
	Bachelor of Science	86		
	Bachelor of Science in Business Administration	43		
	Bachelor of Science in Nursing	30		
	Bachelor of University Studies	3		
	Graduate			
	Master of Arts	6		
	Master of Arts in Teaching of Languages	2		
	Master of Business Administration	40		
	Master of Education	8		
	Master of Library and Information Science	14		
	Master of Music Education	2		
	Master of Professional Accountancy	6		

Institution	Degree to be Conferred	Number	Subtotal	Total
	Master of Public Health	7		
	Master of Science	86		
	Master of Social Work	1		
	Specialist in Education	22		
	Doctor of Education	64		
	Doctor of Musical Arts	2		
	Doctor of Philosophy	27		
	Total Undergraduate Degrees		**193**	
	Total Graduate Degrees		**287**	
	Total Degrees			**480**
System Total Undergraduate Degrees			**1,911**	
System Total Graduate Degrees			**1,343**	
System Total Degrees				**3,254**

*Note: System Total for summer 2026 represents an increase of 98 from summer 2025's total of 3,156.

FINANCE

3. **MSU** – Approved the request to enter a new lease agreement with the Mississippi State University Research & Technology Corporation (RTC) for space at 60 Research Boulevard in Starkville, Mississippi. MSU will lease 10,000 square feet of space to Bulldog Innovation Labs, an MSU-based incubator with specialized shared and private wet lab facilities for emerging deep tech companies, a fully equipped maker space for the community, dedicated collaboration space, retail innovation and research space, and private office spaces. The ten-year lease term will begin upon the date of the last signature of the Agreement. Rent is $10,000 per month, and total rent for the ten-year term is $1,200,000.00 plus actual utility costs. Pursuant to Board Policy 707.03 Approval of Prepayment for Goods and Services, the Board also approved the request for the institution to prepay the lease rent in advance. The contract will be paid with MSU Foundation 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.
4. **MVSU** – Granted retroactive approval to July 1, 2026, for the University to enter a software license and application service provider agreement with Instructure, Inc. through the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services. Instructure, Inc. will provide MVSU with the Canvas Learning Management System and associated cloud-based application services and includes software licensing, system hosting, maintenance, software updates and enhancements, technical support, and platform administration services. The term of the contract is July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. The total cost is $63,264.41 to be paid with Title III 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. **UMMC** – Approved the request to enter a Spinal Products Purchasing Agreement with Alphatec Spine, Inc. (Alphatec) for the purchase of spinal implant and neurosurgery products used in surgical procedures for spine surgery. The Board also approved the request for the institution to add or remove products under the agreement, including by amendment, without seeking prior Board approval as long as it does not increase the

approved expenditure level. The term of the agreement is three (3) years, from September 1, 2026, through August 31, 2029. The total estimated cost of the agreement over the three (3) year term is $12,000,000. This 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.

6. **UMMC** – Approved the request to amend its existing Video Management & Access Control Systems Implementation and Services Agreement (the "Agreement") with Gorrie-Regan & Associates, Inc. (Gorrie-Regan) to expand the Statement of Work for additional products and services for additional UMMC locations. The Board also approved the request for the institution to add or remove products, services, and locations covered by the Agreement without seeking prior Board approval as long as it does not increase the approved expenditure level. This expansion will allow UMMC to update converted facilities that currently remain on the previous, aged CCTV and access control systems onto the new system. The term of the amended agreement will remain three (3) years, from November 25, 2025 through November 24, 2028. The amendment will not change the term of the original Agreement. The estimated total cost of the amended agreement over the three-year term is $4,140,000.00. The original cost of the agreement was $2,704,020.76. The amendment will add $1,435,979.24 to the agreement. The agreement will be funded by 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.
7. **UMMC** – Approved the request to enter an Equipment Lease Agreement with Med One Capital Funding, LLC (Med One) for the lease of 7D Navigation Equipment, to be placed at UMMC's Jackson Main Campus by OrthoPediatrics, for use by UMMC for spinal surgery. The term of the agreement is three (3) years, from September 1, 2026, through August 31, 2029. In addition to the commitment to purchase OrthoPediatric spinal implants, UMMC will pay a total of $760,976 to Med One over the three (3) year term. This 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.
8. **UMMC** – Approved the request to enter a Purchase Agreement with Medtronic Sofamor Danek (Medtronic) for the purchase of spinal implant and neurosurgery products used in surgical procedures for spine surgery. The Board also approved the request for the institution to add or remove products under the agreement, including by amendment, without seeking prior Board approval as long as it does not increase the approved expenditure level. The term of the agreement is three (3) years, from September 1, 2026, through August 31, 2029. The total estimated cost of the agreement over the three (3) year term is $11,300,000. This 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 Medtronic Enabling Technologies Placement Program Agreement with Medtronic USA, Inc. (Medtronic) for the placement of Medtronic Enabling Technologies equipment, through a lease, at no cost to UMMC as long as annual minimum purchase commitments are met from purchases of spinal implant and neurosurgery products governed by a separate purchase agreement with Medtronic

Sofamor Danek. The Board approved the request for the institution to add or remove products under the agreement, including by amendment, without seeking prior Board approval as long as it does not increase the approved expenditure level. The term of the agreement is three (3) years, from September 1, 2026, through August 31, 2029. The total estimated cost of the agreement over the three (3) year term is $11,300,000. This 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.

10. **UMMC** – Approved the request to enter a Growth Rebate Agreement with OrthoPediatrics U.S. Distribution Corporation (OrthoPediatrics) for the opportunity to earn rebates based on annual purchases of spinal implants and neurosurgery products used in surgical procedures for spine surgery. The Board approved the request for the institution to add or remove products eligible for rebates under the agreement, including by amendment, without seeking prior Board approval as long as adequate funds are available. The term of the agreement is three (3) years, from September 1, 2026, through August 31, 2029. The total estimated cost of the agreement over the three (3) year term is $9,900,000. This 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.
11. **UMMC** – Approved the request to enter a 7D Navigation Equipment Placement Agreement with OrthoPediatrics U.S. Distribution Corporation and OrthoPediatrics Corporation (together, "OrthoPediatrics") for the placement and service by OrthoPediatrics of the 7D Navigation Equipment, purchased by Med One Capital Funding, LLC for lease to UMMC, at its Jackson Main Campus, with the placement at no cost if UMMC meets certain minimum purchase commitments of eligible purchases of spinal implants and neurosurgery products used in surgical procedures for spine surgery. The term of the agreement is three (3) years, from September 1, 2026, through August 31, 2029. The total estimated cost of the agreement over the three (3) year term is $9,900,000. Pursuant to Board Policy 707.03 Approval of Prepayment for Goods and Services, the Board also approved the request for the institution to prepay the annual rent in advance. This 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.
12. **UMMC** – Approved the request to waive the annual audit requirement applicable to IHL approved affiliation agreement with the UMMC Research Development Foundation for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2025 and June 30, 2026. Board Staff have considered and reviewed the source documents in accordance with Board Policy 301.0806 University Foundation/Affiliated Entity Activities, subsection D. General Requirements of Affiliation Agreements, subsection 9 and have considered a revenue and asset floor of less than $100,000 for each classification, in addition to no significant findings observed by the IHL Office of Internal Audit.

REAL ESTATE

13. **UM** – Approved the initiation of IHL 207-531, UOX Airport East Ramp Expansion, and the appointment of BARGE Design Solutions, Inc. as the design professional. The project will expand the east ramp area of the UOX Airport to provide additional space for safe and secure aircraft parking and storage that meets all FAA guidelines and requirements. The estimated project budget is $8 million. Funds are available from Internal R&R ($8,000,000).
14. **JSU** – Approved the request to increase the budget for GS 103-317, University Pointe Residence Hall Improvement, from $4,924,461 to $10,924,461 for an increase of $6,000,000, to clarify the scope of the project to include Phase A and Phase B, and to clarify the funding sources for the project. Upon completion of both phases, a combined total of 156 beds will be restored to service by Fall 2027. The budget increase will support Phase B renovations with funds provided through Senate Bill 2189, Laws of 2026. Funds are available from Senate Bill 2001, 1st Extraordinary Session, Laws of 2025 ($743,166.60), Senate Bill 2468, Laws of 2024 ($4,181,294.40), and Senate Bill 2189, Laws of 2026 ($6,000,000.00).
15. **USM** – Approved the request to increase the budget for GS 108-302, Science Research Facility, from $51,412,500.00 to $87,898,996.51 for an increase of $36,486,496.51, and to clarify the scope and funding sources of the project. The project will construct a new Central Mechanical Plant within the footprint of the overall building at the basement level with a cooling capacity of around 4,500 tons when fully completed. The scope of the project is just under 100,000 gross square feet when mechanical spaces are included. The location of the facility is at Weathersby Lawn south of Walker Science Center. It is designed on three levels in two wings with a two-story bridge connection at the north end of the facility just south of Walker Science Center. The University will add 1) House Bill 1730, Laws of 2020 (House Bill 1983 Laws of 2024 Hickman) in the amount of $330,660.56; this is an increase to the $10,000,000 previously received from this project; 2) outside funding [SURETY SET] from GS 108-287 in the amount of $28,149.95; and Senate Bill 2917, Laws of 2026 in the amount of $30,000,000. This increased amount of funding does not provide what is necessary to construct the current design. Based on inflation since the last request in 2024, the University estimates the overall project cost increased from $100,000,000 to approximately $112,000,000 to $120,000,000. Therefore, USM is currently fund-raising for the remaining amount of money needed from private donors as well as federal grants to meet the total budget needed. Even with the additional funding received, the project is still in the Schematic Design (SD) phase awaiting full funding to move forward. Funds are available from Senate Bill 2971, Laws of 2021 $750,000.00; Senate Bill 2971, Laws of 2021 (House Bill 1983, Laws of 2024 Hickman) $10 million; House Bill 1730, Laws of 2020 (House Bill 1983 Laws of 2024 Hickman) $330,660.56; Outside Funding [SURETY SET] from 108-287 $28,149.95; House Bill 1353, Laws of 2022 $11 million; House Bill 603, Laws of 2023 $17,162,500; Senate Bill 2468, Laws of 2024 $18,627,686; and Senate Bill 2917, Laws of 2026 $30 million.
16. **MSU** – Approved the request to clarify the funding source for IHL 205-336, South Campus Mechanical Plant, to include $20,000,000 appropriated through Senate Bill 2189, Laws of 2026 as a funding source. The previously approved project budget will remain unchanged. The new 18,000 square foot south campus mechanical plant provides redundancy to the

existing campus utility loop and space for planned future growth on campus. The new plant site is between Dorman Hall and Agricultural & Engineering Building along Creelman Street. Funds are available from University Designated Funds ($15,000,000); Senate Bill 2189, Laws of 2026 ($20,000,000).

17. **UM** – Approved the request to change the funding source for IHL 207-468, Art, Theatre, & Film Departments Facilities project to include UMEBC financing in lieu of previously listed internal funding. The project budget will remain unchanged. The scope of work for IHL 207-468.1A Scene Shop & Sound Stage includes renovation of the former JCPenney space in the Jackson Avenue Center creating new spaces for a scene shop, rehearsal studio/sound stage, rehearsal viewing area, dressing rooms, offices, conferencing areas, storage, and loading dock area. The remaining space will be renovated for university multi-purpose use. The renovation will also include upgrades to the mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire systems within the existing building. The scope of work for IHL 207-468.1B Music Hall Recording Studio includes expansion of the existing Music Hall to house a rehearsal space, lobby/waiting area, recording/sound booth, storage, offices, mechanical/electrical/data area, and other support spaces. The project budget is $35,938,912. Funds are available from UMEBC Bonds ($27,500,000) and Donor Funds ($8,438,912).
18. **UM** – Approved the request to change the scope of IHL 207-498, NW Mechanical Plant (Mechanical Phase III) project to utilize remaining project contingency funds for bidding to add a piping phase to the project scope by extending the current design contract. The current design team has specialized knowledge to design the network of connections most efficiently. The project budget is $31,400,000. Funds are available from Internal R&R ($31,400,000).
19. **UM** – Approved the request to modify the funding source for IHL 207-519, Vardaman Hall Renovation, to include UMEBC financing. The project will include a complete renovation of the exterior and interior of Vardaman Hall to provide space for a Student Engagement Center. The project budget is $10 million. Funds are available from UMEBC Financing ($10 million).
20. **UM** – Approved the request to change the scope and project name of IHL 207-521 from New Student Housing Services Building to Campus Services Buildings to reflect the additional scop that is unrelated to housing. The project will provide additional warehouse, office, and support space in new building facilities to support various service entities on campus. One new building to be located near the core of Student Housing on the existing Student Housing Services Building site. The second building is to be located near the Facilities Management Shops and Warehouse area. The proposed project budget for design fees only is $1.5 million. Funds are available from Self-generated Housing Revenue ($1,500,000).
21. **UM** – Approved the request to increase the budget for IHL 207-524, Johnson Commons West – Rebel Market Expansion, from $1,500,000 to $16,250,000 for an increase of $14,750,000 and to clarify the funding source to include self-generated contractual services revenues. The project will provide additional food service and dining accommodation, adding 250 more seats for inside dining and address operational and physical building deficiencies. Funds are available from Self-generated Contractual Services Revenues ($16,250,000).

22. **UM** – Approved the request to increase the budget for IHL 407-014, New School of Accountancy, from $138,000,000 to $144,086,912 for an increase of $6,086,912 and to clarify the funding sources to include SB 2189, Laws of 2026 as well as UMEBC Financing. The project will construct a new +/- 172,000 square foot facility to provide large classroom auditoria, classrooms, graduate student spaces, computer rooms, administrative spaces, and support spaces. The new building will be located on the east side of Grove Loop. Funds are available from HB 1353, Laws of 2022 ($1,000,000); HB 603, Laws of 2023 ($14,382,500); UMEBC Bonds ($86,086,912); SB 2189, Laws of 2026 ($10,000,000); Internal R&R ($2,617,500); and Donations ($30,000,000).
23. **UMMC** – Approved the request to increase the budget for IHL 409-005, New School of Nursing, project from $68,675,000 to $68,961,000 for an increase of $286,000 and to clarify the funding source to include philanthropic funds. The new building will replace the existing School of Nursing that was constructed in 1965. Funds are available from SB 3010, Laws of 2022 ARPA ($55,000,000); UMMC Patient Generated Revenue ($13,675,000); and Philanthropic ($286,000).
24. **UM** – Approved the request to demolish Triplett Alumni Center and delete it from inventory to provide a suitable site for the new Triplett Alumni Center building. The letter of approval has been received from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, stating Triplett Alumni Center is not eligible for designation as a Mississippi Landmark and work to the property requires no further review for ten (10) years from the date of the signed MOA. All legal documentation will be kept on file in the IHL Office of Real Estate and Facilities.
25. **UM** – Approved the exterior design of IHL 207-524, Johnson Commons West – Rebel Market Expansion. The project will provide additional food service and dining accommodation, adding 250 more seats for inside dining and address operational and physical building deficiencies. Funds are available from Self-Generated Contractual Services Revenues. A copy of the renderings is included in the August 20, 2026 Board Book.
26. **UM**- Approved the request to grant a right-of-way easement to the City of Oxford for road improvements including the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Old Taylor Road and Chucky Mullins Drive in Oxford. At the University's request, the City of Oxford will construct pedestrian walkways as part of the improvements. The University, bargains, sells, and conveys unto the City of Oxford, Mississippi, a municipal corporation, a non-exclusive easement to be used for the construction and maintenance of a right-of-way for Chucky Mullins Drive and Old Taylor Road over, above, under, though, and across, the property described as: The City of Oxford will construct a right-of-way within the easement area. The easement area covers 0.883 acres (38466 sq. ft.), more or less, in the Northwest Quarter of Section 32 and the Southwest Quarter of Section 29, Township 8 South, Range 3 West, Lafayette County, Mississippi. The easement may be terminated any time after six months of continuous non-use of the easement and the easement area by the City of Oxford. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed easement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable.
27. **UMMC** – Approved the request to enter an amendment to the land lease entered with The Mississippi Methodist Hospital and Rehabilitation Center, Inc. ("MMRC") on or about July 6, 1970, and amended on or about March 20, 1972. This amendment will also be

executed by the Board in order to be consistent with the original lease and amendment. MMRC is located on land owned by the State of Mississippi under a 99-year ground lease executed in 1969 for the purpose of constructing and operating the inpatient rehabilitation hospital. The ground lease has been in continuous effect for more than 50 years and will expire on July 5, 2069. Under the lease terms, no funds are exchanged for the property, and the sole consideration for the lease is an affiliation agreement with UMMC. MMRC is currently pursuing a federal funding opportunity through HRSA for an entrance canopy replacement project. The renovation project is focused on improving patient access and safety. Right now, the canopy clearance is too low for modern emergency and transport vehicles, and with surrounding development, it also creates challenges for fire and emergency vehicles to access the front of the building. The renovations would increase the clearance under the canopy. Care would be taken to ensure that emergency vehicle access to the immediate south of the canopy would not be impeded in any way by the improvements. The Board further approved the request to sign and submit a "Landlord Letter of Consent," which is required by the Health Resources and Services Administration ("HRSA") for MMRC to be considered for a federal grant opportunity for leasehold improvements. The grant opportunity requires a "Landlord Letter of Consent" for leasehold improvement projects, and the letter must include acknowledgment of certain federal real property requirements, including potential federal interest in the property and Notice of Federal Interest (NFI) provisions. The letter must also include the landlord's agreement to modify the lease to include several new terms. The original lease was for a term of fifty (50) years with an option to renew for an additional forty-nine (49) years. The proposed amendment would not change the term. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed easement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable.

28. **UMMC** – Approved the request to appoint Codaray Construction, LLC. as the project Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) for IHL 209-589, Cancer Center and Research Institute. The project will provide an interdisciplinary educational facility with a world-class comprehensive cancer center and research institute. The building will have multiple floors with approximately 200,000 building gross square feet and have an adjacent parking garage. The project budget is $250,000,000. Funds are available from General Funds ($16,500,000); SB 2917, Laws of 2026 ($100,000,000); Federal Funds ($8,500,000); and Philanthropic ($125,000,000).
29. **USM** – Approved the request to utilize the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) project delivery method for GS 108-302, Science Research Facility in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 31-7-13.2 in lieu of the traditional design-bid-build delivery method. This approach is expected to mitigate the risks associated with advanced laboratory and biosafety systems, central utility infrastructure, and high mechanical complexity. The project will construct a new Central Mechanical Plant within the footprint of the overall building at the basement level with a cooling capacity of around 4,500 tons when fully completed.
30. **USM** – Approved the exterior design of GS 108-302, Science Research Facility. A copy of the renderings is included in the August 20, 2026 Board Book.
31. **USM** – Approved the request to demolish building 973 located at 117 Beach Park Place on the Gulf Park Campus and remove it from inventory. After the structure is removed, the site will be graded so there are no potential safety hazards. USM submitted a Notice of Intent to the Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH), stating that the

building is noncontributing and poses a risk to the health, safety, and welfare of the campus community. MDAH has approved the demolition of the building. All legal documentation will be kept on file in the IHL Office of Real Estate and Facilities.

LEGAL

32. **MSU** – Approved the request to enter a contract for professional legal services with the law firm of Eric F. Greenberg for the provision of services necessary to assist the University with FDA laws related to food safety and compliance with requirements of the FDA for a proposed food contact product. The term of the agreement is two years effective August 21, 2026 through August 20, 2028. The blended hourly rate for all attorneys is $600 and $400 for the services of Scientist, Dr. George D. Sadler. The maximum amount payable under the term of the agreement is $150,000 per year. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of $2 million per claim with an annual aggregate of $2 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.
33. **UM** – Granted retroactive approval of the amendment to an existing contract for professional legal services with the law firm of Sun Sovereign LLC d/b/a Ware|Immigration for the provision of legal services as needed regarding immigration matters, including but not limited to the preparation of labor certification applications on behalf of the University for its employees to seek permanent residence status. Due to the increase in workload in the second half of 2026, the university seeks to retroactively amend the agreement to increase the allowable expenditures for FY 2026 by $75,000, for a total of $175,000 in allowable expenditures for FY 2026, effective May 1, 2026. All other provisions of the existing agreement, which expired on June 30, 2026, remain unchanged. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.
34. **UMMC** – Pending approval by the Office of the Attorney General, the Board approved the request to enter a contract for professional legal services with the law firm of Jones Walker, LLP to assist and advise on environmental regulatory and compliance matters, real estate issues, and commercial and general matters. The term of the agreement is two years effective August 20, 2026 through June 30, 2028. The hourly rates are $350 for partners, $265 for associate attorneys and $120 for paralegal services with a maximum amount payable of $500,000 over the two-year term of the agreement. This firm carries a self-insured retention of $1 million per claim and a $2 million annual aggregate and professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of $50 million per claim with an annual aggregate of $100 million.
35. **MVSU** – Approved an affiliation agreement between the University and the MVSU James Herbert White Foundation. The term of the agreement is one-year effective April 1, 2026 until March 31, 2027. The affiliation agreement meets the requirements of Board Policy 301.0806 University Foundation/Affiliated Entity Activities. The Attorney General's Office 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.

PERSONNEL REPORT

36. ***Employment***

Mississippi State University
Mr. Donnie H. Coggins; *rehired retiree; Building Maintenance Tech I,* Student Housing – Facilities Admin; salary of $24,000 per annum, pro rata; Designated Funds; 12-month contract; effective May 18, 2026

Mississippi Valley State University

- Ivory Bogan; *rehired retiree,* Consultant; salary of $33,750 per annum, pro rata; Title III Funds; 12-month contract; effective July 1, 2026
- May Claiborn; *rehired retiree;* Project Coordinator; salary of $22,500 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; effective July 1, 2026
- Sharon Freeman; *rehired retiree*; Senior Analyst IRE; salary of $28,000 per annum, pro rata; Title III Funds; 12-month contract; effective July 1, 2026
- Edgar Holman, Jr.; *rehired retiree*; Instructor of Math, Computer and Information Science; salary of $29,150 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; effective August 10, 2026
- Darrell James; *rehired retiree*; Instructor of Math, Computer and Information Science; salary of $21,414 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; effective August 10, 2026
- Gwendolyn Vaughn; *rehired retiree*; Instructor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation; salary of $30,750 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; effective August 10, 2026
- Harvey Wardell; *rehired retiree*; Assistant Professor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation; salary of $22,500 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; effective August 10, 2026
- Stacy White; *rehired retiree*; Associate Professor of Math, Computer and Information Science; salary of $31,239 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; effective August 10, 2026
- Raymond Williams; *rehired retiree*; Professor of Math, Computer and Information Science; salary of $33,930 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; effective August 10, 2026

37. ***Change of Status***

Alcorn State University

- Shirley Evers-Manly; *from* Dean, School of Nursing; salary $178,900 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; *to* Professor*;* salary $133,900 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; effective July 1, 2026

- Ira Sewell; *from* Associate Professor/Coordinator ASN/BSN; salary $122,878 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; *to* Acting Dean, School of Nursing; salary $143,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; effective July 1, 2026

Jackson State University

Tanya A. Wells-Kilbert; *from* Associate Athletics Director; salary $190,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; *to* Interim Vice President & Athletics Director; salary $300,000 per annum, pro rata, E&G Funds; 12-month contract; effective September 1, 2026

REGULAR AGENDAS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Presented by Trustee Teresa Hubbard, Chair

On motion by Trustee Hubbard, seconded by Trustee Griffith, with Trustees Heidelberg, Hubbard, and Martin 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 Hubbard, seconded by Trustee Clark, with Trustees Heidelberg, Hubbard, and Martin participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #2. On motion by Trustee Hubbard, seconded by Trustee Cummings, with Trustees Heidelberg, Hubbard, and Martin participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #3. On motion by Trustee Hubbard, seconded by Trustee Arrington, with Trustees Heidelberg, Hubbard, and Martin participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #4. On motion by Trustee Hubbard, seconded by Trustee Cummings, with Trustees Heidelberg, Hubbard, and Martin participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #5. On motion by Trustee Hubbard, seconded by Trustee Cummings, with Trustees Heidelberg, Hubbard, and Martin participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #6. On motion by Trustee Hubbard, seconded by Trustee Rader, with Trustees Heidelberg, Hubbard, and Martin participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #7.

1. **SYSTEM** – Approved the request to add new academic degree programs, as follows:
    a. **MSU** – Proposed program title: Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Criminal Justice
    CIP code: 43.0103
    Total credit hours: 120
    Effective date: August 2026
    b. **MSU** – Proposed program title: Bachelor of Science (BS) in Human Forensic Science
    CIP code: 43.0406
    Total credit hours: 120

Effective date: August 2026

c. **USM** – Proposed program title: Bachelor of Science (BS) in Social Media and Digital Communication
CIP code: 09.0702
Total credit hours: 120
Effective date: August 2026

2. **SYSTEM** – Approved the request to add new centers, as follows:
   a. **ASU** – Proposed center title: Mississippi Small Business Development Center
   Center location: Alcorn School of Business in partnership with the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences
   Scope: Extensive Scope and Outreach
   Type: Type 1 (Academic, Teaching, or Research)
   Effective date: October 2025
   b. **USM** – Proposed center title: Center for Sales Excellence
   Center location: College of Business and Economic Development, School of Marketing
   Scope: Limited Scope and Outreach
   Type: Type 1 (Academic, Teaching, or Research)
   Effective date: August 2026
3. **SYSTEM** – Approved the proposed amendments to eight Board policies for final reading. The amendments update policy language to reflect the co-branding of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) as The Commission on Colleges and Universities. While the corporation will do business as "The Commission on Colleges and Universities" or as "The Commission," it will continue to accredit institutions under the name of the Department of Education- approved accrediting agency, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Inc., to prevent any disruption for its accredited institutions. The eight policies are as follows:
   102.03 Institutional Mission Statements
   201.0509 Institutional Executive Officer/Commissioner of Higher Education Search Process, Subsection A. General Policy
   506 Course Requirements
   507 Accreditation
   508 Accreditation Procedures
   509 Distance Learning Policy
   518 Credit for Prior Learning
   520 Awarding of Credits Earned Through Military Learning
   The Board also waived the requirement for a second reading of the revisions as required by Board Policy 201.0302 Procedures for Changing Board Policies and Adopting New Policies. **(See Composite Exhibit 1.)**
4. **SYSTEM** – Approved the proposed amendments to Board Policy 301.0801 Duties of the Institutional Executive Officers, Subsection F. and Policy 615 Student Appeals for final reading. The proposed amendments allow an Institutional Executive Officer to appoint a designee to handle student affairs matters. The Board waived the requirement for a second

reading of the revisions as required by Board Policy 201.0302 Procedures for Changing Board Policies and Adopting New Policies. **(See Composite Exhibit 1.)**

5. **SYSTEM** – Approved the proposed amendments to Board Policy 517 Transfer of the Associate Arts Degree from a Mississippi Community/Junior College for final reading and waived the requirement for a second reading of the revisions as required by Board Policy 201.0302 Procedures for Changing Board Policies and Adopting New Policies. **(See Composite Exhibit 1.)**
6. **SYSTEM** – Approved the proposed amendments to Board Policy 521 Applied Baccalaureate Degree for first reading. **(See Composite Exhibit 1.)**
7. **SYSTEM** – Approved the proposed amendments to Board Policy 604 Other Applicants, subsection A. Applicants without a Diploma from a Regionally Accredited High School; Home School Students, for final reading and waived the requirement for a second reading of the revisions as required by Board Policy 201.0302 Procedures for Changing Board Policies and Adopting New Policies. **(See Composite Exhibit 1.)**

FINANCE AGENDA

Presented by Trustee Charlie Stephenson, Chair

Trustee Ogletree recused himself from discussing or voting on items #1 - #5 on the Finance Agenda before there was any discussion or vote regarding the same. With Trustee Ogletree out of the room, on motion by Trustee Stephenson, seconded by Trustee Clark, with Trustee Ogletree absent and not voting and Trustees Heidelberg, Hubbard, and Martin participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve items #1 - #4 as submitted on the Finance Agenda. Trustee Martin recused himself from discussing or voting on item #5 on the Finance Agenda before there was any discussion or vote regarding the same. With Trustee Ogletree out of the room and Trustee Martin in the Zoom waiting room, on motion by Trustee Stephenson, seconded by Trustee Cummings, with Trustees Martin and Ogletree absent and not voting and Trustees Heidelberg, Hubbard, and Martin participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #5. Trustee Martin was readmitted to the meeting and Trustee Ogletree returned to the room. Trustee Arrington recused herself from discussing or voting on item #6 on the Finance Agenda before there was any discussion or vote regarding the same. With Trustee Arrington out of the room, on motion by Trustee Stephenson, seconded by Trustee Ogletree, with Trustee Arrington absent and not voting and Trustees Heidelberg, Hubbard, and Martin participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #6. Trustee Arrington returned to the room following the discussion and vote on item #6. Trustee Cummings recused herself from discussing or voting on item #7 on the Finance Agenda before there was any discussion or vote regarding the same. With Trustee Cummings out of the room, on motion by Trustee Stephenson, seconded by Trustee Griffith, with Trustee Cummings absent and not voting and Trustees Heidelberg, Hubbard, and Martin participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #7. Trustee Cummings returned to the room following the discussion and vote on item #7. Trustees Clark and Cunningham recused themselves from discussing or voting on item #8 on the Finance Agenda before there was any discussion or vote regarding the same. With Trustees Clark and Cunningham out of the room, on motion by Trustee Stephenson,

seconded by Trustee Arrington, with Trustees Clark and Cunningham absent and not voting and Trustees Heidelberg, Hubbard, and Martin participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #8. Trustees Clark and Cunningham returned to the room following the discussion and vote on item #8.

1. **UM** – Approved the request to enter a contract with PRG – Oxford Properties, LLC (PRG) related to the Public Private Partnership (P3) project for additional student housing on the West Row site. This agreement dictates what administrative and operational services UM will provide to students that reside in the P3 student housing facilities. The term of the agreement is five (5) years. UM will be reimbursed for the budgeted annual Administrative Services Expense plus reimbursement of approved operating costs, based on the annual budget. The annual budget will be set each year with input from UM and PRG. Funds are available from project revenues. 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.
2. **UM** – Approved the request to enter a Ground Lease for the West Row Site (as defined in Exhibit A of the Ground Lease) with PRG – Oxford Properties LLC ("PRG"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Provident Resources Group, to lease a portion of the land to PRG specifically designated and approved by the 2025 Mississippi Senate Bill 2519 for the purposes of developing student housing beds to support enrollment growth and student success. The West Row site includes a parcel of land encompassing approximately 15.65 acres and will allow for the construction of the student housing buildings, a parking lot, and a food and beverage truck pad site (the "Project"). When executing the ground lease agreement, PRG will act as the new housing asset's owner and will simultaneously transfer the construction and development responsibilities to Greystar. After substantial completion of the Project (July 2028), the ground lease will terminate as to the parking lot and the food and beverage truck pad site and the ground lease will only include the building pad site and student housing improvements located thereon, encompassing approximately 4.68 acres. Also, after completion of construction, PRG will contract with Greystar to operate and manage the student housing project. PRG will fund the full development of the project using tax-exempt and taxable bonds. Like Phase I, financing for Phase II will be secured via the Public Finance Authority, which will act as the conduit issuer for the project's tax-exempt and taxable construction debt. Project revenues from student rents will support any associated operating costs, debt service, and repair & replacement reserves. Any surplus cash flow, will be returned to the University as annual rent. The University will not be responsible for paying project debt. 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 Staffing Services Agreement with Krewe Anesthesia, LLC (Krewe) to provide supplemental Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA) staffing services to maintain anesthesia coverage and continuity of patient care at UMMC facilities in Hinds and Madison Counties. The term of the agreement is five (5) years, from September 1, 2026, through August 31, 2031. The total estimated cost of the agreement over the five (5) year term is $18,450,000. This 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.

4. **UMMC** – Approved the request the request to enter a Pricing Agreement with W.L. Gore & Associates, Inc. (Gore) for the purchase of endoprosthesis and vascular stent products. These products are for the treatment of complex arterial and vascular stenosis in adult and pediatric patients. The Board also approved the request for the institution to add or remove products and locations covered by the agreement, including by amendment, without seeking prior Board approval as long as it does not increase the approved expenditure level. The term of the agreement is two (2) years, from September 1, 2026, through August 31, 2028. The total estimated cost over the two (2) year term is $10,575,000. UMMC has included funds for a projected seventeen percent (17%) annual growth in volume. This 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.
5. **JSU** – Approved the request to enter a lease (hotel) agreement with Capital Hotel Associates, LLC d/b/a The Westin Jackson for the lease of hotel rooms to provide housing accommodations for students enrolled in its 2026-2027 Executive Ph.D. program. Westin will provide up to one hundred seventy-nine (179) room nights per event date, for a total of two thousand two hundred forty-eight (2,248) room nights at a rate of $169.00 per room beginning September 7, 2026 through August 2, 2027. In addition, the Westin will provide meeting rooms, complimentary rooms for program-related faculty/staff participants, banquet facilities, internet service, parking, and complimentary breakfast. The term of the agreement is September 7, 2026 to August 2, 2027. This agreement shall not exceed $379,912.00. This agreement will be funded by E&G 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.
6. **UMMC** – Approved the request to enter a Medical Office Building Lease with Hattiesburg Clinic, P.A. (Hattiesburg Clinic) for approximately 4,525 square feet of clinical/office space located in Hattiesburg, MS, for use as Children's of Mississippi Hattiesburg Specialty Clinic. The term of this Agreement shall be five (5) years, beginning on September 1, 2026, and ending on September 30, 2031. Base Rent shall commence on October 1, 2026. The estimated total cost of the lease is $700,000 over the five (5) year term. UMMC's initial base rent is $28.00 per square foot, with an annual increase of two percent (2%) after year one (1). Pursuant to Board Policy 707.03 Approval of Prepayment for Goods and Services, the Board also approved the request for the institution to prepay the monthly rent in advance. The lease will be funded by 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.
7. **UMMC** – Approved the request to enter a Medical Office Building Lease with North Mississippi Medical Center (NMMC) for approximately 7,400 square feet of clinical and office space located in Tupelo, Mississippi. The term of the lease if five (5) years, beginning on September 1, 2026 and will expire on or about August 31, 2031. The estimated total cost of the lease is $1,075,000 over the five (5) year term. UMMC's initial base rent is $18.00 per square foot, with a two percent (2%) annual increase beginning in year two. In addition to the base rent, UMMC will pay rent of $5,297.17 per month, which

will also increase annually by two percent (2%). Pursuant to Board Policy 707.03 Approval of Prepayment for Goods and Services, the Board also approved the request for the institution to prepay the monthly rent in advance. The lease will be funded by 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.

8. **USM** – Approved the request to enter a Facility Naming Agreement between USM and Renasant Bank to name USM's football Stadium, currently identified as M.M. Roberts Stadium, to hereinafter be named "Renasant Stadium" during the term of the Agreement in consideration of naming rights fees paid to USM by Renasant Bank pursuant to the proposed agreement in accordance with the requirements of Board Policy 917 Naming Buildings and Facilities. The Agreement will become effective on August 21, 2026, upon execution following Board approval, and will extend through June 30, 2036, a period of approximately ten (10) years (9 years, 10 months, and 9 days). Renasant Bank will pay a total of $13,706,838 for naming rights fees to the University during the term of the agreement. A breakdown of the annual costs is included in the August 20, 2026 Board Book. 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 Gregg Rader, Chair

Trustee Ogletree recused himself from discussing or voting on items #1 - #3 on the Real Estate Agenda before there was any discussion or vote regarding the same. With Trustee Ogletree out of the room, on motion by Trustee Rader, seconded by Trustee Clark, with Trustee Ogletree absent and not voting and Trustees Heidelberg, Hubbard, and Martin participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #1 as submitted on the Real Estate Agenda. On motion by Trustee Rader, seconded by Trustee Stephenson, with Trustee Ogletree absent and not voting and Trustees Heidelberg, Hubbard, and Martin participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #2. On motion by Trustee Rader, seconded by Trustee Arrington, with Trustee Ogletree absent and not voting and Trustees Heidelberg, Hubbard, and Martin participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #3. Trustee Ogletree returned to the room following the discussion and vote on items #1 - #3.

1. **MSU** – Approved the initiation of IHL 205-371, Crossroads District Parking Structure, and the appointment of Wier Boerner Allin Architecture, PLLC (WBA) as the design professional. The project consists of the planning, programming, feasibility analysis, design, and construction of a structured parking facility with a capacity of approximately 500 to 700 vehicles on university-owned property located across University Drive from Hotel Madelon within the Crossroads District. The project budget for design fees only is $1 million. Funds are available from Internal Funds ($1,000,000).
2. **MSU** – Approved the request to increase the budget for IHL 205-360, Leo Seal Jr. Football Complex Addition, from $11,000,000 to $24,000,000 for an increase of $13,000,000. The project will expand and modernize the existing facility over three phases. Phase A includes utility relocations and realignment of the natural grass practice fields to make way for the

new indoor practice facility. Phase B includes the construction of the new indoor practice facility, a sports science wing, connections to the existing building, and selective renovations. Phase C includes select interior renovations and improvements to student athlete and staff spaces. Funds are available from Athletics Designated Funds ($24,000,000).

3. **USM** – Approved the exterior design for IHL 208-399, Pete Tyalor Park Renovation and Additions. The University will present these drawings to prospective donors and the public as necessary for funding raising efforts. The project scope will be determined later. These renderings are for conceptual purposes only. A copy of the renderings are included in the August 20, 2026 Board Book.

LEGAL AGENDA

Presented by Trustee Jimmy Heidelberg, Chair

Trustee Clark recused himself from discussing or voting on item #1 on the Legal Agenda before there was any discussion or vote regarding the same. With Trustee Clark out of the room, on motion by Trustee Cunningham, seconded by Trustee Rader, with Trustee Clark absent and not voting and Trustees Heidelberg, Hubbard, and Martin participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #1 as submitted on the Legal Agenda. Trustee Clark returned to the room following the discussion and vote on item #1.

1. **MSU** – Pending approval by the Office of the Attorney General, the Board approved the request to amend its current contract for professional legal services with the law firm of Butler Snow LLP to perform services necessary for intellectual property-related matters and other matters requiring specialized legal knowledge, including real estate and commercial matters. The University seeks approval to increase the maximum amount payable from $125,000 for the term of the agreement to $225,000 per year. The increase is necessary to cover additional legal fees associated with the University's expansion of programs and offerings in Italy. In addition to providing legal advice on Italian law, the University is continuing to use Butler Snow for advice on HIPPA compliance and other legal issues. The original term of the agreement effective through October 16, 2027, remains unchanged as do the hourly rates of $365 for attorneys and $140 for paralegal services for the period October 17, 2025 through October 16, 2026 $390 for attorneys and $145 for paralegal services for the period October 16, 2026 through October 16, 2027. This firm continues to carry professional liability insurance in the amount of $20 million per claim with an annual aggregate of $40 million.

INFORMATION AGENDAS

Presented by Commissioner Dr. Alfred Rankins, Jr.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

1. **MSU** – Intent to offer the following certificate programs, as follows:
    a. Certificate program title: Six Sigma Certificate
    Responsible academic unit: Industrial and Systems Engineering Department

Level: post-baccalaureate
Total credit hours: 12
CIP code: 14.3501
Effective date: August 2026

b. Certificate program title: Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Advanced Nursing
Responsible academic unit: School of Nursing
Level: post-baccalaureate
Total credit hours: 9
CIP code: 51.3818
Effective date: June 2026

2. **SYSTEM** – In Accordance with Board Policy 403.0103 Post Tenure Review, the Board received the post-tenure review report. In 2025–2026, 97% of full-time faculty received an annual evaluation. Thirty-six (36) faculty were triggered for a post-tenure review. Four (4) faculty are participating in a faculty development plan.

Number of Full-time Faculty	Number of Full-time Faculty Evaluated	Number of Tenured Faculty	Number of Tenured Faculty Triggering Post Tenure Review Process	Maximum Length of Faculty Development Plan	Number of Tenured Faculty in Faculty Development Plan	Number of Tenured Faculty Completing Development Plan		Tenured Faculty Separated from Employment as a Result of the Post Tenure Review Process
						Successful	Unsuccessful	
Alcorn State University								
123	112	43	0	3 years	0	0	0	0
Delta State University								
100	100	45	0	3 years	0	0	0	0
Jackson State University								
291	288	152	0	2 years	0	0	0	0
Mississippi State University								
1,192	1,164	490	23	3 years	0	0	0	0
Mississippi University for Women								
147	141	77	0	3 years	0	0	0	0
Mississippi Valley State University								
86	86	34	3	2 years	0	0	0	0

Number of Full-time Faculty	Number of Full-time Faculty Evaluated	Number of Tenured Faculty	Number of Tenured Faculty Triggering Post Tenure Review Process	Maximum Length of Faculty Development Plan	Number of Tenured Faculty in Faculty Development Plan	Number of Tenured Faculty Completing Development Plan		Tenured Faculty Separated from Employment as a Result of the Post Tenure Review Process
						Successful	Unsuccessful	
University of Mississippi								
1,069	1,017	440	0	3 years	0	0	0	0
University of Mississippi Medical Center								
939	921	161	0	1 year	0	0	0	0
University of Southern Mississippi								
639	611	317	10	2 years	4	0	1	0
System Totals								
4,586	**4,440**	**1,759**	**36**	**1-3 years**	**4**	**0**	**1**	**0**

- *ASU - A post-tenure review is triggered when a faculty member receives three unsatisfactory performance evaluations. No faculty were triggered for review.*
- *JSU – College of Business – one (1) on administrative leave; College of Health Sciences - one (1) on FMLA; College of Liberal Arts – one (1) on FMLA*
- *MSU – BCOE – most are in process of being finalized, two (2) have left the university, and one (1) is employed on administrative leave; CAAD – five (5) visiting assistant professors and one (1) non-returning instructor did not receive annual reviews.*
- *MUW – Deans have not yet received an annual evaluation; Arts & Sciences – one (1) faculty did not receive an annual evaluation due to illness.*
- *UM – Accountancy – two (2) faculty retired; Applied Sciences – one (1) faculty resigned and ten (10) faculty on the quadrennial review cycle; Education – one (1) faculty retired; Journalism – seven (7) faculty on the quadrennial review cycle: 3 A Deans, 2 Directors, and 2 Chairs; Liberal Arts – twelve (12) faculty retired and three (3) left UM; Libraries – two (2) faculty on the quadrennial review cycle; Pharmacy – two (2) faculty who are no longer employed at UM and thirteen (13) faculty on the quadrennial review cycle:1 Dean, 4 Associate Deans, 4 Department Charis, 3 Directors, and 1 Assistant Dean.*
- *UMMC – Faculty hired or promoted on or after February 1, 2026, are not included in the annual review process for 2026.*
- *USM – Arts and Sciences – seven (7) faculty left USM, five (5) faculty retired, one (1) faculty passed, and one (1) faculty unsuccessfully completed a development plan triggering a post-tenure review; Business and Economic Development – four (4) faculty left USM including one (1) faculty on Year 1 of a development plan and one (1) faculty on Year 2 of a development plan; Education and Human Sciences – one (1) faculty retired and five (5) faculty left USM including one (1) faculty on Year 1 of development plan; Nursing and Health Professions had one (1) faculty retire, one (1) faculty on FMLA, and three (3) faculty left USM; University Libraries had one (1) faculty leave the institution this review cycle.*

3. **SYSTEM** – The Board received the Annual Report on Faculty Tenure. In 2020–2021, IHL institutions hired 146 tenure-track faculty members. As of the 2025–2026 academic year, 56.8% were awarded tenure from the 2020–2021 cohort.

Institution	Number Hired (2020-2021)	Number Applied for Tenure	Number Awarded Tenure	Percentage Awarded who Applied for Tenure	Number of Cohort Received Tenure	Percentage of Cohort Awarded Tenure
Alcorn State University	3	3	3	100%	3	100%
Delta State University	5	3	3	100%	3	60%
Jackson State University	12	10	9	90%	7	58%
Mississippi State University	59	49	48	97.9%	37	75.5%
Mississippi University for Women	5	5	5	100%	5	100%
Mississippi Valley State University	4	4	4	100%	4	100%
University of Mississippi	21	25	25	100%	12	57%
University of MS Medical Center	7	8	8	100%	4	57.1%
University of Southern Mississippi	30	16	14	87.5%	8	26.6%
****System Totals**	**146**	**123**	**119**	**96.7%**	**83**	**56.8%**

- *DSU – One (1) faculty asked for an extension due to extenuating circumstances.*
- *JSU – Business – two (2) faculty received a one-year extension; Liberal Arts - two (2) faculty received a one-year extension and one (1) faculty resigned; Science, Engineering, and Technology - one (1) faculty received a one-year extension.*
- *MSU – BCOE - One (1) faculty hired with tenure, one (1) applied and was awarded tenure, one (1) applied and was awarded tenure but has left MSU, one (1) converted to non-tenure track, and one (1) left MSU before applying for tenure; COE – three (3) faculty who applied were awarded a Covid gap year waiver, two (2) were denied tenure, one (1) faculty was counted in the cohort but has left the university and did not apply. Of the cohort, nine (9) were awarded tenure. Three (3) faculty who applied were hired in a future cohort with years toward promotion and tenure.*
- *UM – SAS – one (1) faculty no longer at UM; SOBA – one (1) faculty no longer at UM; Engineering – two (2) faculty no longer at UM; CLA - two (2) faculty no longer at UM; Pharmacy – one (1) faculty no longer at UM and one (1) faculty up for tenure 2026-27; Law – one (1) faculty no longer at UM.*
- *USM – Seven (7) faculty in the cohort came in with years of credit and applied before 2025-26; thirteen (13) faculty in the cohort left USM before 2025-26 and did not apply for tenure; one (1) faculty received a medical tenure clock extension; one (1) faculty received a Covid tenure clock extension; six (6) faculty who applied in 2025-26 had years of credit from another cohort; one (1) faculty who applied in 2025-26 received a Covid tenure clock extension; and one (1) faculty who applied in 2025-26 received a medical tenure clock extension.*

4. **SYSTEM** – The Board received the 2025-2026 Annual Report on Off-Campus Academic Programs in accordance with Board Policy 201.0507 Campus Locations and Programs.

CIP	Type	Academic Program	Location	Hours
Alcorn State University				
51.3801	ASN	Generic Nursing	15 Campus Drive, Natchez	36
51.3801	ASN	LPN Advanced Placement	15 Campus Drive, Natchez	36
51.3801	BSN	Generic Nursing	15 Campus Drive, Natchez	60
51.3801	BSN	Nursing (RN to BSN)	15 Campus Drive, Natchez /Online	34
51.3899	MSN	Nursing (Nurse Educator)	15 Campus Drive, Natchez /Online	35
51.3899	MSN	Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)	15 Campus Drive, Natchez /Online	49
51.3818	DNP	Nursing Practice	15 Campus Drive, Natchez /Online	36
				7 Off-Campus Programs Offered by Alcorn State University
Jackson State University				
04.0301	MA	Urban & Regional Planning	JSU Downtown/101 Building	49
04.0301	PhD	Urban & Regional Planning	JSU Downtown/101 Building	49
09.0102	BS	Journalism and Media Studies	MS e-Center	60
09.0102	MS	Journalism and Media Studies	MS e-Center	30/33
13.0406	PhD	Urban Higher Education	MS e-Center	60
24.0102	BUS	University Studies	Universities Center	44
30.9999	BS	Professional Interdisciplinary Studies	Universities Center	44
44.0401	MPPA	Public Policy and Administration	JSU Downtown/101 Building	45
44.0401	PhD	Public Administration	JSU Downtown/101 Building	60
44.0701	MSW	Social Work	Universities Center	57
44.0701	PhD	Social Work	Universities Center	51
51.0201	MS	Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology	Jackson Medical Mall	52
51.0203	BS	Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology	Jackson Medical Mall	48
51.0701	BS	Health Care Administration	Jackson Medical Mall	57
51.2201	MPH	Public Health	Jackson Medical Mall	45
51.2201	DPH	Public Health	Jackson Medical Mall	60
51.2201	BS	Public Health	Jackson Medical Mall	54
				17 Off-Campus Programs Offered by Jackson State University
Mississippi State University				
09.0101	BA	Communication	College Park Campus, Meridian	62
13.0101	EdS	Education (Counselor Education)	College Park Campus, Meridian	30
13.0101	EdS	Education (Elementary Education)	College Park Campus, Meridian	30
13.0101	EdS	Education (School Administration)	College Park Campus, Meridian	40
13.0101	EdS	Education (Teacher Leadership)	College Park Campus, Meridian	30
13.0101	EdS	Education (School Psychology)	College Park Campus, Meridian	84
13.0101	EdD	Educational Policy and Organizational Design	College Park Campus, Meridian	91
13.0401	MS	Educational Leadership (School Administration)	College Park Campus, Meridian	30
13.0401	MS	Educational Leadership (Teacher Leadership)	College Park Campus, Meridian	30
13.0407	MAT	Community College Instruction	College Park Campus, Meridian	30

CIP	Type	Academic Program	Location	Hours
13.1101	MS	Counselor Education (School Counseling)	College Park Campus, Meridian	60
13.1101	MS	Counselor Education (Clinical Mental Health)	College Park Campus, Meridian	60
13.1202	BS	Elementary Ed. (Early Childhood; Middle School)	College Park Campus, Meridian	63
13.1202	MS	Elementary Education	College Park Campus, Meridian	33
13.1203	MAT-ML	Middle Grades Education (Alternate.Route)	College Park Campus, Meridian	36
13.1205	MAT- S	Secondary Teacher Education (Alternate.Route)	College Park Campus, Meridian	33
23.0101	BA	English	College Park Campus, Meridian	62
24.0101	BA	General Liberal Arts	College Park Campus, Meridian	62
30.9999	BS	Interdisciplinary Studies	College Park Campus, Meridian	62
42.0101	BA	Psychology	College Park Campus, Meridian	60
42.2899	PsyD	Combined Health Services Psychology	College Park Campus, Meridian	91
44.0701	BSW	Social Work (in teach-out mode)	College Park Campus, Meridian	62
45.0401	BA	Criminology	College Park Campus, Meridian	62
51.0701	BAT	Applied Technology (Event and Hospitality Services)	College Park Campus, Meridian	60
51.0701	BAT	Applied Technology (Healthcare Services)	College Park Campus, Meridian	62
54.0101	BA	History	College Park Campus, Meridian	62
52.0201	BBA	Business Administration	Riley Campus, Meridian	62
51.0912	MPAS	Physician Assistant Studies	Riley Campus, Meridian	108
14.1001	BS	Electrical Engineering	Gulf Coast Campus, Gautier	65
14.3501	BS	Industrial Engineering	Gulf Coast Campus, Gautier	65
14.1901	BS	Mechanical Engineering	Gulf Coast Campus, Gautier	64
04.0201	BArch	Architecture (fifth year)	Jackson Center, Jackson	27
04.0201	MS	Graduate Certificate	Gulf Coast Community Design Studio, Gulfport	18
01.8001	DVM	Veterinary Medicine	Animal Emergency and Referral Center, Flowood	80
01.8001	DVM	Veterinary Medicine	Institute for Marine Mammal Studies, Gulfport	14
01.8001	DVM	Veterinary Medicine	Aquatic Laboratory, Stoneville	8
				36 Off-Campus Programs Offered by Mississippi State University
Mississippi University for Women				
51.1601	BSN	RN to BSN Advanced Placement Option	Tupelo, MS	45
51.1601	BSN	Nursing	Tupelo, MS	18
				2 Off-Campus Programs Offered by Mississippi University for Women
Mississippi Valley State University				
11.0101	BS	Computer Science	Bolivar County Regional Correctional Facility	15
15.0612	BS	Engineering Technology	Bolivar County Regional Correctional Facility	15
52.0201	BS	Business Administration	Bolivar County Regional Correctional Facility	15

CIP	Type	Academic Program	Location	Hours
11.0101	BS	Computer Science	Delta Correctional Facility	15
15.0612	BS	Engineering Technology	Delta Correctional Facility	15
52.0201	BS	Business Administration	Delta Correctional Facility	15
			6 Off-Campus Programs Offered by Mississippi Valley State University	
University of Mississippi				
09.0401	BAJ	Journalism (emphasis in Integrated Marketing Communication)	Tupelo	62
13.1101	MEd	Education (Counselor Education - Community Counseling)	Tupelo	60
13.1101	MEd	Education (Counselor Education - School Counseling)	Tupelo	48
22.0000	BSLS	Law Studies	Tupelo	60
42.0101	BA	Psychology	Tupelo	60
44.0701	BSW	Social Work	Tupelo	60
52.1201	BBA	Business (BAIS)	Tupelo	60
52.0301	BAccy	Accountancy	Tupelo	60
13.1202	BAEd	Education (Elementary)	Tupelo and Booneville	62
24.0102	BUS	University Studies	Tupelo and Booneville	30
30.0000	BA	Interdisciplinary Studies	Tupelo and Booneville	60
30.0000	BMdS	Multi-Disciplinary Studies	Tupelo and Booneville	60
43.0103	BSCJ	Criminal Justice	Tupelo and Booneville	60
51.0000	BA	Allied Health Studies	Tupelo and Booneville	60
52.0101	BBA	General Business	Tupelo and Booneville	60
51.0201	BS	Communication Sciences and Disorders	Tupelo and Booneville	62
52.0201	BBA	(Business) Management	Tupelo and Booneville	60
52.0801	BBA	(Business) Finance	Tupelo and Booneville	60
52.1401	BBA	(Business) Marketing	Tupelo and Booneville	60
09.0401	BAJ	Journalism (emphasis in Integrated Marketing Communication)	Southaven	62
13.0401	MEd	Educational Leadership (K-12)	Southaven	30
13.0401	EdS	Educational Leadership (K-12 Administration)	Southaven	30
13.1202	BAEd	Education (Elementary)	Southaven	62
22.0000	BSLS	Law Studies	Southaven	60
24.0102	BUS	University Studies	Southaven	30
30.0000	BA	Interdisciplinary Studies	Southaven	60
30.0000	BMdS	Multi-Disciplinary Studies	Southaven	60
42.0101	BA	Psychology	Southaven	60
43.0103	BSCJ	Criminal Justice	Southaven	60
44.0701	BSW	Social Work	Southaven	60
51.0000	BA	Allied Health Studies	Southaven	60
51.0201	BS	Communication Sciences and Disorders	Southaven	62
52.0201	BBA	General Business	Southaven	60
52.0201	BBA	(Business) Management	Southaven	60
52.1201	BBA	(Business) MIS	Southaven	60
52.0301	BAccy	Accountancy	Southaven	60
52.0801	BBA	(Business) Finance	Southaven	60
52.1499	BBA	(Business) Marketing	Southaven	60

CIP	Type	Academic Program	Location	Hours
13.0401	MEd	Educational Leadership (K-12)	Grenada	30
13.0401	EdS	Educational Leadership (K-12 Administration)	Grenada	30
13.1202	BAEd	Education (Elementary)	Grenada	61
24.0102	BUS	University Studies	Grenada	30
30.0000	BMdS	Multi-Disciplinary Studies	Grenada	60
43.0103	BSCJ	Criminal Justice	Grenada	60
51.0000	BA	Allied Health Studies	Grenada	60
51.0201	BS	Communication Sciences and Disorders	Grenada	62
52.0201	BBA	General Business	Grenada	60
13.1202	BAEd	Education (Elementary)	Rankin	62
				59 Off-Campus Programs Offered by University of Mississippi
University of Mississippi Medical Center				
51.3801	BSN	Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing	Oxford, MS	48
51.3801	BSN	Traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing	Oxford, MS	62
				2 Off-Campus Programs Offered by University of Mississippi Medical Center
University of Southern Mississippi				
03.0104	MS	Earth and Environmental Sciences	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory/Ocean Springs, MS	3
13.1316	PhD	STEM Education	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory/Ocean Springs, MS	2
26.0101	BS	Biological Sciences	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory/Ocean Springs, MS	17
26.0101	PhD	Biological Sciences	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory/Ocean Springs, MS	3
26.1302	MS	Coastal Sciences	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory/Ocean Springs, MS	22
26.1302	PhD	Coastal Sciences	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory/Ocean Springs, MS	18
26.1302	BS	Marine Biology	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory/Ocean Springs, MS	24
40.0607	MS	Marine Science	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory/Ocean Springs, MS	9
40.0607	PhD	Marine Science	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory/Ocean Springs, MS	6
40.0607	BS	Oceanography and Ocean Mapping	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory/Ocean Springs, MS	11
45.0701	BS	Geography	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory/Ocean Springs, MS	11
45.0701	MS	Geography	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory/Ocean Springs, MS	3
03.0103	BA	Sustainability Studies	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	9
03.0104	MS	Earth and Environmental Sciences	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	1
09.0101	BS	Communication Studies	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	1
09.0903	BA	Strategic Communication - Digital Advertising	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	7
11.0101	BS	Computer Science	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	24

CIP	Type	Academic Program	Location	Hours
11.0301	BS	Information Technology	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	8
11.1003	BAS	Cybersecurity	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	3
13.1202	BS	Elementary Education	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	37
13.1205	BS	Secondary Education	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	30
13.1316	PhD	STEM Education	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	1
14.2401	BS	Ocean Engineering	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	103
16.0101	BA	World Languages	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	15
19.0707	BS	Family Science	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	18
23.0101	BA	English	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	56
24.0101	BLS	Liberal Studies	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	44
24.0102	BUS	University Studies	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	4
25.0101	BS	Library and Information Science	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	6
26.0101	BS	Biological Sciences	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	103
26.1302	MS	Coastal Sciences	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	6
26.1302	BS	Marine Biology	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	137
27.0101	BS	Mathematics	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	59
30.3301	BS	Sustainability Sciences	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	15
30.9999	BIS	Interdisciplinary Studies	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	39
40.0501	BS	Chemistry	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	8
40.0607	MS	Marine Science	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	1
40.0607	PhD	Marine Science	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	1
40.0607	BS	Oceanography and Ocean Mapping	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	124
42.0101	BS	Psychology	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	97
42.0101	MA	Psychology	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	2
42.2704	PhD	Experimental Psychology	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	1
43.0104	BA	Criminal Justice	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	63
43.0402	BS	Forensic Biology	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	10
44.0701	BSW	Social Work	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	87
44.0701	MSW	Social Work	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	31
45.0201	MA	Anthropology	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	1
45.0603	BS	Applied Economics	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	6
45.0701	BS	Geography	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	13
45.0701	MS	Geography	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	1
45.1001	BA	Political Science	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	20
45.1001	BS	Political Science	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	1
45.1001	MA	Political Science	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	1
50.0601	BA	Film Studies	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	70
50.0706	BS	Media and Entertainment Arts	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	9
51.0000	BAS	Allied Health	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	3
51.3801	BSN	Nursing	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	33
51.9999	BS	Health Sciences	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	50
52.0201	BSBA	Business Administration	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	43
52.0301	BSBA	Accounting	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	10
52.0801	BSBA	Finance	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	3
52.0999	BSBA	Hospitality and Tourism Management	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	6
52.1005	MS	Human Capital Development	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	2
52.1005	PhD	Human Capital Development	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	19
52.2001	BS	Construction Management	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	3
54.0101	BA	History	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	93

CIP	Type	Academic Program	Location	Hours
54.0101	PhD	History	Gulf Park/Long Beach, MS	6
29.0306	CP18	Uncrewed Maritime Systems Certificate	Marine Research Center/Gulfport, MS	10
40.0607	MS	Hydrographic Science	Stennis Center/Hancock County, MS	40
40.0607	MS	Marine Science	Stennis Center/Hancock County, MS	21
40.0607	PhD	Marine Science	Stennis Center/Hancock County, MS	40
52.0210	BAS	Applied Technology	Marine Research Center/Gulfport, MS	10
72 Off-Campus Programs Offered by University of Southern Mississippi				
A Total of 201 Off-Campus Programs Offered by the System				

FINANCE

5. **UMMC** – On June 15, 2026, the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services (MS-ITS), as a Contracting agent for UMMC, entered Order Form 541214 under the current Master Subscription Agreement with Workday, Inc. (Workday). Order Form 541214 is an 18-month subscription for training credits. The term of Order Form 541214 is for eighteen months, for the period June 15, 2026 through December 15, 2027. The term of the Master Subscription Agreement will remain unchanged and will expire January 19, 2028. The total cost for Order Form 541214 is $33,660.00. The total cost of the Master Subscription will now be $27,607,364.60.

REAL ESTATE

6. **SYSTEM** – The Board received the Real Estate items that were approved by the Board staff subsequent to the June 18, 2026 Board meeting in accordance with Board Policy 904 Board Approval. **(See Exhibit 2.)**

LEGAL

7. **SYSTEM** – The Board received a report of the payment of legal fees to outside counsel. **(See Exhibit 3.)**
8. **SYSTEM** – Pursuant to IHL Board Policy 1102.04 Emergency Approval of Outside Counsel in between Board Meetings, Trustee Jimmy Heidelberg, as Board Legal Committee Chair, on behalf of the Board, approved the IHL System Office's emergency request to hire Phelps Dunbar, LLP as outside counsel to conduct a legal review of, and advise IHL on, specific employment matters including but not limited to executive compensation. The term of the agreement is one-year effective July 20, 2026. The blended hourly rate for all attorneys is $415 and $185 for paralegal services. The maximum amount payable under the term of this agreement is $60,000. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in excess of $20 million per claim. This agreement has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.
9. **UMMC** – Pursuant to IHL Board Policy 1102.04 Emergency Approval of Outside Counsel in between Board Meetings, Trustee Jimmy Heidelberg, as Board Legal Committee Chair, on behalf of the Board, approved the University of Mississippi Medical Center's request for approval to enter into a legal services agreement with McDonald Hopkins, LLC to assist in the defense of litigation resulting from a cyber incident that occurred in February 2026. The term of the agreement is three years effective August 20, 2026 through June 30, 2029.

The hourly rates are $550 for partners/members, $465 for associate attorneys and $225 for paralegal services. The maximum amount payable over the term of the agreement is $500,000. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of $5 million per claim with an annual aggregate of $5 million. This agreement is pending approval by the Office of the Attorney General.

ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

10. **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. **DSU** – On July 7, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the First Amendment to Commercial Lease Agreement between Delta State University (lessee) and the City of Moorhead, Mississippi (lessor) for office space located at 1001 West Delta Avenue, Moorhead, Mississippi for use as incubator office space to support the University's BRIDGE Grant program staff and activities. The original term of the lease was to begin April 1, 2026, but due to unforeseen delays, the agreement is being amended to begin July 13, 2026 and will expire June 30, 2027. All other provisions of the original lease approved April 1, 2026 remain unchanged. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.
    b. **MSU** – On June 11, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Bell Creek Hunting Club for 2,817.76 acres of the Wolf River Coastal Forest Research and Education Center operated by the MSU Forest and Wildlife Research Center. This is a revenue-generating lease with a term of one year from June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027. The lessor will pay the University $31,756.16 ($11.27/acre) for this one-year term. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it 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 June 11, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Hobo Hunting Club for 960.22 acres of the Wolf River Coastal Forest Research and Education Center operated by the MSU Forest and Wildlife Research Center. This is a revenue-generating lease with a term of one year from June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027. The lessor will pay the University $10,687.25 ($11.13/acre) for this one-year term. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.
    d. **MSU** – On June 11, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and John Rob Hunting Club for 2,563.94 acres of the Wolf River Coastal Forest Research and Education Center operated by the MSU Forest and Wildlife Research Center. This is a revenue-generating lease with a term of one year from June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027. The lessor will pay the University $29,792.98 ($11.62/acre) for this one-year term. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item

and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.

e. **MSU** – On June 11, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Sandy Creek Hunting Club for 3,554.97 acres of the Wolf River Coastal Forest Research and Education Center operated by the MSU Forest and Wildlife Research Center. This is a revenue-generating lease with a term of one year from June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027. The lessor will pay the University $37,718.23 ($10.61/acre) for this one-year term. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.

f. **MSU** – On June 11, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Wolf Creek Hunting Club for 238.79 acres of the Wolf River Coastal Forest Research and Education Center operated by the MSU Forest and Wildlife Research Center. This is a revenue-generating lease with a term of one year from June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027. The lessor will pay the University $2,254.18 ($9.44/acre) for this one-year term. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.

g. **MSU** – On June 11, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Wolf Creek Recreation Club for 729.25 acres of the Wolf River Coastal Forest Research and Education Center operated by the MSU Forest and Wildlife Research Center. This is a revenue-generating lease with a term of one year from June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027. The lessor will pay the University $6,862.24 ($9.41/acre) for this one-year term. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.

h. **MSU** – On June 11, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Wolf River Outdoor Club for 3,213.23 acres of the Wolf River Coastal Forest Research and Education Center operated by the MSU Forest and Wildlife Research Center. This is a revenue generating lease with a term of one year from June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027. The lessor will pay the University $36,887.88 (11.48/acre) for this one-year term. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.

i. **MSU** – On June 26, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and 126 West Main, LLC for approximately 3,000 square feet of space located at 126 West Main Street in Raymond, MS for a Resource and Referral Center operated by the University in accordance with the terms of a grant awarded to the University by the Mississippi Department of Human Services. The term of the lease is two years effective September 1, 2026. The total cost of the two-year agreement is $86,400 payable in monthly installments of $3,600 each

with payments due on the first of each month. The University has confirmed that the lease is in compliance with the terms of the grant and use of the funds for this purpose is otherwise legally permissible. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts and Policy 707.03 Approval for Prepayment for Goods or Services. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.

j. **MSU** – On June 26, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Missouth Properties, L.P. for 9,000 square feet of space on the 3rd floor of 2121 5th Street in Meridian, MS in which to operate a behavioral health clinic. The term of the lease is one-year effective August 1, 2026. The total cost over the one-year term of the lease is $57,000 payable in 12 monthly installments of $4,750 each due on the first day of each month. Funding for this lease is provided through donations to the Riley Foundation, Phil Hardin Foundation, and the Broadhead Foundation. The University has confirmed that the lease is in compliance with the terms of those donations and use of the funds for this purpose is otherwise legally permissible. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts and Policy 707.03 Approval for Prepayment for Goods or Services. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.

k. **MSU** – On July 6, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Public Trust Tidelands Lease between Mississippi State University and the State of Mississippi, by and through the Secretary of State, Public Lands Division, to allow the University to construct four (4) riprap breakwaters that are 100 feet long, 8 feet wide at the base and 4 feet tall encompassing approximately 500 linear feet in Biloxi Bay around Hiller Park. The term of the lease is 20 years effective January 1, 2026. The Secretary of State has deemed this a rent exempt lease because the project is beneficial for the water bottoms and shoreline. The cost of the shoreline protection project will be paid with grant funds awarded to the University. MSU has confirmed that the use of these grant funds for this project is in compliance with the terms of the grant and is otherwise legally permissible. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.

l. **MSU** – On July 6, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Biloxi Public School District for surplus building space in Nichols Elementary School, Biloxi, MS to be used for a Head Start program. The term of the lease is one-year effective August 1, 2026, through July 31, 2027, at a total cost of $57,600 payable in 12 monthly installments of $4,800 each, due on the first day of each month. This lease is funded by a grant awarded to MSU by the Mississippi Department of Human Services. The University has confirmed that the lease is in compliance with the terms of the grant and is otherwise legally permissible. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service

Contracts and Policy 707.03 Approval for Prepayment for Goods or Services. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.

m. **MSU** – On July 7, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Hudspeth Properties II LLC for space located at 3216 North Church Avenue, Louisville, MS for a Resource and Referral Network Center operated by the University in accordance with the terms of a grant awarded to the University by the Mississippi Department of Human Services. The term of the lease is two years effective August 15, 2026 through August 14, 2028, at a total cost of $66,000. This lease is payable in equal monthly installments of $2,750 each. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.

n. **MSU** – On July 30, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Anthony's Rental, LLC for office space located at 103 Service Drive, Brandon, MS in which to house a MS LIFT Resource and Referral Center operated by the University in accordance with the terms of a grant awarded to the University by the Mississippi Department of Human Services. The term of the lease is 18 months effective January 1, 2027 through June 30, 2028. The total cost of the agreement is $99,720 payable in monthly installments of $5,540 each with payments due on the first of each month. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts and Policy 707.03 Approval for Prepayment for Goods or Services. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.

o. **UM** – On July 20, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Sublease Agreement between The Alumni Association of Alpha Gamma of Chi Psi ("Chi Psi") and Delta Tau Delta National Housing Corporation ("Delta Tau"). Chi Psi holds a 30-year lease with the IHL Board for a residential facility located on lot #303 located at 484 Fraternity Row, University, MS, that was effective June 1, 2015. Chi Psi has previously subleased this residential facility to Delta Tau through a one-year sublease effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 (approved by the IHL Board on June 16, 2022) and a second three-year sublease effective Jule 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026 (approved by the IHL Board on April 20, 2023). Delta Tau seeks a new three-year sublease with an additional one-year extension option that would be effective July 1, 2026. The annual rent for the first year of this agreement is $149,000. The rent for each subsequent year shall increase over the annual rent in effect immediately prior to such year of the term by the same percentage amount as any increase in the Consumer Price Index during the preceding twelve months. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.

p. **USM** – In accordance with Board Policy 1107 Enactment of Traffic Rules and Regulations, "the Board hereby delegates to the Commissioner of Higher Education the power to approve and authorize the enactment of such university traffic rules and regulations, which shall include university parking and traffic fine and fees, on behalf

of the Board." On June 26, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the 2026-2027 Policies for Traffic Rules and Regulations. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management has reviewed and approved the documents.

q. **USM** – On July 30, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between the University of Southern Mississippi and Gales Gadget Tech Lab, LLC (lessee) for approximately 234 square feet of space in the USM R.C. Cook University Union to be used for an electronics repair service business operated by the lessee. Lessee will pay the University monthly rent at the rate of $355 per month or $4,260 annually. The initial term of the lease is one year, effective August 1, 2026, with an option for automatic annual renewals for up to four additional one-year terms. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.

r. **SYSTEM** – In accordance with Board Policy 401.0102 Delegation of Authority and 801.09 Resignations each institution must submit quarterly employment reports to the IHL Executive Office. Two distinct presentations are to be submitted: 1) Summary of Hires and 2) Summary of Separations. In accordance with Miss. Code Ann., §37-101-7, as amended, the IHL Board delegates to the Commissioner the authority to approve the quarterly reports of employment. On July 23, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the FY 2022 Q4 submissions which cover the employment period beginning April 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2022. IHL financial staff have reviewed and approved the institutions' submissions. A copy of the report will be maintained in the IHL Department of Finance and Administration for review.

s. **SYSTEM** – In accordance with Board Policy 401.0102 Delegation of Authority and 801.09 Resignations each institution must submit quarterly employment reports to the IHL Executive Office. Two distinct presentations are to be submitted: 1) Summary of Hires and 2) Summary of Separations. In accordance with Miss. Code Ann., §37-101-7, as amended, the IHL Board delegates to the Commissioner the authority to approve the quarterly reports of employment. On July 23, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the submitted report for FY 2023 Q1 submissions which cover the employment period beginning July 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2022. IHL financial staff have reviewed and approved the institutions' submissions. A copy of the report will be maintained in the IHL Department of Finance.

t. **SYSTEM** – In accordance with Board Policy 401.0102 Delegation of Authority and 801.09 Resignations, each institution must submit quarterly employment reports to the IHL Executive Office. Two distinct presentations are to be submitted: 1) Summary of Hires and 2) Summary of Separations. In accordance with Miss. Code Ann., §37-101-7, as amended, the IHL Board delegates to the Commissioner the authority to approve the quarterly reports of employment. On July 23, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the submitted report for FY 2023 Q2 submissions which cover the employment period beginning October 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022. IHL financial staff have reviewed and approved the institutions' submissions. A copy of the report will be maintained in the IHL Department of Finance.

u. **SYSTEM** – In accordance with Board Policy 401.0102 Delegation of Authority and 801.09 Resignations, each institution must submit quarterly employment reports to the IHL Executive Office. Two distinct presentations are to be submitted: 1) Summary of Hires and 2) Summary of Separations. In accordance with Miss. Code Ann., §37-101-7, as amended, the IHL Board delegates to the Commissioner the authority to approve the quarterly reports of employment. On July 23, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the submitted report for FY 2023 Q3 submissions which cover the employment period beginning January 1, 2023 and ending March 31, 2023. IHL financial staff have reviewed and approved the institutions' submissions. A copy of the report will be maintained in the IHL Department of Finance.

v. **SYSTEM** – In accordance with Board Policy 401.0102 Delegation of Authority and 801.09 Resignations, each institution must submit quarterly employment reports to the IHL Executive Office. Two distinct presentations are to be submitted: 1) Summary of Hires and 2) Summary of Separations. In accordance with Miss. Code Ann., §37-101-7, as amended, the IHL Board delegates to the Commissioner the authority to approve the quarterly reports of employment. On July 23, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the submitted report for FY 2023 Q4 submissions which cover the employment period beginning April 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2023. IHL financial staff have reviewed and approved the institutions' submissions. A copy of the report will be maintained in the IHL Department of Finance.

PERSONNEL REPORT

11. Sabbatical

Mississippi State University

FROM: Masoud K. Ghartemani; Professor of Electrical & Computer Engineering; from salary of $146,443.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; to salary of $36,610.75 for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2026, to December 31, 2026; professional development

[Originally approved by IHL Board March 20, 2026.]

CORRECTED: This item was rescinded.

FROM: Frank C. Owens, IV; Associate Professor of Sustainable Bioproducts; from salary of $97,339.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; to salary of $48,669.50 for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2026, to December 31, 2026; professional development

[Originally approved by IHL Board March 20, 2026.]

CORRECTED: Frank C. Owens, IV; Associate Professor of Sustainable Bioproducts; from salary of $97,339.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; to salary of $48,669.50 for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 1, 2027, to May 15, 2027; professional development

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

Committee members participated in the meeting in person or via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Charlie Stephenson at approximately 2:00 p.m.

1. The Committee received an update on the Performance Funding Framework that the Board approved at its June 2026 meeting. **No action was taken.**
2. On motion by Trustee Ogletree, seconded by Trustee Griffith, with Trustee Cummings absent and not voting and Trustees Arrington, Heidelberg, Hubbard, and Martin participating via Zoom, all Committee members legally present and participating voted unanimously to adjourn.

The following Committee members were present: Mr. Charlie Stephenson (Chair), Ms. Amy Arrington (via Zoom), Mr. Don Clark, Jr., Dr. Steven Cunningham, Mr. Jerry L. Griffith, Mr. Jimmy Heidelberg (via Zoom), Ms. Teresa Hubbard (via Zoom), Mr. Bruce Martin (via Zoom), Mr. Gee Ogletree, Mr. Hal Parker, and Mr. Gregg Rader. Dr. Ormella Cummings was absent.

HEALTH AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

Committee members participated in the meeting in person or via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jerry Griffith at approximately 3:00 p.m. The following items were discussed.

1. The Committee discussed the monthly financial summary. **No action was taken.**
2. Executive Session

   On motion by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, with Trustees Cummings and Heidelberg absent and not voting and Trustees Arrington, Hubbard, and Martin participating via Zoom, 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 Ogletree, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, with Trustees Cummings and Heidelberg absent and not voting and Trustees Arrington, Hubbard, and Martin participating via Zoom, all Committee members legally present and participating voted unanimously **to enter Executive Session** for the reasons reported to the public and stated in these minutes, as follows:

   The Board will discuss two items in executive session, the discussion of which in open session would be detrimental to IHL's legal interest.

   The first item involves the transaction of business and discussions regarding prospective strategic business decisions of the University of Mississippi Medical Center, including without limitation, decisions to open a new service line, implement capital improvements, the purchase or leasing of lands, and the relocation of a medical service.

   The second item involves the transaction of business and discussions regarding prospective strategic business decisions of the University of Mississippi Medical Center, including

without limitation, decisions to open a new service line and implementation of capital improvements.

During Executive Session, the following matters were discussed:

The Committee discussed the transaction of business regarding prospective strategic business decisions of the University of Mississippi Medical Center, including the decisions to open a new service line, implement capital improvements, the purchase or leasing of lands, and the relocation of a medical service. **No action was taken.**

Trustee Arrington recused herself from discussing or voting on the second item. After Trustee Arrington disconnected from Zoom, the Committee discussed the transaction of business regarding prospective strategic business decisions of the University of Mississippi Medical Center, including the decisions to open a new service line and implementation of capital improvements. **No action was taken.**

On motion by Trustee Rader, seconded by Trustee Ogletree, with Trustees Arrington, Cummings, Heidelberg, and Martin absent and not voting and Trustee Hubbard participating via Zoom, all Committee members legally present and participating voted unanimously to return to open session.

3. On motion by Trustee Ogletree, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, with Trustees Arrington, Cummings, Heidelberg, and Martin absent and not voting and Trustee Hubbard participating via Zoom, all Committee members legally present and participating voted unanimously to adjourn.

The following Committee members were present: Mr. Jerry L. Griffith (Chair), Ms. Amy Arrington (via Zoom), Mr. Don Clark, Jr., Dr. Steven Cunningham, Mr. Jimmy Heidelberg (via Zoom), Ms. Teresa Hubbard (via Zoom), Mr. Bruce Martin (via Zoom), Mr. Gee Ogletree, Mr. Hal Parker, Mr. Gregg Rader, and Mr. Charlie Stephenson. Dr. Ormella Cummings was absent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- President Cunningham announced that the Board's annual retreat will be September 17-18, 2026.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Trustee Ogletree, seconded by Trustee Stephenson, with Trustees Heidelberg, Hubbard, and Martin participating via 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 Stephenson, seconded by Trustee Ogletree, with Trustees Heidelberg, Hubbard, and Martin participating via Zoom, 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:

The Board will discuss four topics in executive session, the discussion of which in open session would be detrimental to IHL's legal interest.

Receipt and discussion of confidential legal advice from the Board's attorney and outside counsel regarding litigation involving the Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning.

Receipt and discussion of confidential legal advice from the Board's attorney regarding personnel matters involving the performance of a particular employees—one at the Board Office, one at Mississippi State University, and one at The University of Mississippi.

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

On motion by Trustee Ogletree, seconded by Trustee Cummings, with Trustees Heidelberg, Hubbard, and Martin participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to authorize Dr. Alfred Rankins, Jr., Commissioner of Higher Education; Mr. Harold Pizzetta, Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management; and Mr. David Buford, Director of Risk Management, to settle all current and future claims in a particular lawsuit pending against the Board, with full release, consistent with terms discussed and memorialized through privileged communications to the Board's litigation counsel.

On motion by Trustee Rader, seconded by Trustee Cummings, with Trustee Heidelberg absent and not voting and with Trustees Hubbard and Martin participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to grant Dr. Alfred Rankins, Jr. a new four-year employment contract as Commissioner of Higher Education, containing the same terms and clauses as found in his current employment contract with the exception of the following: 1) the contract start date will be September 1, 2026, and an ending date of August 31, 2030; 2) include a state salary of $463,050 per year payable in equal monthly amounts over the term of the contract; and 2) the standard Multiyear Clause contained in the current contract amended to reflect the terms and dates of the new contract.

The Board received and discussed confidential legal advice from the Board's attorney regarding personnel matters involving the performance of a particular employee at Mississippi State University. **No action was taken.**

The Board received and discussed confidential legal advice from the Board's attorney regarding personnel matters involving the performance of a particular employee at The University of Mississippi. **No action was taken.**

On motion by Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Parker, with Trustees Martin and Rader absent and not voting and Trustees Heidelberg and Hubbard participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to return to Open Session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

President, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning

Commissioner, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning

EXHIBITS

Composite Exhibit 1 Proposed amendments to the following policies:
- 102.03 Institutional Mission Statements
- 201.0509 Institutional Executive Officer/Commissioner of Higher Education Search Process, Subsection A. General Policy
- 506 Course Requirements
- 507 Accreditation
- 508 Accreditation Procedures
- 509 Distance Learning Policy
- 518 Credit for Prior Learning
- 520 Awarding of Credits Earned Through Military Learning
- 301.0801 Duties of the Institutional Executive Officers, Subsection F.
- 615 Student Appeals
- 517 Transfer of the Associate Arts Degree from a Mississippi Community/Junior College
- 521 Applied Baccalaureate Degree
- 604 Other Applicants, subsection A. Applicants without a Diploma from a Regionally Accredited High School; Home School Students

Exhibit 2 Real Estate items that were approved by the IHL Board staff subsequent to the June 18, 2026 Board meeting.

Exhibit 3 Report of the payment of legal fees to outside counsel.

COMPOSITE EXHIBIT 1

August 20, 2026

Final approval of proposed amendments to the following eight policies:

102.03 INSTITUTIONAL MISSION STATEMENTS

Each institution of higher learning has common characteristics intrinsic to success. Each institution also has a distinct history, unique traditions, and separate mission to be performed within the IHL System. Each institution shall develop a concise statement of its core mission for approval by the Board. The core mission statement shall be based upon and consistent with the statement of institutional purpose and mission required by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), which is co-branding as The Commission on Colleges and Universities, and the Board and System mission statements. The core mission statement shall set forth clearly and concisely the major emphasis, scope, and character of the institution's instructional, research, and public service programs, and shall describe those characteristics and features that distinguish it from other institutions in the IHL system. Core mission statements shall be reviewed annually by each institution and may be modified with prior approval of the Board. The core mission statement of each institution shall be filed with the Commissioner.

201.0509 INSTITUTIONAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER/COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION SEARCH PROCESS

A. GENERAL POLICY

Pursuant to Art. 8 §213 A of the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, as amended, and Miss. Code Ann. §37-101-15 (f) (1972), as amended, the Board shall have the power and authority to elect the heads of the various institutions of higher learning. The accrediting body for our Mississippi public universities, ~~SACS COC~~ The Commission on Colleges and Universities, requires, in part, within Section 4 of its Principles of Accreditation that the governing board of a university select the institution's chief executive officer. Therefore, the Board of Trustees is legally authorized and required to appoint the Commissioner and the Institutional Executive Officers (IEOs). The Board may make temporary appointments to executive officer and/or commissioner positions as necessary and with such consultation as the Board considers appropriate. The confidentiality of all applicants in a search for an IEO or Commissioner is of upmost importance. The identity of applicants shall not be revealed at any point in time, other than that of the successful applicant after the conclusion of a search.

506 COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Course requirements shall include at a minimum the following.

- The number of weeks must meet Federal financial aid requirements and ~~the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges~~ The Commission on Colleges and Universities requirements.

507 ACCREDITATION

All institutions under the governance of the Board shall maintain regional accreditation with the ~~Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), Commission on Colleges~~

The Commission on Colleges and Universities. Institutions shall endeavor to acquire accreditation for all programs and units for which professional accreditation is available and shall comply with the procedures as set forth in 508 below.

508 ACCREDITATION PROCEDURES

(1) A copy of any letter received from an accrediting body stating formal action taken by the body shall be sent to the Commissioner of Higher Education.

Other documents including site visit reports and other documents commonly included as part of the accreditation process will be made available at the request of the Commissioner of Higher Education.

(2) The Commissioner of Higher Education shall report to the Board at least annually, through its Academic Affairs Committee, on each accreditation visit or change in accreditation status of each university.

(3) A copy of the Compliance Certification Report and Quality Enhancement Plan submitted in connection with ~~SACS~~ The Commission on Colleges and Universities accreditation review shall be filed, electronically if available, with the Commissioner of Higher Education. Supporting documentation need not be submitted.

(4) The Commissioner of Higher Education shall be notified by the Institutional Executive Officers of all site visits by accreditation agencies.

(5) A copy of any specialized accrediting agency self-study documents will be made available at the request of the Commissioner of Higher Education or Board.

(6) The Commissioner of Higher Education or designee shall be given an opportunity to meet with the accreditation committee and/or participate in the exit conference at the request of the accrediting agency.

509 DISTANCE LEARNING POLICY

All distance learning courses and programs shall be in accord with ~~Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)~~ The Commission on Colleges and Universities Principles of Accreditation and Council of Regional Accrediting Commissions Interregional Guidelines for the Evaluation of Distance Education.

Unless otherwise provided, all Board and university policies, standards, and guidelines for on and off campus instruction apply to distance learning.

518 CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING

An IHL institution may integrate prior learning assessment (PLA) and competency-based education (CBE) into university coursework. PLA and CBE credits may apply toward academic degree requirements.

A. PLA credit may include individualized student portfolios, evaluation of corporate and military training, program evaluations, challenge exams, and standardized exams. Credit earned through PLA may count as lower-division or upper-division credit. Credit earned through PLA shall not count toward the 25 percent residency

requirement for the degree-awarding institution. The types of PLA accepted may be determined by the IHL institution.

B. CBE credit may include demonstrated mastery of competencies embedded into a conventional curriculum comprised of courses (course/credit-based approach) and evaluation of student achievement solely on the demonstration of competencies (direct assessment). An institution may accept up to 25 percent of the degree requirements as CBE. This requirement may be waived for institutions that have gained ~~SACSCOC~~ The Commission on Colleges and Universities approval to offer an entire program as direct assessment or a hybrid direct assessment competency-based educational program where at least 50 percent of the competency-based program is direct assessment. Credit earned through CBE may count as lower-division or upper-division credit. Credit earned through CBE may count toward the 25 percent residency requirement for the degree-awarding institution. The types of CBE accepted may be determined by the IHL institution.

520 AWARDING OF ACADEMIC CREDITS EARNED THROUGH MILITARY LEARNING

Each IHL institution shall provide opportunities for an admitted student to be awarded academic credit for military education, training, and experience (hereinafter referred to as "military learning"). The process for awarding of academic credits for military learning must be compliant with ~~the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges~~ The Commission on Colleges and Universities accreditation standards. Institutions shall follow the recommendation of the academic department and the American Council on Education guidelines for determining academic credit equivalencies; however, the IHL Guidebook for Evaluating Military Learning for Academic Credit (hereinafter referred to as "the IHL Guidebook") shall be used to conduct prior-learning assessments via programs of instruction and occupational faculty panel reviews.

The IHL Guidebook provides guidance for creating appropriate faculty expert panels and templates for conducting evaluations. For military learning that has not been evaluated using the IHL Guidebook, an IHL institution may choose to follow the processes established in the IHL Guidebook to conduct an evaluation. Alternatively, the IHL institution may award academic credit for military learning through prior learning assessment processes developed at the institutional level, evaluation of joint services transcripts, administration of challenge exams, administration of standardized exams, and evaluation of portfolio assessments.

All aforementioned evaluation processes require institutional approval before credits will be accepted at the system level. Academic credits earned for military learning may count as lower-division or upper-division credit. These credits shall not count toward the 25 percent residency requirement for the degree-awarding institution. An IHL institution may award up to 90 hours of academic credit for military learning at the undergraduate level.

Academic credit for military learning once recorded at an IHL institution or as prescribed in the IHL/MCCB Statewide Articulation Agreement, is transferable on the same basis as if the credit had been earned through regular study at the institution that awarded the credit. Evaluation of military learning for academic credit will occur at the time the student is admitted and enrolls at an IHL institution and will be recorded on the student's transcript at that time to allow for informed advisement.

Academic credits that have been evaluated and marked as equivalents for a specific military occupation classification will be made available by each IHL institution to the IHL system office in order to maintain a website that will inform prospective students prior to admission. The processes for evaluating military learning are documented in the IHL Guidebook which is given to university personnel and maintained by the IHL system office.

Final approval of proposed amendments to the following two policies:

301.0801 DUTIES OF THE INSTITUTIONAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER

F. The Institutional Executive Officer (IEO), or their designated official, is charged with the responsibility for maintaining appropriate standards of conduct of students, and is authorized to expel, dismiss, suspend, and place limitations on continued attendance and to levy penalties for disciplinary violations, subject to procedures of due process.

615 STUDENT APPEALS

The Board delegates to the various Institutional Executive Officers (IEOs), or their designated officials, full authority in all matters concerning student affairs. The decision of the ~~Institutional Executive Officer~~ IEO or designee shall be final so far as the institution is concerned. Upon rendering of a final decision, the aggrieved student will be notified. The ~~Institutional Executive Officer~~ IEO or designee may request the legal assistance of the Attorney General's Office through the Commissioner.

Final approval of proposed amendments to the following policy:

517 TRANSFER OF THE ASSOCIATE OF ARTS OR ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE FROM A MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY/JUNIOR COLLEGE

A. General Policy

IHL institutions will accept all transferable courses with a grade of "C" or better completed as part of an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree from a Mississippi community/junior college. Upon transferring to an IHL institution, these students may begin taking courses within a declared major or to fulfill prerequisites for a major. Acceptance into some majors may require a higher grade point average and/or additional pre-major/prerequisite courses beyond requirements for the Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree.

1) Students that graduate with an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree from a Mississippi community/junior college and complete the 30-hour IHL Board core curriculum (*Board Policy Section 512 "Core Curriculum"*) with a grade of "C" or better in each core course will satisfy the IHL core curriculum requirement at each IHL institution. General education requirements for baccalaureate programs at the receiving institution may exceed the minimum IHL core curriculum. In such cases, transfer students may need to take additional courses to satisfy these requirements.

2) All non-IHL core curriculum courses in the Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree program may be assigned to fulfill the pre-major or elective requirements, dependent upon the non-IHL core curriculum courses taken within the Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree program and the declared major at the IHL institution.

B. Transferable Courses

When students transfer to an IHL institution from a Mississippi community/junior college, IHL institutions will use the Articulation Agreement between the Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning and the Mississippi ~~State Board for Community and Junior Colleges~~ Community College Board to articulate the transfer of courses.

Approval for first reading of proposed amendments to the following policy:

521 APPLIED BACCALAUREATE DEGREE

The applied baccalaureate degree is specifically intended to serve the needs of adults who have completed a technical associate degree program, such as an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) or an Associate of Applied Technology (AAT) from a community college accredited by The Commission on Colleges and Universities ~~SACSCOC accredited community college~~ in the state of Mississippi or comparable ~~regionally~~ accredited community college from another state. The applied baccalaureate degree is an accelerated pathway designed to assist adult learners who need additional education to advance their careers. Building upon the AAS, AAT, or other technical associate degree program, the applied baccalaureate degree prepares adult learners to assume leadership roles and make a greater contribution in the workplace.

The AAS and AAT degrees offered in Mississippi follow the 30/45/60 stackable credential model. At 30 hours, a career certificate is awarded. At 45 hours, a technical certificate is awarded. At 60 hours, an AAS or AAT degree is awarded. The AAS or AAT degree requires 15 credit hours of general education core courses. The general education core courses earned as part of the AAS or AAT may be accepted as satisfying half of the general education requirements for the applied baccalaureate degree. Provided the general education component of this degree program complies with ~~SACSCOC~~ The Commission on Colleges and Universities, an IHL institution may exercise flexibility in

determining the remaining general education core requirements for the applied baccalaureate degree based on specific needs of adult learners in the workplace.

Applicants who have earned technical credits but have not earned a technical associate degree program may be considered for admission into an applied baccalaureate degree program at the discretion of the admitting institution. An IHL institution may award credit for technical expertise using prior learning assessment (PLA) and competency-based education (CBE) as outlined in Policy 518.

The minimum number of hours required in the applied baccalaureate degree is 120 credit hours, which may include 60 hours of credit with a 2.0 GPA earned as part of the AAS or AAT degree. Credits earned through prior learning assessment and competency-based education may be included as part of the 120 hours. Credits may be earned online, using blended formats, or through courses taught in the evenings or weekends in order to accommodate working adult learners. Of the 120 credit hours, 30 shall be completed in residence at the degree-awarding institution and 30 shall be upper-division credit.

Each IHL institution may offer an applied baccalaureate degree as a new baccalaureate degree. In cases where applied baccalaureate degrees already exist, they may be redesigned to meet the criteria set forth in this policy. An IHL institution may choose to offer more than one applied baccalaureate degree.

Final approval of proposed amendments to the following policy:

604 OTHER APPLICANTS

A. APPLICANTS WITHOUT A DIPLOMA FROM AN ~~REGIONALLY~~ INSTITUTIONALLY ACCREDITED HIGH SCHOOL; HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS

The following are documentation requirements for specific groups of applicants:

1. Applicants who have completed high school from a school that does not hold ~~regional accreditation~~ recognized institutional accreditation must submit the following:
   a. Transcripts reflecting academic performance or a secondary school leaving form; and
   b. ACT or SAT scores and GPA according to Policy 602 B.
2. Home-schooled applicants must submit the following:
   a. Home-school transcripts or portfolio summarizing home school education
   b. ACT or SAT scores and GPA according to Policy 602 B.

All applicants described in this section are subject to the requirements outlined in Policy 602. Applicants in this section may validate the College Preparatory Curriculum in an alternate way. Admitting institutions may establish additional admission requirements.

All applicants described in this section may be required, at the discretion of the admitting IHL institution, to appear for an on-campus interview.

EXHIBIT 2

August 20, 2026

SYSTEM: REAL ESTATE ITEMS APPROVED SUBSEQUENT TO THE JUNE 18, 2026, BOARD MEETING SUBMISSION DEADLINE

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD'S REAL ESTATE AND FACILITIES STAFF IN ACCORDANCE WITH 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 103-333 WHITNEY COMPLEX RENOVATION AND EXPANSION**
   Approval Request #1 (INTERIM): In accordance with Board Policy §904 (B) Board Approval, *Interim Chair Approval* was granted by Mr. Greg Rader, Chair of the Real Estate and Facilities Committee on June 11, 2026, to approve the budget increase from $24,509,236.00 to $25,509,236.00, for an increase of $1,000,000.00 to be funded through House Bill 603, Laws of 2023, Senate Bill 3002, Laws of 2022, Senate Bill 2468, Laws of 2024 and Senate Bill 2189, Laws of 2026. Senate Bill 2189, Laws of 2026 is a new funding source added to the project.
   Interim Approval Status & Date: Approved, June 11, 2026
   Approval Request #2: Award of Construction Contract
   Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of $22,245,000.00 to Century Construction Group, Inc.
   Approval Status & Date: Approved, June 12, 2026
   Project Initiation Date: June 15, 2023
   Design Professional: CDFL Architects + Engineers, P.A.
   General Contractor: Century Construction Group, Inc.
   Total Project Budget: $25,509,236.00

2. **ASU-GS 101-338 ARPA INFRASTRUCTURE WATER TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION**
   Approval Request: Change Order #1
   Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the amount of $0.00 and two hundred eighty-seven (287) additional days to the contract of Hemphill Construction Company, Inc.
   Approval Status & Date: Approved, June 11, 2026
   Change Order Description: Change Order #1 includes the following: additional contract time, per Stop Work orders requested by the Owner, as the University did not wish for the contractor to mobilize while students were moving onto campus, and long material

lead times.
Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to User/Owner requested modifications.
Total Project Change Orders and Amount: One (1) change order for a total amount of $0.00.
Project Initiation Date: August 17, 2023
Design Professional: Pickering Firm, Inc.
General Contractor: Hemphill Construction Company, Inc.
Total Project Budget: $8,600,812.75

3. **ASU-IHL 201-264 MATT THOMAS JR. GARDEN APARTMENTS PH. I**
Approval Request: Change Order #4
Board staff approved Change Order #4 in the amount of $400,965.00 and ninety (90) additional days to the contract of Barnard & Sons Construction, LLC.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, June 11, 2026
Change Order Description: Change Order #4 includes the following: demolition of the existing drain, waste and vent piping, interior demolition, exterior excavation and utility tie-in, installation of new sanitary drain, waste vent piping, installation of new domestic water lines and gas lines, installation of CMU at doors, sawcut and installation of steel lintels at door headers, and installation of 4" CMU wall at ADA restrooms.
Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to latent job site conditions.
Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Four (4) change orders for a total amount of $471,533.00.
Project Initiation Date: March 21, 2024
Design Professional: Canizaro Cawthon Davis, P.A.
General Contractor: Barnard & Sons Construction, LLC
Total Project Budget: $3,257,824.00

4. **ASU-IHL 201-278 J.D. BOYD LIBRARY INTERIOR RENOVATIONS**
Approval Request #1 (INTERIM): In accordance with Board Policy §904 (B) Board Approval, *Interim Chair Approval* was granted by Mr. Greg Rader, Chair of the Real Estate and Facilities Committee on July 10, 2026, to initiate the project and appoint the design professional. The total project budget is $1,654,830.00 and funded by Title III Federal funds, which have an allocation deadline of September 30, 2026.
Interim Approval Status & Date: Approved, July 10, 2026
Project Initiation Date: July 10, 2026
Design Professional: Waycaster Dungan Architect & Engineers, PLLC
General Contractor: TBD
Total Project Budget: $1,654,830.00

5. **ASU-IHL 201-279 TENNIS COURTS RENOVATION**
Approval Request #1 (INTERIM): In accordance with Board Policy §904 (B) Board Approval, *Interim Chair Approval* was granted by Mr. Greg Rader, Chair of the Real Estate and Facilities Committee on August 3, 2026, to initiate the project and appoint the

design professional. The total project budget is $1,313,822.50 and funded by University funds.
Interim Approval Status & Date: Approved, August 3, 2026
Project Initiation Date: August 3, 2026
Design Professional: Major Design Studio, PLLC
General Contractor: TBD
Total Project Budget: $1,313,822.50

DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY

6. **DSU-GS 102-266B CAMPUS HVAC IMPROVEMENTS PH II**
Approval Request: Change Order #1
Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the amount of $403,500.00 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of S.M. Lawrence Company, Inc.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, July 2, 2026
Change Order Description: Change Order #1 includes the following: a credit for the controls allowance, and purchase and installation of a new 200-ton chiller for Chadwick-Dickson Hall, which was damaged during the 2026 ice storm.
Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to latent job site conditions.
Total Project Change Orders and Amount: One (1) change order for a total amount of $403,500.00.
Project Initiation Date: January 19, 2023
Design Professional: Engineering Resource Group, Inc.
General Contractor: S.M. Lawrence Company, Inc.
Total Project Budget: $2,900,000.00

7. **DSU-GS 102-271 NURSING SCHOOL EXPANSION & RENOVATION**
Approval Request: Change Order #10
Board staff approved Change Order #10 in the amount of $65,000.00 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Richard Womack Construction, LLC.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, June 15, 2026
Change Order Description: Change Order #10 includes the following: removal of the 3-tab shingles and underlayment from both the original and new buildings, and replacement with a new underlayment and architectural shingles for both buildings.
Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to latent job site conditions and user/owner requested modifications.
Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Ten (10) change orders for a total amount of $735,847.33.
Project Initiation Date: February 18, 2021
Design Professional: Eley Guild Hardy Architects, P.A.
General Contractor: Richard Womack Construction, LLC
Total Project Budget: $12,735,962.93

8. **DSU-GS 102-280 ARPA INFRASTRUCTURE – WASTE COLLECTION & CONVEYANCE**
   Approval Request: Change Order #4
   Board staff approved Change Order #4 in the *credit* amount of $8,311.32 and sixty-seven (67) additional days to the contract of Don M. Barron Contractor, Inc.
   Approval Status & Date: Approved, June 8, 2026
   Change Order Description: Change Order #4 includes the following: installation of a new control panel for the Baseball Field lift station, replacement of gravity sewer pipe with PVC pressure pipe, installation of two (2) clean-out's for Broom Hall, exploratory work by the general contractor for scope development and possible alterations, additional quantities of materials used in excess of the original scheduled quantities, and a reconciliation of overages based on material quantities used against those originally bid.
   Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to latent job site conditions and user/owner requested modifications.
   Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Four (4) change orders for a total amount of $57,003.04.
   Project Initiation Date: March 21, 2024
   Design Professional: W.L. Burle Engineers, P.A.
   General Contractor: Don M. Barron Contractor, Inc.
   Total Project Budget: $1,925,000.00

9. **DSU-GS 102-281 BOLOGNA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER ADA COMPLIANCE**
   Approval Request: Change Order #2
   Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the amount of $57,556.80 and three hundred thirty-six (336) additional days to the contract of DC Services, LLC.
   Approval Status & Date: Approved, July 2, 2026
   Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following: the addition of a 30' sprinkler line, relocation of a sewer line, a credit for the controls allowance, modifications to the auditorium handrails, installation of elevator tamper valves, replacement of the ceiling in the west corridor, and replacement of a curb.
   Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to latent job site conditions, weather delays and user/owner requested modifications.
   Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Two (2) change orders for a total amount of $81,218.40.
   Project Initiation Date: November 17, 2022
   Design Professional: Burris/Wagnon Architects, P.A.
   General Contractor: DC Services, LLC
   Total Project Budget: $2,373,100.00

10. **DSU-GS 102-283 COURT OF GOVERNORS DEMOLITION**
    Approval Request #1: Construction Documents
    Board staff approved Construction Documents as submitted by Burris/Wagnon Architects, P.A.
    Approval Status & Date: Approved, June 29, 2026

Approval Request #2: Advertise
Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, June 29, 2026

JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY

11. **JSU-GS 103-317 DORMITORY REPAIRS (VARIOUS BUILDINGS) BUILDINGS 100 & 200 UNIVERSITY POINTE**
Approval Request: Award of Construction Contract
Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of $4,071,300.00 to the apparent low bidder, Diversified Construction Services, Inc.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, June 15, 2026
Project Initiation Date: January 7, 2026
Design Professional: Vernell Barnes Architect, PLLC
General Contractor: Diversified Construction Services, Inc.
Total Project Budget: $4,924,461.80

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

12. **MSU-IHL 205-328B AZALEA HALL**
Approval Request: Change Order #9
Board staff approved Change Order #9 in the *credit* amount of $17,100.00 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Roy Anderson Corp.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, June 11, 2026
Change Order Description: Change Order #9 includes the following: credits to the Owner for punch list items that remain incomplete but are acceptable to the owner in their current non-conforming condition.
Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to user/owner requested modifications.
Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Nine (9) change orders for a total amount of $1,202,483.00.
Project Initiation Date: October 25, 2022
Design Professional: Wier Boerner Allin Architecture
CMA: Hoar Program Management
General Contractor: Roy Anderson Corp.
Phased Project Budget: $89,802,000.00
Total Project Budget: $103,500,000.00

13. **MSU-IHL 205-336 SOUTH CAMPUS MECHANICAL PLANT, PACKAGE G (GENERAL WORKS)**
Approval Request: Change Order #4
Board staff approved Change Order #4 in the *credit* amount of $3,100.00 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of J.E. Stevens Construction Group, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, July 24, 2026
Change Order Description: Change Order #4 includes the following: a credit for the unused signage allowance.
Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to user/owner requested modifications.
Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Four (4) change orders for a total amount of $33,449.30.
Project Initiation Date: October 25, 2022
Design Professional: Eley Guild Hardy Architects, P.A.
CMA: Innovative Construction Management, LLC
General Contractor: J.E. Stevens Construction Group, LLC
Phased Project Budget: $2,858,449.30
Total Project Budget: $35,000,000.00

14. **MSU-IHL 205-337 ULYSSES S. GRANT PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY**
Approval Request: Schematic Design Documents
Board staff approved the Design Development Documents as submitted by MP Design Group + Mathes Brierre, a Joint Venture.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, July 27, 2026

15. **MSU-IHL 205-337A ULYSSES S. GRANT PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY (SITE CLEARING PACKAGE)**
Approval Request #1: Construction Documents
Board staff approved Construction Documents as submitted by MP Design Group + Mathes Brierre, a Joint Venture.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, July 21, 2026
Approval Request #2: Advertise
Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, July 21, 2026

16. **MSU-IHL 205-341 RICE HALL RENOVATIONS FLOORS 5-7**
Approval Request: Design Development Documents
Board staff approved the Design Development Documents as submitted by Shafer-Zahner-Zahner, PLLC.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, July 9, 2026

17. **MSU-IHL 205-363 ROSENBAUM BUILDING RENOVATONS & ADDITION**
Approval Request: Budget Increase
Board staff approved a budget increase from $500,000.00 to $5,000,000.00, for an increase of $4,500,000.00 to be funded through University Designated Funds.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, July 28, 2026
Project Initiation Date: November 20, 2025
Design Professional: Dale Partners Architects, P.A.
General Contractor: TBD
Total Project Budget: $5,000,000.00

18. **MSU-IHL 405-003B COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE, ART & DESIGN (HOWELL HALL ADDITIONS & RENOVATION)**
Approval Request: Change Order #5
Board staff approved Change Order #5 in the amount of $349,504.36 and thirty-six (36) additional days to the contract of West Brothers Construction, Inc.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, June 22, 2026
Change Order Description: Change Order #5 includes the following: new storm drain lines at the new BCS shop for roof drains, additional steel supports for skylight storefront system, saw-cutting control joints in existing block, electrical, mechanical and plumbing revisions throughout the main building, revisions to the layout of the sidewalk and steps to avoid utilities and structure, shoring up of existing structure, removing existing brick, removing existing windows due to brick pulling away from structure, the addition of roof edge blocking, concrete and anchors, labor to secure new blocking, and a credit for the smart building system.
Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to errors and omissions in the plans and specifications, latent job site conditions, and user/owner requested modifications.
Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Five (5) change orders for a total amount of $1,024,381.07.
Project Initiation Date: August 19, 2021
Design Professional: Belinda Stewart Architects, P.A. + Wier Boerner Allin Architecture, PLLC
General Contractor: West Brothers Construction, Inc.
Phased Budget: $27,000,000.00
Total Project Budget: $35,732,500.00

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

19. **MVSU – IHL 206-030 FINE ARTS ROOF REPLACEMENT**
Approval Request: Initiation and Appointment of Design Professional
Board staff approved Initiation of the Fine Arts Roof Replacement and appointment of Shafer-Zahner-Zahner, PLLC as the design professional.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, June 29, 2026
Project Initiation Date: June 29, 2026
Design Professional: Shafer-Zahner-Zahner, PLLC
General Contractor: TBD
Total Project Budget: $300,000.00

20. **MVSU – IHL 206-031 MVSU WEST SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS**
Approval Request: Initiation and Appointment of Design Professional
Board staff approved Initiation of the MVSU West Sidewalk Improvements and appointment of Willis Engineering, Inc. as the design professional.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, June 29, 2026

Project Initiation Date: June 29, 2026
Design Professional: Willis Engineering, Inc.
General Contractor: TBD
Total Project Budget: $831,555.86

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21. **UM-IHL 207-468.1 ART, THEATRE & FILM DEPARTMENTS (JAC SCENE SHOP)**
Approval Request: Design Development Documents
Board staff approved the Design Development Documents as submitted by Eley Guild Hardy Architects, P.A.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, June 30, 2026

22. **UM-IHL 207-498 NW MECHANICAL PLANT (MECHANICAL PHASE III)**
Approval Request: Change Order #5
Board staff approved Change Order #5 in the amount of $635,854.45 and four hundred thirty-eight (438) additional days to the contract of Codaray Construction, LLC.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, July 29, 2026
Change Order Description: Change Order #5 includes the following: additional fireproofing to meeting required 2-hour rating, reinstallation of North light poles and bases, and reconciliation of the controls allowance, based on changes to the original scope, including modifications to the controls package and installation, sequencing, system integration, programming, startup, testing and commissioning.
Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to errors and omissions in the plans and specifications and user/owner requested modifications.
Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Five (5) change orders for a total amount of $2,480,233.04.
Project Initiation Date: January 6, 2023
Design Professional: Eley Guild Hardy Architects, P.A.
General Contractor: Codaray Construction, LLC
Total Project Budget: $31,400,000.00

23. **UM-IHL 207-502 NEW PARKING STRUCTURE (PACKAGE A – SITE IMPROVEMENTS)**
Approval Request: Change Order #3
Board staff approved Change Order #3 in the amount of $12,209.93 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of DC Services, LLC.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, July 16, 2026
Change Order Description: Change Order #3 includes the following: a credit for removal of the French drain in the plans and specifications, removal of an abandoned storm drain, adding new storm drainage on the northwest corner of the garage, and revisions to the South slope storm drainage.

Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to errors and omissions in the plans and specifications and latent job site conditions.
Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Three (3) change orders for a total amount of $196,538.87.
Project Initiation Date: January 31, 2023
Design Professional: Eley Guild Hardy Architects, P.A.
CMA: Innovative Construction Management, LLC
General Contractor: DC Services, LLC
Package A Project Budget: $6,190,538.87
Total Project Budget: $56,000,000.00

24. **UM-IHL 207-502 NEW PARKING STRUCTURE (PACKAGE B – STRUCTURAL PRECAST)**

Approval Request: Change Order #1
Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the amount of $0.00 and seventeen (17) additional days to the contract of Tindall Corporation.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, July 13, 2026
Change Order Description: Change Order #1 includes the following: *Time only*. Days were added to the contract due to delays associated with nail soil installation, requiring the dates for precast to be adjusted.
Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to errors and omissions in the plans and specifications.
Total Project Change Orders and Amount: One (1) change order for a total amount of $0.00.
Project Initiation Date: January 31, 2023
Design Professional: Eley Guild Hardy Architects, P.A.
CMA: Innovative Construction Management, LLC
General Contractor: Tindall Corporation
Package B Project Budget: $19,805,940.00
Total Project Budget: $56,000,000.00

25. **UM-IHL 207-502 NEW PARKING STRUCTURE (PACKAGE C – STRUCTURAL CONCRETE)**

Approval Request 1: Change Order #1
Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the amount of $0.00 and seventeen (17) additional days to the contract of Abbey Bridges Construction Co., LLC.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, July 13, 2026
Change Order Description: Change Order #1 includes the following: *Time only*. Days were added to the contract due to changes in the sequencing of milestone dates for grade beam installation and precast contract, to accommodate utility rough-in's.
Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to errors and omissions in the plans and specifications.

Approval Request 2: Change Order #2
Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the amount of $67,915.00 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Abbey Bridges Construction Co., LLC.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, July 16, 2026
Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following: additional #4 rebar ties in the cast-in-place concrete walls. Special Boundary Element (SBE) reinforcing was identified as a building code requirement due to seismic zone during the delegated design process by the structural precast contractor.
Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to latent job site conditions.
Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Two (2) change orders for a total amount of $67,915.00.
Project Initiation Date: January 31, 2023
Design Professional: Eley Guild Hardy Architects, P.A.
CMA: Innovative Construction Management, LLC
General Contractor: Abbey Bridges Construction Co., LLC
Package C Project Budget: $9,524,733.00
Total Project Budget: $56,000,000.00

26. **UM-IHL 207-502 NEW PARKING STRUCTURE (PACKAGE G – MECHANICAL AND PLUMBING)**
Approval Request: Change Order #2
Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the amount of $38,900.00 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Upchurch Services, LLC.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, July 16, 2026
Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following: replacement of the entire plumbing stack and affected concrete stem walls as a result of the freezing conditions in January 2026.
Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to latent job site conditions.
Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Two (2) change orders for a total amount of $50,347.99.
Project Initiation Date: January 31, 2023
Design Professional: Eley Guild Hardy Architects, P.A.
CMA: Innovative Construction Management, LLC
General Contractor: Upchurch Services, LLC
Package G Project Budget: $715,249.99
Total Project Budget: $56,000,000.00

27. **UM-IHL 207-513 SOC 3RD FLOOR PSYCHOLOGY RENOVATIONS**
Approval Request: Change Order #2
Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the amount of $77,945.87 and ninety-eight (98) additional days to the contract of Artizan Constructors, LLC.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, July 6, 2026
Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following: adding 37 mechanical tees that were determined to need replacing, mold removal found during demolition, added scope for electrical, plumbing and floor leveling at the nurse station, and additional days

for inclement weather, holidays not in the original contract and days for change order reconciliation.
Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to errors and omissions in the plans and specifications, weather and user/owner requested modifications.
Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Two (2) change orders for a total amount of $86,006.28.
Project Initiation Date: April 18, 2024
Design Professional: McCarty Architects, P.A.
General Contractor: Artizan Constructors, LLC
Total Project Budget: $3,371,175.00

28. **UM-IHL 207-524 JOHNSON COMMONS WEST – REBEL MARKET EXPANSION**
Approval Request: Design Development Documents
Board staff approved the Design Development Documents as submitted by Eley Guild Hardy Architects, P.A.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, July 6, 2026

29. **UM-IHL 207-525 UNIVERSITY BUILDING DEMOLITION & NEW PARKING (MARRIED STUDENT HOUSING DEMO)**
Approval Request: Change Order #1
Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the amount of $47,249.12 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Century Construction Group, Inc.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, July 31, 2026
Change Order Description: Change Order #1 includes the following: providing a large generator on site for work, due to power not being available on site.
Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to user/owner requested modifications.
Total Project Change Orders and Amount: One (1) change order for a total amount of $47,249.12.
Project Initiation Date: January 22, 2026
Design Professional: McCarty Architects, P.A.
General Contractor: Century Construction Group, Inc.
Phased Project Budget: $1,117,407.48
Total Project Budget: $16,213,000.00

30. **UM-IHL 407-011 EARLY LEARNING AND EVALUATION CENTER**
Approval Request: Appointment of Commissioning Agent
Board staff approved the appointment of SINERGI Integrated Building Solutions, LLC as the Commissioning Agent for the project.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, June 15, 2026

31. **UM-IHL 207-525.2 UM DEMO BUILDINGS & NEW PARKING – TAD SMITH COLISEUM DEMO PACKAGE**
Approval Request: Award of Construction Contract
Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of $938,500.00 to the apparent low bidder, Coastal Development & Construction, LLC.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, June 29, 2026
Project Initiation Date: January 22, 2026
Design Professional: McCarty Architects, P.A.
General Contractor: Coastal Development & Construction, LLC.
Phased Project Budget: $2,371,938.47
Total Project Budget: $16,213,000.00

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER

32. **UMMC-IHL 209-557 MEDCOM PES RENOVATIONS**
Approval Request #1: Change Order #2
Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the amount of $28,405.58 and seven (7) additional days to the contract of Fountain Construction Co., Inc.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, June 22, 2026
Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following: a credit for changing the thickness of the security expanded metal in ceilings, additional mobilization fee from vendor after the scheduled outage was canceled, and modifications for one-hour fire rating system for Seclusion Rooms 118 and 119.
Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to latent job site conditions and user/owner requested modifications.
Approval Request #2: Change Order #3
Board staff approved Change Order #3 in the amount of $166,520.64 and fifty-seven (57) additional days to the contract of Fountain Construction Co., Inc.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, July 9, 2026
Change Order Description: Change Order #3 includes the following: adding integral blinds into sliding exam room doors and deleting curtain track and curtain installation, adding wall protection behind hand dryers in restrooms, adding electrical changes including power and data in multiple rooms, adding a wireless duress system to PES suite, adding two (2) Oberon WAP mounts in corridor and additional power/data in office, revising the floor plan at the Exam Entry and Housekeeping to allow the existing electrical panel to remain, deleting recessed printer shelves and adding wall-mounted printer shelves in exam rooms, adding Acrovyn wall protection in exam rooms, modifying door hardware and control system at three (3) doors to provide delayed egress, adding power and data at Par-X and nurse station, and a reconciliation of a $1,000 overage charged for Change Order 1.
Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to errors and omissions in the plans and specifications, and user/owner requested modifications.
Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Three (3) change orders for a total amount of $238,272.14.

Project Initiation Date: June 16, 2016
Design Professional: Canizaro Cawthon Davis, P.A.
General Contractor: Fountain Construction Co., Inc.
Total Project Budget: $6,700,000.00

33. **UMMC-IHL 209-579 UMMC COLONY PARK**
Approval Request: Change Order #26
Board staff approved Change Order #26 in the *credit* amount of $178,709.92 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Codaray Construction, LLC.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, June 22, 2026
Change Order Description: Change Order #26 includes the following: a Milestone VMS credit, credit for fully adhered TPO membrane, a curb cut at the cell tower, infrastructure for the oxygen yard, pipe bollards are the oxygen yard, cellular dialers for elevators, fire lane striping and signage, CT floor repairs from owner's vendor, relocation of a nurse station phone, additional wall accessories, rewiring of an irrigation pump, an outlet and eyewash in the lab, changes in the signage, changing receptables in MOB exam rooms to GFCI, additional signs and mailboxes, additional sprinkler heads in ASC penthouse, additional deadbolts in the pharmacy, changes to the ultrasound door lock, additional wall files, modifications to countertops, power for hand dryers, installation of OTO microscope plates, installation of UL927 devices in the OR emergency lights, a credit for tile work, changes in the MOB exam rooms lights to immediate generator backup, the purchase of an additional 6 bottle cylinder rack, 3rd floor repairs to moves damage, additional access controls to 2 doors, signage errors and omissions, and a credit for reconciliation with the owner's contingency held by the contractor.
Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to errors and omissions in the plans and specifications, and user/owner requested modifications.
Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Twenty-Six (26) change orders for a total amount of $5,825,028.88.
Project Initiation Date: June 16, 2022
Design Professional: CDFL Architects + Engineers, P.A.
General Contractor: Codaray Construction, LLC
Total Project Budget: $107,910,527.00

34. **UMMC-IHL 209-580C RENOVATIONS FOR ADOLESCENT PSYCH**
Approval Request: Change Order #2
Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the *credit* amount of $25,210.98 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Fountain Construction Co., Inc.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, July 7, 2026
Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following: adding toilet accessories, adding exam room millwork, adding a sink with GFCI motion sensor, monitor / screen mounts and installation, adding two (2) cameras and one (1) receptacle, additional cabling, and a credit for the Psych metal ceiling.
Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to user/owner requested modifications.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Two (2) change orders for a total *credit* amount of $6,148.12.
Project Initiation Date: August 18, 2022
Design Professional: JH&H Architects Planners Interiors, P.A.
General Contractor: Fountain Construction Co., Inc.
Phased Project Budget: $5,630,000.00
Total Project Budget: $10,500,000.00

35. **UMMC – IHL 209-590 BATSON 2ND AND 4TH FLOOR FINISHES**
Approval Request #1: Initiation and Appointment of Design Professional
Board staff approved Initiation of the Batson 2nd and 4th Floor Finishes and appointment of Burris/Wagnon Architects, P.A. as the design professional.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, July 15, 2026
Project Initiation Date: July 15, 2026
Design Professional: Burris/Wagnon Architects, P.A.
General Contractor: TBD
Total Project Budget: $4,800,000.00
Approval Request #2: Schematic Design Documents
Board staff approved the Schematic Design Documents as submitted by Burris/Wagnon Architects, P.A.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, July 27, 2026

36. **UMMC – IHL 209-591 CHILDREN'S SAFE CENTER**
Approval Request: Initiation and Appointment of Design Professional
Board staff approved Initiation of the Children's Safe Center and appointment of Burris/Wagnon Architects, P.A. as the design professional.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, July 15, 2026
Project Initiation Date: July 15, 2026
Design Professional: Burris/Wagnon Architects, P.A.
General Contractor: TBD
Total Project Budget: $4,171,046.33

37. **UMMC-IHL 209-594 8TH FLOOR RESEARCH**
Approval Request: Initiation and Appointment of Design Professional
Board staff approved Initiation of the 8th Floor Research and appointment of Foil Wyatt Architects & Planners, PLLC as the design professional.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, July 23, 2026
Project Initiation Date: July 23, 2026
Design Professional: Foil Wyatt Architects & Planners, PLLC
General Contractor: TBD
Total Project Budget: $4,530,000.00

38. **UMMC-IHL 409-007 FIRE PROTECTION CENTRAL CORE**
Approval Request #1: Construction Documents
Board staff approved Construction Documents as submitted by Foil Wyatt Architects & Planners, PLLC.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, June 29, 2026
Approval Request #2: Advertise
Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, June 29, 2026

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39. **USM-IHL 208-301 REED GREEN COLISEUM (ELECTRICAL BID PACKAGE ONLY)**
Approval Request: Re-advertise for Receipt of Bids
Board staff approved request to re-advertise for receipt of bids. Following receipt of bids on June 25, 2026, no bids were received by the deadline for the electrical portion of the project.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, June 26, 2026

40. **USM-IHL 208-301.1A REED GREEN COLISEUM (SITE UTILITY RELOCATION)**
Approval Request: Change Order #1
Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the amount of $29,070.98 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Gulf Coast Solutions, LLC.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, June 18, 2026
Change Order Description: Change Order #1 includes the following: relocation of an existing water line, and construction of a conflict box to allow for the installation of the designed storm sewer re-routing.
Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to latent job site conditions.
Total Project Change Orders and Amount: One (1) change order for a total amount of $29,070.98.
Project Initiation Date: January 20, 2022
Design Professional: Wier Boerner Allin Architecture, PLLC
CMA: Codaray Construction, LLC
General Contractor: Gulf Coast Solutions, LLC
Phased Project Budget: $274,948.31
Total Project Budget: $43,170,506.50

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41. **ERC-GS 111-077 IHL PARKING LOTS AND STREET REPAIRS PHASE A**
Approval Request #1: Construction Documents
Board staff approved Construction Documents as submitted by Smithers Engineers + Consultants, LLC.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, July 6, 2026
Approval Request #2: Advertise
Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, July 6, 2026

42. **ERC-GS 111-078 IHL PAUL B. JOHNSON FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS**
Approval Request #1: Construction Documents
Board staff approved Construction Documents as submitted by Boggan & Vaughn Architects, PLLC.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, July 13, 2026
Approval Request #2: Advertise
Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, July 13, 2026
Approval Request #3 (INTERIM): In accordance with Board Policy §904 (B) Board Approval, *Interim Chair Approval* was granted by Mr. Greg Rader, Chair of the Real Estate and Facilities Committee on August 3, 2026, to approve the budget increase from $3,800,000.00 to $4,300,000.00, for an increase of $500,000.00 to be funded through House Bill 2189, Laws of 2026 and Internal Funds.
Interim Approval Status & Date: Approved, August 3, 2026
Project Initiation Date: August 6, 2025
Design Professional: Boggan & Vaughn Architects, PLLC
General Contractor: TBD
Total Project Budget: $4,300,000.00

EXHIBIT 3

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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 (statement dated 5/22/26) from the funds of Alcorn State University. (This statement, in the amount of $3,860.00, represents services and expenses in connection with an immigration/labor certification matter.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 3,860.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Armstrong Law, LLC (statements dated 7/23/26 and 7/27/26) from the funds of Jackson State University. (These statements, in the amounts of $5,300.00 and $3,000.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with immigration/labor certification matters.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 8,300.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Brunini, Grower, Grantham and Hewes, PLLC (statements dated 6/29/26 and 6/29/26) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of $175.00 and $87.50, represent services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 262.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statements dated 6/18/26 and 6/18/26) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of $125.00 and $96,823.25, represent services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 96,948.25

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Copeland Cook Taylor & Bush, PA (statement dated 6/26/26) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement, in the amount of $7,590.00, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 7,590.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware|Immigration (statements dated 6/11/26, 6/18/26, 7/1/26 and 7/1/26) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of $2,650.00, $563.00, $100.00 and $20.47, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with immigration/labor certification matters.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 3,333.47

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Brunini (statement dated 7/23/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of $175.00, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 175.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Kaplan Kirsch (statements dated 6/10/26 and 7/20/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of $1,947.50 and $1,995.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 3,942.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Lightfoot Franklin White, LLC (statements dated 6/5/26 and 7/7/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of $30,898.25 and $12,785.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 43,683.25

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mayo Mallette, PLLC (statements dated 7/15/26 and 7/27/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of $987.50 and $7,674.67, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 8,662.17

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware|Immigration (statements dated 5/12/26, 5/28/26, 6/11/26, 6/18/26, 6/18/26, 6/19/26, 6/26/26, 6/26/26 and 7/10/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of $5,150.00, $8,150.00, $6,150.00, $8,150.00, $1,000.00, $2,650.00, $5,150.00, $5,150.00 and $2,650.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with immigration/labor certification matters.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 44,200.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Alexander Law, P.A. (statements dated 6/4/26, 6/4/26, 6/4/26, 6/4/26 and 6/4/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of $5,546.00, $1,341.50, $409.50, $1,540.00 and $2,457.50, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 11,294.50

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statements dated 5/22/26, 66/5,26, 6/5/26, 6/9/26, 6/9/26, 5/9/26, 6/10/26, 6/11/26, 6/11/26, 6/11/26, 6/11/26, 6/12/26, 6/12/26, 6/12/26, 6/12/26, 6/12/26 and 6/12/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of $179,970.00, $2,744.25, $2,994.35, $1,788.50, $182.50, $81.30, $292.00, $438.00, $1,898.00, $2,898.00, $124,887.20, $187,137.50, $882.50, $510.00, $918.00, $59,505.10 and $255.50, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 567,382.70

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Currie Johnson & Myers, P.A. (statements dated 5/22/26 and 6/16/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of $1,700.00 and $1,260.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 2,960.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Forman Watkins & Krutz, LLP (statements dated 5/1/26, 5/19/26 and 6/9/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of $4,647.50, $12,553.30 and $1,118.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 18,318.80

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Gore, Kilpatrick & Dambrino, PLLC (statements dated 5/26/26 and 5/26/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of $260.00 and $478.83, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 738.83

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Hall, Render, Killian, Heath & Lyman (statements dated 5/28/26, 5/28/26 and 6/9/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of $859.17, $49.28 and $10.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 918.45

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Hogan Lovells, US, LLP (statements dated 5/27/26 and 5/27/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of $18,721.91 and $2,190.00, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 20,911.91

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mayo Mallette, PLLC (statements dated 5/6/26, 6/8/26 and 6/12/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of $7,771.61, $4,110.00 and $1,237.50, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 13,119.11

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Page, Kruger & Holland, PA (statements dated 6/2/26, 6/2/26, 6/2/26, 6/2/26, and 6/2/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of $2,618.70, $51.00, $100.00, $80.00 and $40.00, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 2,889.70

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Steen, Dalehite & Pace, LLC (statements dated 6/12/26, 6/16/26 and 6/16/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of $620.00, $1,422.50 and $3,460.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 5,502.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Vernis & Bowling of Mississippi, PLLC (statements dated 4/22/26, 4/22/26, 5/20/26, 5/20/26, 5/20/26, 5/20/26, 5/20/26, 5/20/26, 6/1/26 and 6/5/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of $633.16, $145.00, $316.50, $2,012.50, $148.50, $2,694.50, $360.93, $89.50, $4,792.50 and $380.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 11,573.09

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by the Walker & Ungo Immigration Law Firm (statements dated 4/9/26, 4/21/26, 4/21/26, 4/28/26, 4/28/26, 6/4/26 and 6/4/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of $2,000.00, $2,000.00, $3,680.00, $2,000.00, $2,000.00, $266.02 and $246.05, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 12,192.07

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Watkins & Eager, PLLC (statements dated 6/5/26, 6/8/26, 6/8/26, 6/8/26, 6/8/26, 6/11/26, 6/12/26 6/15/26 and 6/15/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of $7,335.13, $12,985.00, $3,734.00, $200.00, $105.00, $2,555.00, $12,110.00, $11,935.00 and $945.00 respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 51,904.13

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by the Wise Carter Child & Caraway, P.A. (statement dated 2/2/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (This statement, in the amount of $1,061.60, represents services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 1,061.60

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Copeland Cook Taylor & Bush (statements dated 4/22/26 and 5/13/26) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of $360.00 and $1,224.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 1,584.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Scott J. Schwartz, P.A. (statement dated 7/23/26) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of $4,485.00, represents services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 4,485.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Starnes Davis Florie, LLP (statements dated 5/18/26, 5/31/26 and 7/21/26) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of $6,236.10, $5,608.80 and $3,616.20, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 15,461.10

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware|Immigration (statements dated 1/8/26, 6/22/26, 6/22/26, 6/22/26, 6/22/26, 6/29/26, 7/1/26, 7/10/26 and 7/14/26) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of $200.00, $3,365.00, $6,075.00, $6,075.00, $6,075.00, $2,650.00, $1,440.00, $6,325.00 and $2,650.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with immigration/labor certification matters.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 34,855.00

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 Conley Rose, P.C. (statements dated 6/3/26 and 7/7/26) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of $1,130.00 and $2,500.00, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 3,630.00

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mendelsohn Dunleavy, P.C. (statements dated 7/8/26, 7/8/26, 7/8/26, 7/8/26, 7/8/26 and 7/8/26) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of $622.50, $735.50, $1,710.50, $1,995.50, $546.40 and $5,180.00, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 10,790.40

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Stites & Harbison, PLLC (statements dated 6/24/26, 6/24/26, 6/24/26, 6/24/26, 6/24/26 and 6/24/26) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of $575.00, $1,521.76, $2,765.28, $695.50, $4,488.00 and $603.26, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 10,648.80

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statements dated 3/16/26, 6/19/26, 6/19/26, 6/19/26, 6/19/26, 6/19/26, 6/19/26, 6/19/26 and 6/19/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of $11,789.50, $345.00, $345.00, $7,519.00, $15,512.50, $4,124.50, $2,920.00, $365.00 and $912.50, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 43,833.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Thomas|Horstemeyer (statements dated 4/30/26, 4/30/26, 4/30/26, 4/30/26, 4/30/26, 4/30/26, 4/30/26, 4/30/26, 4/30/26, 4/30/26, 4/30/26, 4/30/26, 5/29/26, 5/29/26, 5/29/26, 5/29/26, 5/29/26, 5/29/26, 5/29/26, 5/29/26, 5/29/26, 5/29/26, 5/29/26, 5/29/26, 5/29/26, 5/29/26, 5/29/26, 5/29/26, 5/29/26 and 5/29/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of $700.00, $2,500.00, $49.00, $282.00, $126.00, $126.00, $3,775.70, $150.00, $1,799.00, $80.00, $33.00, $69.00, $1,767.00, $590.00, $248.00, $428.00, $2,312.00, $150.00, $210.00, $1,976.00, $1,433.00, $496.11, $576.00, $576.00, $625.00, $807.00, $670.00, $234.00, $150.00 and $150.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 23,087.81

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Stites & Harbison, PLLC (statements dated 4/23/26, 4/23/26, 4/23/26, 4/23/26, 4/23/26, 4/23/26, 6/8/26, 6/8/26 and 6/8/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of $2,002.00, $770.00, $1,150.00, $76.00, $4,921.75, $4,123.21, $2,744.00, $1,254.00

and $1,338.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 18,378.96

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Workman Nydegger (statements dated 5/11/26, 5/11/26, 5/11/26, 5/11/26, 5/11/26, 5/11/26, 5/11/26, 5/11/26, 5/11/26, 5/11/26, 5/11/26, 5/11/26, 5/11/26, 5/11/26, 5/11/26 and 5/11/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of $1,836.00, $500.00, $7,319.56, $396.00, $398.00, $585.00, $452.00, $476.00, $888.00, $315.00, $1,804.00, $2,592.54, $1,166.00, $100.00, $2,750.00, $7,869.00 and $5,371.00, represent services and expenses in connection with intellectual property patents.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 34,818.10

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statements dated 6/23/26, 6/23/26 and 6/23/26) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of $310.50, $135.00 and $138.00, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 583.50