MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING
June 18, 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 June 18, 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, Ms. Teresa Hubbard, 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 Dr. Steven Cunningham, President, with Trustee Ogletree providing the invocation.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

- Commissioner Dr. Alfred Rankins, Jr., introduced the newest member of the IHL Executive Staff, Dr. Ramesh Maddali, Director of Strategic Research. President Cunningham welcomed him.
- Commissioner Rankins also welcomed Senator Hob Bryan, Chair of the Senate Public Health Committee, and thanked him for his work.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On motion by Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Stephenson, with Trustee Martin participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Board meeting held on May 21, 2026.

PRESENTATIONS

- The Board received a presentation about The University of Mississippi from Chancellor Dr. Glenn Boyce.
- The Board received a presentation from Dr. Brian Prescott, President, and Dr. Sarah Pingel, Vice President, of the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS).

CONSENT AGENDAS

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

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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

1. **DSU** – Approval of modification of an existing academic unit, as follows:
   Rename and Reorganize
   Current unit: College of Business and Aviation
   Proposed unit title: College of Business
   Unit Location: Division of Academic Affairs
   Effective date: July 2026
   Organizational units to operate under renamed and reorganized unit:
   Division of Accounting, Computer Information Systems, and Geospatial Information Technologies
   School of Management, Marketing, and Business Administration
   Delta Music Institute
2. **SYSTEM** – Approved the modification of existing academic degree programs, as follows:
   Rename
   a. **MSU** – Current program title: Bachelor of Science (BS) in Environmental Economics and Sustainability
      Proposed program title: Bachelor of Science (BS) in Agricultural, Food and Resource Economics
      Current CIP code, sequence: 03.0204, 5761
      Proposed CIP code, sequence: 01.0103, 5761
      Total credit hours: 124
      Effective date: August 2026
   b. **USM** – Current program title: Master of Science (MS) in Human Capital Development
      Proposed program title: Master of Science (MS) in Leadership and Talent Development
      Current CIP code, sequence: 52.1005, 4478
      Proposed CIP code, sequence: 52.0213, 4478
      Total credit hours: 30
      Effective date: August 2026
   c. **USM** – Current program title: Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Human Capital Development
      Proposed program title: Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Leadership and Organizational Development
      Current CIP code, sequence: 52.1005, 1213
      Proposed CIP code, sequence: 52.0213, 1213
      Total credit hours: 54
      Effective date: August 2026

   Delete
   d. **USM** – Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Medical Laboratory Sciences
      CIP code, sequence: 51.1005, 5948
      Total credit hours: 120
      Effective date: August 2026

e. **USM** – Master of Science (MS) in Education (Educational Studies and Research)
CIP code, sequence: 13.0301, 4331
Total credit hours: 36
Effective date: August 2026

FINANCE

1. **ASU** – Approved the request to grant retroactive approval of a contract with Capital Consulting LLC d/b/a Tharseo IT for ERP Cloud Migration and Management Services and to enter a renewal agreement with this vendor for ongoing services with the Ellucian Banner ERP system. The initial term of the contract was May 16, 2022 through May 15, 2025. The 2025 contract extension date was May 16, 2025 through June 30, 2026. The renewal term is July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029. The total contract amount is $1,603,764.62, $610,740 of which is the current renewal request for the 2026-29 contract term. The yearly contract amounts between 2022 and 2029 are included in the June 18, 2026 Board Book. The contract will be funded using 100% State 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.
2. **DSU** – Approved the request to escalate the on-campus budget for fiscal year 2026 in accordance with Board Policy 704.02 Athletic Budget Approval and Reporting, which requires Board approval for any budget amendments involving significant changes to institutional expenditures. This request is specifically focused on increasing the University's scholarship spending authority by $309,227.75 to accommodate higher-than-anticipated financial aid requirements for the current student body.

Category	Current Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	Revised Budget
Instruction			
Regular Session	14,761,627.00	-	14,761,627.00
Summer Session	655,996.00	-	655,996.00
Continuing Education	184,807.00	-	184,807.00
Total Instruction	15,602,430.00	-	15,602,430.00
Research	-	-	-
Public Service	208,926.00	-	208,926.00
Academic Support	3,971,541.00	-	3,971,541.00
Student Services	8,384,145.00	-	8,384,145.00
Institutional Support	10,437,083.00	-	10,437,083.00
Operation and Maintenance	6,711,901.00	-	6,711,901.00
Scholarships and Fellowship	4,332,120.00	309,227.75	4,641,347.75
Subtotal	34,045,716.00	309,227.75	34,354,943.75
Mandatory Transfers			
Debt Service	-	-	-

Category	Current Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	Revised Budget
Matching	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
Total Mandatory Transfers	-	-	-
Non-Mandatory Transfers			
Auxiliary Support	-	-	-
Building Projects	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
Total Non-Mandatory Transfers	-	-	-
Increase in Fund Balance	-	-	-
Total Uses of Funding	49,648,146.00	309,227.75	49,957,373.75

3. **DSU** – Approved the request to enter a new bookstore services agreement with Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, LLC to establish it as the University's exclusive provider for bookstore operations, including course materials and retail merchandise, and includes implementation of an inclusive access program designed to reduce student costs and improve access to required materials. The contract term will begin July 1, 2026, and end June 30, 2031, with the option to renew for two (2) additional one (1) year terms. The agreement establishes a per credit hour rate for the First Day Complete program at approximately $22.00 per credit hour, subject to adjustment as outlined in the contract. The agreement also includes: 1) Annual $20,000 in scholarships and donations, 2) $25,000 contract bonus, and 3) Up to $100,000 in facility and technology investments. This contract is estimated to produce $753,281 in revenue, including commissions and rebates estimate of $528,281. This is a revenue generating contract supported through bookstore sales and program participation. 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. **MSU** – Approved the request to enter an agreement with Gillig, LLC to purchase heavy duty buses for the Starkville Mississippi State University Area Rapid Transit (SMART) system through an emergency purchasing process. SMART is a city and campus public transit system funded through Program 5311 Rural Mass Transit funds. Pursuant to Board Policy 707.03 Approval of Prepayment for Goods and Services, the Board also approved the request for the institution to prepay for services provided under this agreement. The purchase price of each bus is $715,189.00, and the total contract amount is $3,577,945. Eighty percent of the contract cost will be funded by Program 5339 funds from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) via the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT). The other twenty percent will be covered by a combination of Multimodal Transit funds from the MDOT and a Capital Reserve Account funded by parking revenue at MSU. MSU has confirmed that the agreement is in compliance with the terms of these funding sources and is otherwise legally permissible. 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. **MSU** – Approved the request to modify its existing lease agreement with the Mississippi State University Research & Technology Corporation (RTC) for space at 301 Research Boulevard in Starkville, Mississippi and to make facility improvements to accommodate installation and operation of a focused ion beam scanning electron microscope (FIB) and a transmission electron microscope (TEM). The term of the lease agreement began on November 1, 2022, and runs until November 1, 2042. This amendment does not change the contract amount of the lease. Rent is $46,750 per month, and total rent for the 20-year term is $11,220,000 plus actual utility costs. It is anticipated that the cost of improvements will be approximately $500,000. Funds are available from FY26 Congressionally Funded Community Project included in H.R. 7148. MSU has confirmed that the planned improvements are in compliance with the terms of that Funded Community Project and are otherwise legally permissible. 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. **MUW** – Approved the request to renew a Web Portal and Mobile Application agreement with Campus EAI, Inc. to provide a single sign-on portal and mobile application for the campus community. The term of the agreement is June 22, 2026 through June 21, 2027. The total cost of the one-year renewal term is $72,634.42, bringing the aggregate total to $593,303.62. Funds are available from general funds. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.
7. **MUW** – Approved the request to renew a one-year contract with Mythics, LLC for Oracle Cloud hosting of Ellucian Banner and related services for a 1-year term starting July 17, 2026 and ending July 16, 2027. The contract amount for year 2 of the 3-year contract is estimated to be $65,121. This is a quoted amount and is not a guaranteed quote. The usage is expected to be below the quoted amount of $65,121 based on the current fiscal year and prior fiscal year 26 monthly average of $4,452. The contract will be funded by existing E&G budget 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.
8. **MUW** – Approved the request to renew an agreement with Knight Coach, Inc. for charter bus services for the travel of athletic teams' sporting events for a term of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. The tentative scope of work for Fiscal Year 2027 is estimated at $355,560.00. Additional trips may be added at MUW's request via invoice subject to University prior approval, and the total amount of services provided under this contract shall not exceed $500,000.00 per year. Payment will be issued based on invoice of services rendered for traveling needs. A bus daily rate of $1,800-$2,000 with a mileage rate of $6.00. The Bus driver 10-hr pay rate is $300 with each driver swap quoted at $800. An additional charge for $200 per hour will be assessed for every hour after midnight. For unforeseen circumstances the amount will be invoiced using one of the following: an hourly rate of $200 per hour exceeding the quoted trip duration; or a daily rate of $1,500 for 40 passengers or $1,700 for 56 passengers along with mileage rate. Diesel fuel surcharge and reduction rates apply based on the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) Weekly Retail On-Highway Diesel Prices for the Gulf Coast region. This contract

is funded through Mississippi University for Women Athletic Department 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.

9. **MUW** – Approved the request to enter an agreement with Ellucian Company LLC for an interface service Order Form (Project No. 49451), subject to the agreement between Ellucian Company LLC and IT'S A contracting agent for MUW. This allows users to quickly access information and applications from across campus through a single sign-on provider. The agreement starts upon execution of the Order Form (with the earliest beginning date of April 1, 2026) and ends September 30, 2030. The total contract amount is $ 290,732.00. Included in the total cost is a fixed fee of $56,379 for professional services and yearly cloud software subscription fees as follows: 1) Year Ending 9/30/26-$22,810 (prorated), 2) Year Ending 9/30/27-$48,356, 3) Year Ending 9/30/28-$51,258, 4) Year Ending 9/30/29-$54,333, and 5) Year Ending 9/30/30-$57,593. The contract 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.
10. **MVSU** – Approved the request to enter a Memorandum of Understanding with G.A. Carmichael Family Health Center, Inc. to provide comprehensive healthcare services and wellness programming for students, faculty, staff, and the surrounding community through on-campus services and coordinated referrals in partnership with the University. The term of the contract is July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031. The total cost is $1,345,105.00 for five (5) years which is $269,021.00 per year. The agreement is 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.
11. **MVSU** – Granted retroactive approval to enter a Beverage Sales and Sponsorship Agreement with PepsiCo Beverage Sales, LLC. as the University's exclusive beverage supplier and sponsor for campus-wide beverage service. The term of the 10-year agreement is June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2036. This is a revenue generating contract. The total estimated contract value is $680,000 (guaranteed cash plush stated in-kind support). A breakdown of estimated revenue amounts is included in the June 18, 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.
12. **MVSU** – Approved the request to enter a sports medicine rehabilitation services contract with Cornerstone Rehabilitation for student-athletes, athletic staff, and opponents. The term of the contract starts on July 1, 2026 and ends June 30, 2027. The total cost of the contract is $230,004. Funds are provided from 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.
13. **MVSU** – Approved the request to enter a purchase agreement with Mythics, LLC through the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services. This contract provides continued Oracle software support and maintenance services that sustain the University's critical enterprise applications and technology infrastructure. The term of the agreement begins July 1, 2026 and ends June 30, 2027. The total cost is $100,546.90 funded with

E&G and 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.

14. **UMMC** – Approved the request to amend its Blood Services Agreement with American National Red Cross, Biomedical Services (ARC) to extend the term of the agreement and update the quantities, fees and delivery terms as well as the reference lab services testing fee schedule. This agreement is for ARC to be the primary provider for the continuous supply of blood, blood products and reference testing services for those UMMC patients requiring human blood and/or blood product transfusions at UMMC Jackson, Grenada Holmes County, and Madison. The Board approved the request for the institution to substitute, add, or remove items and locations covered by the agreement, and amend the agreement to add or remove locations, if required, without requiring prior submission for Board approval as long as it does not increase the approved expenditure level. The amended term of the agreement is five (5) years from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026. The original term of the agreement was for three (3) years, from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026. This second amendment adds two (2) additional years to the agreement. The total estimated cost of the amended agreement over the five (5) year term is $84,400,000. The original estimated cost of the agreement was $46,400,000. Amendment one (1) to the agreement added $7,000,000 for a total of $53,400,000. Amendment two (2) adds an additional $31,000,000 for the term. The agreement is 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.
15. **UMMC** – Approved the request to enter a Medical Office Building Lease with CVDD, LLC (CVDD) for approximately 6,461 square feet of clinical/office space located in Biloxi, MS, for use as a pediatric specialty care. Pursuant to Board Policy 707.03 Approval of Prepayment for Goods and Services, the Board also approved the request for the institution to prepay for the monthly rent in advance. The term of the agreement is four (4) years, beginning on July 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2030. The estimated total cost of the lease is $900,000 over the four (4) year term. UMMC's initial base rent is $32.24 per square foot, with an annual increase of two percent (2%) after year one. 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.
16. **UMMC** – Approved the request to enter a Medical Office Building Lease Agreement with Madison HMA, LLC (Madison HMA) in Canton, Mississippi for approximately 2,401 square feet of clinical and office space for UMMC Madison's obstetrician-gynecologist services, providers, and staff to support the care needs of patients in the surrounding areas. Pursuant to Board Policy 707.03 Approval of Prepayment for Goods and Services, the Board also approved the request for the institution to prepay for the monthly rent in advance. The term of the lease shall be five (5) years, beginning on July 1, 2026 and ending on June 30, 2031. The estimated total cost of the lease is $475,000 over the five (5) year term. UMMC's initial base rent is $34.36 per square feet with an annual increase of two-percent (2%) beginning in year 2. 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.

17. **UMMC** – Approved the request to amend a logistics program service agreement with Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research d/b/a Supply Chain Solutions (Supply Chain Solutions) to extend the term for two years to continue building the partnership and establishing baselines to be used for forecasting and enhancement of shipping practices. The agreement will assist UMMC in proactively managing supply transportation expenses, including by achieving top tier freight discounts. The term of the amended agreement is seven (7) years from August 1, 2022, through July 31, 2029. The original agreement was for a term of five (5) years. The amendment extends the term by two (2) years. The total estimated cost of the amended agreement over the seven (7) year term is $10,900,000. The prior estimated cost of the agreement was $3,450,000. The amendment adds an additional $7,450,000, which includes a twenty percent (20%) annual increase to allow for potential growth of UMMC and suppliers utilizing this process. This contract is 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.
18. **UMMC** – Approved the request to enter a new Medical Office Building Lease with Memorial Hospital at Gulfport (MHG) to sublease approximately 2,880 square feet of clinical/office space located in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. Pursuant to Board Policy 707.03 Approval of Prepayment for Goods and Services, the Board also approved the request for the institution to prepay for the monthly rent in advance. The term of the lease is forty-eight (48) months, from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030. The estimated total cost of the lease is $350,000 over the forty-eight (48) month term. UMMC's initial base rent is $5,232.00 per month ($62,784.00 per year), with a two- and one-half percent (2.5%) annual increase beginning in year two (2). The agreement will be funded by patient 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.
19. **UMMC** – Approved the request to amend the Hospital Service Agreement with Mississippi Blood Services, Inc. (MBS) to extend the term of the agreement and update pricing. The agreement is for the supply of blood, blood products and reference testing services for those UMMC patients requiring human blood and/or blood product transfusions at UMMC Jackson, Grenada and Holmes County. The Board also approved the request for the institution to substitute, add, or remove items and locations covered by the agreement, and amend the agreement to add or remove locations, if required, without requiring prior submission for Board approval as long as it does not increase the approved expenditure level. The term of the amended agreement is seven (7) years and two (2) months from May 1, 2021, through June 30, 2028. The term of the original agreement was three (3) years beginning May 1, 2021. Amendment 1 added two (2) years and (2) months to the term of the agreement. Amendment 2 adds an additional (2) years to the term. The total estimated cost of the amended agreement over the seven (7) year and two (2) month term is $ 32,600,000. The original estimated cost of the agreement was $40,100,000. The first amendment reduced the total cost of the agreement by $13,500,000 for a total of $26,600,000. The second amendment adds an additional $6,000,000 for the remainder of

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

20. **UMMC** – Approved the request to enter a new Medical Office Building Lease (Lease) with Ox-Med Properties, LLC (Ox-Med) for 4,131 square feet of clinical space in Oxford, Mississippi, for use as clinic and office space for general pediatric services. Pursuant to Board Policy 707.03 Approval of Prepayment for Goods and Services, the Board also approved the request for the institution to prepay for the monthly rent in advance. The term of the agreement is sixty (60) months, from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2031. The estimated cost of the Lease is $725,000 over the sixty (60) month term. UMMC's base rent will be $10,812.89 per month ($129,754.71 per year), with a three percent (3%) annual increase beginning in year 2. 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.
21. **UMMC** – Approved the request to enter a Temporary Staffing Agreement with Sadiant Health, LLC (Sadiant Health) to provide qualified and skilled healthcare personnel for staffing assignments as needed at any of UMMC's facilities. The term of the agreement three (3) years from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029. The total estimated cost of the agreement over the three (3) year term is $12,000,000. Beginning in year two (2), UMMC has included an annual ten percent (10%) increase for potential volume changes. The agreement will be funded by hospital patient revenue. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.
22. **USM** – Approved the request to amend a contract to change the credit hour pricing of the First Day Complete program with Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, LLC, (Barnes & Noble). The amendment addresses inflationary pressures from publishers maintaining and operating textbook equity programs. The amendment does not alter the current termination date of June 30, 2027. This is a revenue contract funded by Barnes & Noble. The proposed price increase will result in a minor increase in commission earned for the First Day Complete program. 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.
23. **JSU** – Approved the request to enter a state contract with Xerox Corporation for the lease of 125 multifunctional copier devices. The term of the contract starts July 1, 2026 and ends June 30, 2031. The total cost of the 5-year lease agreement will be $1,235,697.60. A breakdown of yearly costs is included in the June 18, 2026 Board Book. The contract will be funded with 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.
24. **JSU** – Approved the request to escalate the budget for Auxiliary Enterprises for FY 2026 to appropriately account for the additional revenue and expenses as a result of the Board-approved lease agreement with JSU and High Street Hotel Group LLC, d/b/a Holiday Inn Express Suites for off-campus student housing as approved by the Board on July 31, 2025. The total amount of this escalation is $794,790, and the funding source is auxiliary funds.

25. **UMMC** – Approved the request for a one-month extension of its Medical Office Building Lease with Journal, Inc. (Journal) for 5,924 square feet of clinic space in Tupelo, MS. This lease will allow UMMC to continue its mission of providing high standards of medical education to physicians across our state and will provide improved space for pediatric subspecialty clinic visits and consultations to patients in the Tupelo area. Pursuant to Board Policy 707.03 Approval of Prepayment for Goods and Services, the Board also approved the request for the institution to prepay for the monthly rent in advance. The original term of the lease agreement was for one (1) year, from September 1, 2025, through August 31, 2026. The amendment will extend the term by one (1) month, through September 30, 2026. The estimated total cost of the lease is $115,000 over the amended term. 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.

REAL ESTATE

26. **DSU** – Approved the initiation of GS 102-283, Court of Governors Demolition, and the appointment of Burris/Wagnon Architects, P.A. as the design professional for the project. The Court of Governors which opened in 1970 consists of four residence halls, all of which will be demolished along with the south and east parking lots. A Notice of Intent to demolish the Court of Governors has been approved by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. The original estimate at the Schematic Design phase was under $1 million; however, asbestos was found in larger quantities during the environmental testing. The new budget is $1,920,000. Funds are available from SB 2189, Laws of 2026 ($1,920,000).
27. **MUW** – Approved the initiation of GS 104-223, Martin and Pohl Boiler Plates, and the appointment of Dewberry Engineers, Inc. as the design professional. The project will replace the boilers for Martin and Pohl/Stark buildings. Mechanical, electrical, and plumbing improvements are included. The estimated budget is $1,900,000. Funds are available from HB 1353, Laws of 2022 ($1,900,000).
28. **MVSU** – Approved the initiation of IHL 206-029, Elevator Upgrades, and the appointment of Shafer Zahner Zahner, PLLC as the design professional. The project includes the repair and/or replacement of the pumping unit in the Business Education Building; the modernization of one elevator in the Sutton Administration Building; one elevator in the New Women's Residence Hall, and one elevator in McTeer Residence Hall. The estimated budget for design fees only is $1,500,000. Funds are available from Title III Funds ($1,500,000).
29. **UM** – Approved the initiation of IHL 207-528, Nutrition and Hospitality Management Relocation, and the appointment of McCarty Architects, P.A.as the design professional. The South Oxford Center will be renovated to accommodate the relocation of Nutrition and Hospitality Management with new offices, support spaces, and the Innovation Kitchen. The estimated budget for design fees only is $1,500,000. Funds are available from Internal R&R ($1,500,000).

30. **UM** – Approved the initiation of IHL 207-529, West Campus Road Improvements, and the appointment of Neel-Schaffer, Inc. as the design professional. The improvements to west campus roads will enhance circulation, safety, and accessibility, including roadway geometry, pedestrian and vehicular coordination, and related site improvements. The estimated budget for design fees only is $14,000,000. Funds are available from UMEBC ($14,000,000).
31. **ERC** – Approved the request to increase the project budget for GS 111-078, Paul B. Johnson Facility Improvements (formerly IHL Plumbing Repairs), from a preplan budget of $100,000 to $3,800,000 for an increase of $3,700,000 and to clarify the scope of the project. The project will address critical plumbing issues, lighting upgrades, and new ADA compliant hardware/signage for all doors in the Paul B. Johnson Tower Building. The project will also include some plumbing repairs at Mississippi Public Broadcasting. Funds are available from HB 2189, Laws of 2026 ($2,000,000); Internal Funds ($1,800,000).
32. **MSU** – Approved the request to increase the project budget for IHL 205-359, Wise Center Renovation and Addition, from $36,000,000 to $68,000,000 for an increase of $32,000,000. The Wise Center houses the College of Veterinary Medicine and will be renovated to include a new equine hospital entrance, a farm animal hospital addition, and the Nancy Fair Link Laminitis Research Center. Funds are available from SB 2468, Laws of 2024 ($18,000,000); Private Funds ($15,000,000); CVM Funds ($3,000,000); and SB 3051, Laws of 2026 ($32,000,000).
33. **MSU** – Approved the request to increase the project budget for IHL 205-362, Riley Campus Student Housing, from $1,000,000 to $2,000,000 for an increase of $1,000,000 for design services only. The Board also approved the request to expand the project scope to include the construction of a new academic building on the same site as the student housing, which is directly across 23rd Avenue from the existing Riley Campus. The expanded scope would change the project name to "Riley Campus Student Housing and Academic Facility". Funds are available from University Designated Funds ($2,000,000).
34. **UM** – Approved the request to modify and clarify the funding source for IHL 407-011, UM Early Learning and Evaluation Center. The project consists of the development of a comprehensive 54,000 gross square feet of the state-of-the-art space where clinical and educational services are integrated for all children ages birth to 6 years old. The proposed project budget is $39,275,000. Funds are available from SB 3002, Regular Session 2022 ($10,000,000); UMEBC Financing ($27,915,000); and US Department of Education Award #S215K230087 ($1,360,000).
35. **DSU** – Approved the request to demolish and delete from inventory the Marshall Home Management House (also known as the Old Police Chief's House) located in Cleveland, MS. The home was used temporarily as housing for various faculty and staff members but has not been occupied in many years. The Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH) approved the demolition of the property in April 2026. The letter of approval has been received from MDAH, stating the Marshall Home Management House is not eligible for designation as a Mississippi Landmark and approval to demolish the building has been granted. All legal documentation will be kept on file in the IHL Office of Real Estate and Facilities.

36. **DSU** – Approved the request to demolish and delete from inventory a residence house located at 300 Shumate Circle in Cleveland, MS. Built in the 1960s and purchased by the University in the late 1970s, the 1,000 square foot building was rental property but has remained unoccupied for the last few years. The Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH) approved the demolition of the property in April 2026. The letter of approval has been received from MDAH, stating the residence house located at 300 Shumate Circle is not eligible for designation as a Mississippi Landmark and approval to demolish the building has been granted. All legal documentation will be kept on file in the IHL Office of Real Estate and Facilities.
37. **MSU** – Approved the request to use the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) project delivery method for IHL 205-362, Riley Campus Student Housing, now expanded to the "Riley Campus Student Housing and Academic Facility". The CMAR method is needed due to the complexity of constructing multiple new buildings on an urban site, along with the need for an early site preparation phase, and in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 31-7-13.2. The proposed project budget is $2 million. Funds are available from University Designated Funds ($2,000,000).
38. **MSU** – Approved the request to purchase a 40-acre tract of land from JBH, LLC located in Harrison County which is surrounded by other University owned land. The average price of the two appraisals is $3,000 per acre or $120,000 for the 40-acre tract. The subject property consists of one parcel (APN 0104-32-002.000) located along Road 425 in Saucier, Harrison County, Mississippi and more precisely described here: *Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SE ¼ of the NE ¼) of Section 32, Township 5 South, Range 13 West, in the First Judicial District of Harrison County, Mississippi.* The Seller will furnish a warranty deed and title commitment issued by an attorney chosen by MSU and shall pay all fees to the real estate attorney. All special assessments, taxes and other like governmental fees which are assessed for the 2026 calendar year shall be paid by Seller. The purchase is contingent on MSU receiving title insurance and a satisfactory Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment report. The purchase is also contingent on the delivery of the real estate in its present condition. The closing date shall be on or before, June 26, 2026, or as otherwise mutually agreed in writing by the Parties. The possession date by Purchaser shall be the date of closing. Funds are available from internal funds. A copy of the property description and all legal documentation are on file with the IHL Office of Real Estate and Facilities. 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.
39. **MSU** – Approved the exterior design for the new Starkville High School that will be constructed on the University property adjacent to the existing Starkville Partnership School that was completed in 2020. The Amended and Restated Ground Lease between MSU and the Starkville Oktibbeha Consolidated School District (SOCSD) was approved by the IHL Commissioner on February 24, 2026. MSU will not finance, own, or operate the proposed new high school. This project is funded by SOCSD. A copy of the renderings is included in the June 18, 2026 Board Book.

40. **MSU** – Approved the request to re-name Dogwood Hall as "Adkerson-Dogwood Hall" in honor of Richard C. Adkerson, Chairman of the Board of Freeport-McMoRan Inc. Mr. Adkerson was named National Alumnus of the Year of MSU in 2011, and The Richard C. Adkerson School of Accountancy is named in his honor. He was inducted into the American Mining Hall of Fame in 2010 and the National Mining Hall of Fame in 2023.
41. **UM** – Approved the request for two easements with MWG Jackson, LLC: 1) Temporary Construction Easement Agreement and 2) Access, Grading and Slope, Fire Lane, Dumpster Access, and Maintenance Easement Agreement. MWG owns certain property located on Jackson Avenue in Oxford, Mississippi adjacent to UM property. MWG currently has an access easement ("Existing Easement") on UM property for the purpose of ingress and egress which remains in effect as long as MWG makes the annual payment of $750. MWG is in the process of developing its property for commercial and/or residential use and has requested the two easements. The Temporary Construction Easement will allow MWG to construct a fire lane in the easement area to service MWG's property as well as utilize the easement area during construction and modify the grading and sloping within the easement area. The Access Easement will allow access to MWG's property through the easement area as well as use of the fire lane that MWG will construct. The term of the Temporary Construction will be for twenty-four (24) months. The Access Easement will remain in effect as long as the annual payment is made and the Access Easement is not terminated pursuant to its terms. Each easement covers a parcel of land situated in the Southeast Quarter of Section 19, Township 8 South, Range 3 West, Lafayette County, Mississippi. For the Temporary Construction Easement, MWG will make a one-time payment of $500. For the Access Easement, MWG will make the following payments: 1) Initial payment of $56,000 and 2) Two annual payments of $2,250 which is subject to increase based on an updated appraisal. The initial payment for the Access Easement is based on the following: 1) fee simple market value of the fire lane area as if that area were being sold; 2) cost of dirt already removed by MWG; and 3) cost of the appraisals obtained by UM to determine the property value. The subsequent annual payment is based on the appraisal obtained by MWG valuing the easement. 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.
42. **IHL SYSTEM** – Approved the request to allow Mississippi State University, the University of Mississippi, and the University of Mississippi Medical Center to procure and administer state funded construction and maintenance projects for FY 2027 as set forth in Senate Bill #2216, Laws of 2025. The IHL Staff verified that all three institutions meet the Minimum Criteria to self-administer state funded construction, renovation, and maintenance projects. The funds that will be self-administered are authorized in the 2026 Legislative Session for the purpose of construction and maintenance of buildings and other facilities.

LEGAL

43. **MSU** – Approved the request for the MSU Educational Building Corporation to enter a contract for professional legal services with the law firm of Jones Walker, LLP as outside counsel to perform services necessary in assisting and advising the university on legal

issues concerning the review of strategic financing options, tax-exempt bond arbitrage, and rebate compliance, the use of bond-financed building, and other matters relating to bond issues. The term of the agreement is two years effective August 25, 2026. The EBC will pay the firm at the rate of $1.15 for each $1,000 of bonds issues by the EBC, plus any out-of-pocket expenses, not to exceed $4,000, for those that bear interest at both fixed and variable rates. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of $50 million per claim with an annual aggregate of $100 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

44. **MSU** – Approved the request to enter a contract for professional legal services with the law firm of Mitchell, McNutt & Sams, P.A. as outside counsel to perform services necessary in assisting and advising the university in the areas of higher education law, employment law, real estate matters, compliance, and other local matters. The term of the agreement is two years effective June 19, 2026. The hourly rates of service are $250 for attorneys and $85 for paralegal services with a maximum amount payable of $125,000 under the two-year term of the agreement. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of $10 million per claim with an annual aggregate of $10 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.
45. **MSU** – Approved the request to enter a contract for professional legal services with the law firm of Stites & Harbison, PLLC as outside counsel for the provision of services necessary for obtaining patents for designs, processes, products, and other patentable materials developed in connection with the university. The term of the agreement is two years effective July 1, 2026. The hourly rates range from $320 to $400 for partners, $230 for associate attorneys and $95 for paralegal services. To help manage per-project costs, the university may also pay the firm on a flat-rate basis for preparing and filing patent applications. Flat-rate filings for provisional patent applications will not exceed $5,000 per filing and flat-rate filings for non-provisional applications will not exceed $15,000 per filing. These rates will be negotiated on a case-by-case basis, and the most efficient "rate-basis" for the university will be determined and agreed upon. The maximum amount payable under the two-year term of the agreement is $200,000. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of $30 million per claim with an annual aggregate of $60 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.
46. **USM** – Approved the request to enter a contract for professional legal services with the law firm of Mendelsohn Dunleavy, PC as outside counsel for the provision of services as necessary in the practice area of intellectual property. The term of the contract is two years effective July 1, 2026. The hourly rates are as follows: $370 for attorneys; $265 for patent agents; and $115 for paralegal services. The maximum amount payable under the term of the agreement is $250,000. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of $1 million per claim with an annual aggregate of $3 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.
47. **USM** – Approved the request to enter a contract for professional legal services with the law firm of Scott J. Schwartz, P.A. as outside counsel for the provision of services as necessary in the practice areas of commercial and regulatory matters, investigations in matters involving legal issues and litigation, and general legal advice. The term of the

contract is two years effective July 1, 2026. The blended hourly rate is $195 for all attorneys and $90 for paralegal services with a maximum amount payable of $20,000 under the term of the agreement. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of $1 million per claim with an annual aggregate of $1 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

48. **USM** – Approved the request to enter a contract for professional legal services with the law firm of Sun Sovereign, LLC d/b/a Ware|Immigration as outside counsel for the provision of legal services necessary in preparing labor certification applications and permanent residence process on behalf of the University for its professors, researchers and employees who seek permanent residence status and to further provide other related services relating to immigration and naturalization at the University's request. The term of the agreement is two years effective July 1, 2026. Rates are set out in the fee schedule below. The maximum amount payable under the term of this agreement is $150,000. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of $3 million per claim with an annual aggregate of $3 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

Schedule of Legal Fees for Academia

Nonimmigrant Petitions and Processes	
H-1B petition	$2,750[1]
H-1B withdrawal	$200
H-4 EAD (Employee may pay)	$750
TN petition or border/consulate processing	$2,750
E-3 petition or consular processing	$2,750
O-1 petition	$8,000
O-1 extension or amendment petition (Firm handled original)	$4,000
O-1 additional rush fee if case needs to be filed w/in 60 days	$2,000
J-1 waiver (IGA or hardship)	$9,000
J-1 waiver (Conrad)	$9,000
J-1 waiver (no objection)	$2,000[2]
I-539 Fee for Dependents (Employee may pay)	$1,000
DS-160 Prep	$1,500[3] + $750 per dependent
Permanent Residence Process with Labor Certification: Faculty	
Special Handling labor certification	$3,500
(If position must be readvertised)	$3,500
Additional fee if audited	$1,500-2,500
Immigrant petition (I-140)	$2,500-3,000
Permanent Residence Process with Labor Certification: Non-Faculty	
Labor certification	$6,500
Additional fee if audited	$1,500-2,500
Additional fee if subject to supervised recruitment	$3,000
Immigrant petition	$2,500
Permanent Residence Process: Extraordinary Ability/Outstanding Professors and	

[1] Additional legal fee of up to $2,500 may apply for substantive requests for evidence.
[2] Additional legal fee of $2,000 is sponsor views are requested.
[3] Does not include administrative processing.

Researchers and National Interest Waiver		
Outstanding Professors Immigrant petition		$8,000
Extraordinary Ability		$10,000
National Interest Waiver		$10,000
EA, OP/OR, or NIW RFE or NOID: case by case determination up to		$2,500
Adjustment of Status (any Employment-Based Permanent Residence Matter)		
Adjustment of status (AOS) and related applications (I-765, I-131, etc.), Principal		$2,500
"Standalone" AOS and related applications, principal		$3,000
Adjustment of status and related applications, spouse, if together with principal application and I-140		$1,500
Adjustment of status of each child, concurrent with I-140		$1,000
"Standalone" adjustment of status, spouse (not concurrent with I-140)		$2,000
"Standalone" adjustment of status, child		$2,000
I-485 J (standalone cases)		$1,500
Employment Authorization and Advance Parole Renewal		
Employment Authorization Renewal per individual		$750
Advance Parole Renewal per individual		$750
Marriage Based Permanent Residence		
Principal Applicant		$4,000
Each child, if any		$2,500
Other Services		
AR-11 Change of Address		$150
Interview rescheduling		$150
Biometrics rescheduling per person		$150
Advisory Opinion		$1500
Expedite requests		$500-750
Annual Monitoring Fee for cases pending w/gov't for more than 1 year	$500/year	
Auto Revalidation Letter		$200
Premium processing upgrade		$200
Interview preparation		$500
Interview attendance in New Orleans or Seattle		$500
Interview attendance outside New Orleans or Seattle	$1500 + travel expenses	
General Legal Advice and Unusual Matters Which Fall Outside This Fee Schedule		
Such matters will be billed at our hourly rates:		
Partners	per hour billed	$450
Associate Attorneys	per hour billed	$300
Paralegals	per hour billed	$150
Of Counsel Rate	per hour billed	$450

49. **DSU** – Approved an agreement between the university and Ten One Strategies, LLC as in-state lobbying consultant. The Firm will provide services with respect to certain government relations of interest pertaining to DSU as requested and directed by a designee of DSU and agreed by Firm. The term of the agreement is one year from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. The contract amount is $54,000 and will be paid in quarterly installments of $4,500 each using private funds. In accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity, the firm's client list and proposed agreement are included in the June 18,

2026 Board Book. The Attorney General's Office has reviewed the agreement and found same to be compliant with applicable law and Board Policy.

50. **JSU** – Approved an agreement between the university and Worth Thomas d/b/a W. T. Consultants, LLC as in-state lobbying consultant. WTC agrees to provide consulting services with respect to state agencies and officials within the State of Mississippi and will coordinate all services and activities with the President of JSU and/or any representative designated by the President. The term of the agreement is one year from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. The contract amount is $90,000 and will be paid in quarterly installments of $22,500 each using private funds. In accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity, the firm's client list and proposed agreement are included in the June 18, 2026 Board Book. The Attorney General's Office has reviewed the agreement and found same to be compliant with applicable law and Board Policy.
51. **MSU** – Approved an agreement between the university and Cornerstone Government Affairs, Inc., for assistance in the university's pursuit of its in-state government affairs and business objectives, including monitoring and lobbying of legislation of interest to MSU during the regular session of the Legislature and other services throughout the year. The precise scope and extent of the government relations services may be amended by mutual agreement of the Parties. The term of the agreement is one year from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. The contract amount is $50,000 and will be paid with private funds. In accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity, the firm's client list and proposed agreement are included in the June 18, 2026 Board Book. The Attorney General's Office has reviewed the agreement and found same to be compliant with applicable law and Board Policy.
52. **MUW** – Approved an agreement between the university and Thompson & Associates, LLC for the provision of lobbying services within the State of Mississippi during the 2027 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature. Thompson will arrange and attend meetings with key political leadership beginning upon execution of the agreement and continuing throughout the 2027 Regular Legislative Session, in order to educate and promote the university's interests regarding MUW and related pieces of legislation. The term of the agreement is one year from August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027. The contract amount is $60,000 and will be paid with private funds. In accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity, the firm's client list and proposed agreement are included in the June 18, 2026 Board Book. The Attorney General's Office has reviewed the agreement and found same to be compliant with applicable law and Board Policy.
53. **USM** – Approved the request to continue the agreement with Capitol Resources LLC, in Jackson, MS, to provide in-state lobbying and government relations and consulting services in Mississippi. The term of the agreement is one year from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. The contract amount is $48,000 annually, which is payable in monthly installments of $4,000 each and will be funded by self-generated funds. In accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity, the firm's client list and proposed agreement are included in the June 18, 2026 Board Book. The Attorney General's Office has reviewed the agreement and found same to be compliant with applicable law and Board Policy.

54. **MSU** – Approved the request for Federal Solutions, LLC to continue to lobby on behalf of the university outside the State of Mississippi in accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity.
55. **UM** – Approved the request for BGR Governmental Affairs, LLC, a Washington, D.C. based firm, to continue to assist in managing their federal government affairs and to represent their interests before federal executive branch agencies and congressional offices and committees in accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity.
56. **USM** – Approved the request to continue its agreement with Cassidy & Associates, Inc., in Washington, DC, to provide government relations services outside the State of Mississippi during the period from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 in accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity.
57. **ASU** – Approved Dr. Marcus D. Ward as the university's legislative liaison in accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity.
58. **DSU** – Approved Katie Lusk as the university's legislative liaison in accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity.
59. **JSU** – Approved Jacqueline Anderson-Woods as the university's legislative liaison in accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity.
60. **MSU** – Approved Lee Weiskopf and Mathis McGee as the university's legislative liaisons in accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity.
61. **MUW** – Approved Carla Lowery as the university's legislative liaison in accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity.
62. **MVSU** – Approved Ernie T. Hughes as the university's legislative liaison in accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity.
63. **UM** – Approved Perry Sansing and William Kneip as the university's legislative liaisons in accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity.
64. **UMMC** – Approved Kristy Simms and Anna Moak Sparks as the institution's legislative liaisons in accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity.
65. **USM** – Approved Chad Driskell as the university's legislative liaison in accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity.
66. **SYSTEM** – Approved Laura Hipp Mayer as one of the IHL Executive Office's legislative liaisons in accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity.

PERSONNEL REPORT

67. ***Employment***

Alcorn State University

- Nolan McMurray; Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences; salary $160,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G funds; 12-month contract; effective July 1, 2026

68. ***Change of Status***

Alcorn State University

- Renardo Murray; *from* Acting Dean, College of Arts and Sciences/Associate Professor/Interim Chair, Fine Arts; salary $150,758 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; *to* Dean of the Graduate School; salary $115,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; effective July 1, 2026

Jackson State University

- Preselfannie E. Whitfield McDaniels; *from* Interim Provost / Vice President of Academic Affairs; salary $300,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; *to* Provost / Vice President of Academic Affairs; no change in salary per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; effective July 1, 2026
- Carlos D. Wilson; *from* Interim Dean of Graduate Studies; salary $149,554.44; per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; *to* Dean of Graduate Studies; no change in salary per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; effective July 1, 2026

Mississippi University for Women

- Kim Whitehead; *from* Senior Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs; salary $105,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-months contract; *to* Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs; salary $171,369 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; effective July 1, 2026

University of Mississippi

- Richard Gentry; *from* Chair and Professor of Management, FNC Founders Chair of Entrepreneurship, and Co-Director of Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship; salary $349,217 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* Dean of the School of Business Administration, Professor of Management, and FNC Founders Chair of Entrepreneurship; salary $446,000 per annum; pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; effective July 1, 2026

69. ***Sabbatical***

Jackson State University

- Shuang Z. Tu; Professor of Computer Engineering; salary $98,964.48 per annum, pro rata; E & G funds; 9-month contract; no change in salary for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 5, 2026 to May 15, 2026
- Yadong Li; Professor and Interim Chair of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Industrial Systems and Technology; salary $92,090.70 per annum, pro rata; E & G funds; 9-month contract; no change in salary for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026

Mississippi State University

- Molly Zuckerman; Professor of Anthropology & Middle Eastern Culture; *from* salary of $96,744.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary of $48,372.00 for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2026, to May 15, 2027; professional development

REGULAR AGENDAS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Presented by Trustee Teresa Hubbard, Chair

On motion by Trustee Hubbard, seconded by Trustee Stephenson, with Trustee 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 Arrington, with Trustee 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 Trustee Martin participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #3.

1. **MSU** – Approved the request to add the following new institute:
   Center title: Institute for Nursing Leadership at MSU
   Center location: MSU School of Nursing, Meridian Campus
   Scope: Extensive Scope and Outreach
   Type: Type 1 (Academic, Teaching, or Research)
   Effective date: July 2026
2. **DSU** – Approved the request to add the following new academic unit:
   Proposed unit title: College of Aviation
   Unit location: Division of Academic Affairs
   Effective date: July 2026
3. **SYSTEM** – Approved the request to add the following new academic degree programs:
   a. **MVSU** – Bachelor of Science (BS) in Business Management
      CIP code: 52.0201
      Total credit hours: 120
      Effective date: August 2026
   b. **USM** – Bachelor of Science (BS) in Biochemistry
      CIP code: 40.0501
      Total credit hours: 120
      Effective date: August 2026
   c. **USM** – Bachelor of Science (BS) in Physical Education K12 Teaching
      CIP code: 13.1314
      Total credit hours: 120
      Effective date: August 2026

d. **USM** – Master of Science (MS) in Educational Data Analytics
CIP code: 13.0601
Total credit hours: 30
Effective date: August 2026

e. **USM** – Master of Science (MS) in Strategic Communication in Emerging Media
CIP code: 09.0702
Total credit hours: 30
Effective date: August 2026

FINANCE AGENDA

Presented by Trustee Charlie Stephenson, Chair

On motion by Trustee Stephenson, seconded by Trustee Rader, with Trustee Martin participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #1 as submitted on the Finance Agenda. On motion by Trustee Stephenson, seconded by Trustee Ogletree, with Trustee Martin participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #2. On motion by Trustee Stephenson, seconded by Trustee Griffith, with Trustee Martin participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #3. Trustee Martin and Ogletree recused themselves from discussing or voting on item #4 on the Finance Regular Agenda before there was any discussion or vote regarding the same. With Trustee Martin in the Zoom waiting room and Trustee Ogletree out of the room, on motion by Trustee Stephenson, seconded by Trustee Cummings, with Trustees Martin and Ogletree absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #4. Trustee Martin was readmitted to the meeting after the discussion and vote on item #4. Trustee Ogletree recused himself from items #5 - #10 on the Finance Regular Agenda by remaining out of the room 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 Trustee Martin participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve items #5 - #10 on the Finance Regular Agenda. Trustee Ogletree returned to the meeting following the discussion and vote on items #5 - #10. Trustee Cummings recused herself from discussing or voting on item #11 on the Finance Regular 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 Trustee Martin participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #11 on the Finance Regular Agenda. Trustee Cummings returned to the room following the discussion and vote on item #11.

1. **MSU** – Approved the request to increase the capital improvement fee from a rate of $4.17 per student credit hour to $8.34 per student credit hour to maintain a stable base of support for the institution's capital infrastructure needs. The fee will be capped at $100.00 per term and be assessed for all terms starting after August 1, 2026. MSU expects additional revenue generated by the increase, based on current enrollment, to be approximately $1.9

million annually. A list of proposed expenditures are included in the June 18, 2026 Board Book.

2. **SYSTEM** – Approved the fiscal year ending 2027 Operating Budgets for the system. Included as supplemental information, as required by the *Ayers* Settlement Agreement, Board Policy 704.02 Athletic Budget Approval and Reporting, and Policy 703.04 Policy Guidelines Subsection E., are: Fiscal Year 2026-2027 *Ayers* Budgets, Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Athletic Budgets, and Fiscal Year 2026-2027 E&G Scholarships, Fellowships & Tuition Waivers. **(See Composite Exhibit 1.)**
3. **SYSTEM** – Approved the FY 2028 proposed funding priorities as required for the 2027 Legislative Budget Request and the performance funding framework presented. **(See Composite Exhibit 2.)**
4. **SYSTEM** – Approved the request to renew its primary auto liability insurance coverage with Berkley Southeast Insurance Company, and its excess auto liability insurance with Genesis, a Berkshire Hathaway company. This will be a one-year insurance policy beginning July 1, 2026, and ending July 1, 2027. The total cost for both policies is approximately $1,118,124. The primary policy is $373 per vehicle for a total of approximately $771,737. The excess policy premium, inclusive of fees, is $346,387. Each university and the Board Office pays its respective share of the premium which is billed and paid directly between the broker and the insured. 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. **MSU** – Approved the request to enter a new lease agreement with GEdR-HS Belltower I LLC to provide space for Student Life in the College View development, located at 385 College View Street, Starkville, MS 39759. Pursuant to Board Policy 707.03 Approval of Prepayment for Goods and Services, the Board also approved the request for the institution to prepay for monthly operating costs for the leased facility. The term of the agreement is ten (10) years. Because MSU is making improvements to the leased space, GEdR is not charging rent. MSU will be responsible for a proportionate share of operating expenses and taxes for the leased space. The proportionate share of taxes will be calculated by using the ratio of the square footage leased by MSU divided by the total square footage of the commercial space within the building, not including any common areas, office or amenity space ancillary to residential uses. MSU's proportionate share of operating expenses will include costs and expenses incurred by GEdR during the lease term in operating, equipping, policing, protecting, light repairing, and maintaining the commercial space area; and administrative costs not to exceed to fifteen percent (15%) of the total cost of operating, managing and maintaining the commercial space. MSU's proportionate share of this cost will consist of a ratio of its leased area divided by the total square footage of the commercial space within the property. No capital improvements or management costs shall be included in the computation. It is anticipated that the fees to cover these expenses will be $9,509.90 per year, payable in monthly installments of $792.49. MSU is also responsible for the cost of utilities for the leased space. MSU has obtained an architect's initial opinion of probable cost for the improvements, and it is anticipated that construction costs will be approximately $906,000. The contract will be funded by commissions received from MSU's Barnes & Noble bookstore contract. 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. **MVSU** – Approved the request to enter an Amendment to the Original Amended and Restated Food Services Management Agreement with Thompson Hospitality Services, LLC. The amended agreement will expand the scope of dining operations at the Aron Student Union through additional capital investment, establish the base meal plan rates associated with the investment for the 2026-2027, 2027-2028, and 2028-2029 contract years, and extend the current agreement for an additional five years. The term of the amended agreement is July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2036. This contract is estimated to produce $1,431,923 in revenue, including a capital investment of $534,000. Funding is available through auxiliary enterprise revenues generated by student meal plans. The $534,000 capital investment required for the two new food retail outlets is fully funded by Thompson Hospitality and amortized over the life of the extended contract term through June 30, 2036, resulting in no upfront capital cost to the University. 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. **UM** – Approved the request to enter a contract with Aramark Educational Services, LLC to extend the term of the exclusive right to food sales on campus. The term of the contract is 15 years, commencing once approved and signed by University, ending June 30, 2041. The estimated cost is at a minimum of $64,025,000. This is a revenue sharing contract. 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. **UM** – Approved the request to amend a contract with Workday that was previously approved by the IHL in May 2024. The amendment will add services for Contract Lifecyle Management, Peakon Employee Voice and Workday Success Plan – Accelerate Plus. The amendment will become effective following Board approval and signatures of both parties, with the software subscriptions for Contract Lifecycle Management and Peakon Employee Voice beginning July 17, 2026, and ending on May 30, 2034. The subscription for Workday Success Plan – Accelerate Plus will begin July 17, 2026, and end on May 30, 2029. The contract amount for adding the combined services is $2,595,798. Funds are available from 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.
9. **UMMC** – Approved the request to amend a Product Pricing, Rebate, and Consignment Agreement with Smith & Nephew, Inc. (Smith & Nephew) to extend the term, add UMMC Colony Park North as an eligible facility to use the products, and to update the list of products and pricing subject to the agreement. The agreement is for the purchase and consignment of implants, instrumentation, and supplies used in surgical procedures for shoulder replacement. These components are necessary to provide shoulder replacements or revisions of previously replaced joints. The Board also approved the request for the institution to add or remove products and locations, including by amendment, under the agreement without seeking prior Board approval as long as it does not increase the approved expenditure level. The amended term of the agreement is five (5) years, beginning February 1, 2024, through January 31, 2029. The original term of the agreement

was three (3) years. This first amendment extends the term by an additional two (2) years. The total estimated cost of the amended agreement over the five (5) year term remains unchanged at $5,400,000. This agreement is 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. **JSU** – Approved the request to enter a service agreement with Brunswick Bowling Products, LLC to perform necessary installations, renovations, and upgrades to JSU's on-campus student bowling facility. 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 deposit and installment payments. The term of the contract begins August 1, 2026 or upon the date of written notice to proceed issued by the University and ends when the installation is completed following the delivery of goods. The contract cost is $387,230.28. A deposit of $19,361.51 will be made followed by three (3) equal installments of $122,622.92 each, invoiced accordingly, and paid in compliance with applicable Mississippi law and institutional policy within forty-five (45) days of receipt of a complete and accurate invoice or acceptance of goods, whichever is later. The contract 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.
11. **UMMC** – Approved the request to receive ownership of a hospital situated on approximately 14.5 acres of land, which includes buildings, on River Road in Leflore County, Mississippi, from the City of Greenwood, Mississippi, Leflore County, Mississippi, and Greenwood Leflore Hospital, acting by and through its Board of Trustees, as their interests may appear. UMMC will use the property to increase training opportunities for students, residents, and fellows in facilities with healthcare settings that more closely match those of the communities in which many will eventually practice and be employed, outside the academic medical center setting. UMMC will operate hospital, clinical and medical services as UMMC deems appropriate. An appraisal will be obtained to confirm the value of the real estate, which will exceed $1,000,000. However, the property is being donated to UMMC. UMMC is not expending any funds to acquire the property. The Greenwood Leflore Hospital property is located at 1401 River Road in Greenwood, Mississippi. The property covers approximately 14.5 acres. More specifically, the property is located at 33.518 North latitude and 90.200 West longitude. The property consists of two parcels: Parcel Nos. 08509031500100 (northern parcel) and 10016020100100 (southeastern parcel). The property includes the following additional addresses:
    a. 1802 Strong Avenue, Greenwood, MS (part of Parcel No. 08509031500100), which currently houses the Wellness/Outpatient Rehabilitation Center;
    b. 100 Chambers Street, Greenwood, MS (part of Parcel No. 08509031500100 (Plant Shop); and
    c. 1403-1406 Strong Avenue, Greenwood, MS (Parcel No. 10016020100100), which currently houses the Flex Building.

    The Phase I assessment notes the presence of two underground storage tanks. It was therefore suggested that additional investigation may be warranted to detect the presence

of hazardous substances or petroleum products. The Phase II report does not recommend additional assessment activities. There was no evidence of a significant petroleum release requiring additional site assessment under current site conditions. The Flex Building, mentioned above, is located on 16th Section property. The City and County have a leasehold interest in the property. The unexpired terms of the 16th Section, 99 year leasehold interests, will expire on July 2, 2046, pursuant to those certain Lease Contracts (16th Section Leases) recorded in Book 89 at Page 469, Book 90 at Page 47, Book 90 at Page 49, Book 91 at Page 101, Book 90 at Page 325 and Book 89 at Page 533, all in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Leflore County, Mississippi. The rent on all the 16th Section Leases has been prepaid. The six 16th Section Leases are for Lots 1-6 and Lot 12, Block 6, of the Austin and Wright Addition to the City of Greenwood, according to the plat of said subdivision recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 6, in the records of the Leflore County, Mississippi Chancery Clerk. The Leases may be renewed at the end of the term. In that instance, the rent would be market rate based on an appraisal. The property would be reappraised every 10 years. The leases contain no termination provisions. As part of the contribution agreement, UMMC has use and access to the real property located at 204 8th Street, Greenwood, MS, for operation of an orthopedic clinic until such time as the clinic can be moved to the hospital. 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

On motion by Trustee Rader, seconded by Trustee Arrington, with Trustee Martin participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #1 as submitted on the Real Estate Regular Agenda. Trustee Ogletree recused himself from discussing or voting on items #2 - #4 on the Real Estate Regular 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 Trustee Martin participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #2. With Trustee Ogletree out of the room, on motion by Trustee Rader, seconded by Trustee Stephenson, with Trustee Ogletree absent and not voting and Trustee Martin participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #3. With Trustee Ogletree out of the room, on motion by Trustee Rader, seconded by Trustee Arrington, with Trustee Ogletree absent and not voting and Trustee Martin participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #4. Trustee Ogletree returned to the meeting following the discussion and votes on items # 2 - #4.

1. **UMMC** – Approved the request to increase the budget for IHL 209-589, Cancer Center and Research Institute, from $5,000,000 to $250,000,000 for an increase of $245,000,000, and to clarify the funding sources to include SB 3051, Laws of 2026. The Board also approved the appointment of Cannon Design Group, Inc. as the design professional. The project includes a modern educational facility with multiple floors at approximately

200,000 building gross square feet and an adjacent, multilevel parking garage. Funds are available from SB 3051, Laws of 2026 – Section 39(f) ($100,000,000); Private Donations ($125,000,000); Federal Funds – Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiative ($8,500,000); and UMMC Hospital Patient Revenues ($16,500,000).

2. **UM** – Approved the request to increase the project budget for IHL 207-507, Gillom Sports Center Improvements, from $5,000,000 to $6,000,000 for an increase of $1,000,000 and to clarify the funding source of the project as Internal R&R funds and the scope of the project. The project includes the renovation of areas vacated by the Ole Miss Softball program, renovations to the existing Ole Miss Soccer and Volleyball areas, office realignment/renovations for head coaches, and enhanced student-athlete spaces. Additional funds will allow for the renovation of soccer/volleyball locker room wet areas, renovation of public venue restrooms, high-density storage for equipment and a graphics package with custom signage throughout. A portion of the budget will include existing off-campus Ole Miss Rifle facility. Funds are available from Internal R&R ($6,000,000).
3. **MSU** – Approved the exterior design of the new Kappa Alpha Fraternity House that will be constructed on campus. This is a privately funded project to a privately owned fraternity house on land owned by MSU that is leased to the fraternity. A copy of the renderings is included in the June 18, 2026 Board Book.
4. **UM** – Approved the exterior design for IHL 207-523, P3 Student Housing-West Row Site. The housing buildings were reduced from three to two structures. Parking is now exclusively surface lots, eliminating the previously designed parking structure from the development. Dining is now an open-air food truck / outdoor venue concept instead of the previously designed dining facility. The final design of the outdoor dining concept shall be submitted for review/approval in a subsequent Board request. This is funded through a Public-Private Partnership with GS Development Services Central, LLC. A copy of the renderings is included in the June 18, 2026 Board Book.

LEGAL AGENDA

Presented by Trustee Jimmy Heidelberg, Chair

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

1. **USM** – Approved the request to enter a contract for professional legal services with the law firm of Butler Snow LLP as outside counsel for the provision of services as necessary in the practice areas of taxation, commercial matters, intellectual property (including

trademark, copyright and patent matters), regulatory matters, litigation, human resource and employment matters, education matters, general administrative matters, general legal advice, and investigations at the request of the University. The term of the contract is one year effective July 1, 2026. The blended hourly rate is $380 for all attorneys and $145 for paralegal services with a maximum amount payable of $125,000 under the term of the agreement. This firm carries professional liability insurance in the amount of $100 million per claim with an annual aggregate of $200 million. This request has been approved by the office of the Attorney General.

2. **UMMC** – Approved the agreement with Butler Snow LLP to provide lobbying services within the State of Mississippi during the 2027 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature. The term of the agreement is one year from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. The contract amount is $65,000 and will be paid with private funds. In accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity, the firm's client list and proposed agreement are included in the June 18, 2026 Board Book. The Attorney General's Office has reviewed the agreement and found same to be compliant with applicable law and Board policy.

ADMINISTRATION/POLICY AGENDA

Presented by Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr.

On motion by Trustee Ogletree, seconded by Trustee Heidelberg, with Trustee Martin participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #1 as submitted on the Administration/Policy Regular Agenda. On motion by Trustee Hubbard, seconded by Trustee Rader, with Trustee Martin participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #2.

1. **SYSTEM** – Approved appointment of Dr. Dan Ennis, President of Delta State University; Dr. Denise Jones Gregory, President of Jackson State University, and Dr. Mark Keenum, President of Mississippi State University, to Mississippi Postsecondary Attainment Council (M-PAC) whose purpose is establishing the state's postsecondary attainment goals, as well as action-oriented strategies designed to make progress toward that goal. M-PAC was created by the Mississippi Legislature with Senate Bill 2524, effective July 1, 2026, and replaces the Education Achievement Council.
2. **SYSTEM** – Approved the appointment of Dr. Tracy Cook, President of Alcorn State University, as the Commissioner's designee to serve on the University Press of Mississippi Board of Directors for the remainder of President Nora Miller's term of July 1, 2026 – October 15, 2029. Trustee Doon Clark serves as the IHL Board member representative for the term October 16, 2025 – October 15, 2029.

INFORMATION AGENDAS

Presented by Commissioner Dr. Alfred Rankins, Jr.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

1. **SYSTEM** – Intent to offer the following certificate programs:
    a. **UM** – Certificate program title: Graduate Certificate in Medical Affairs
    Responsible academic unit: Graduate School, Department of Pharmacy Administration
    Level: post-baccalaureate
    Total credit hours: 12
    CIP code: 51.2010
    Effective date: August 2027
    b. **USM** – Certificate program title: Museum and Archival Studies
    Responsible academic unit: College of Education and Human Sciences, School of Library and Information Science
    Level: pre-baccalaureate
    Total credit hours: 15
    CIP code: 30.1401
    Effective date: August 2026
    c. **USM** – Certificate program title: Graduate Performance Certificate
    Responsible academic unit: College of Arts and Sciences, School of Music
    Level: post-baccalaureate, post-master's
    Total credit hours: 18
    CIP code: 50.0309
    Effective date: August 2026
2. **USM** – Intent to offer the following existing degree program by distance learning:
    Degree program title: Bachelor of Science (BS) in Mathematics
    Responsible academic unit: College of Arts and Sciences, School of Mathematics and Natural Sciences
    CIP code, sequence: 27.0101, 5616
    Total credit hours: 120
    Cost to offer by distance learning: $0 (to be covered by using existing resources)
    Effective date: August 2026

FINANCE

3. **UMMC** – The University of Mississippi Medical Center reduced the renewal term and termination date of its Medical Office Building lease with Flowood Investors II, LLC for 8,843 square feet of clinical space located in Flowood, MS. The revised term shall commence on May 1, 2026, and expire on October 31, 2027. The estimated total of the revised lease is $1,900,000.

REAL ESTATE

4. **SYSTEM** – The Board received the Real Estate items that were approved by the Board staff subsequent to the May 21, 2026 Board meeting in accordance with Board Policy 904 Board Approval. **(See Exhibit 3.)**

LEGAL

5. **SYSTEM** – The Board received a report of the payment of legal fees to outside counsel. **(See Exhibit 4.)**

ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

6. **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. **MSU** – On May 7, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Agreement to Terminate Ground Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Housing Corporation of Mississippi Order of the Red Rose and Kappa Alpha Order, Beta Tau Chapter (collectively "Red Rose-KA"), and the new Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Lee Guard, LLC and the Beta Tau Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Order (collectively "Lee Guard-KA"). Red Rose-KA currently holds a 50-year ground lease with the University that received Commissioner approval on May 7, 2015 and is dated May 11, 2015, for Lot #2, Fraternity Hill Revised Plat, MSU, Oktibbeha County, MS, on which was constructed the MSU Chapter of the Kappa Alpha fraternity house. The MSU Chapter of Kappa Alpha plans to demolish the existing structure and build a new chapter house on the same lot. The termination of the original ground lease and approval of a new ground lease agreement between the University and the new housing corporation, Lee Guard-KA, is needed to establish the new house corporation and detail the financing associated with construction of a new chapter house. The new ground lease has a term of 50 years and will be effective upon approval and signature. 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 May 11, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved Amendment #1 to the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University (lessor) and the East Mississippi Center for Educational Development (EMCED) (lessee). The one-year term of this lease began July 1, 2024 with an option to renew for up to four additional one-year terms by written agreement of the parties. The "Demised Premises" subject to the lease included approximately 300 square feet of space on MSU's Meridian Campus located at 1000 Highway 18 North, specifically Rooms #076 and #078. It was renewed for a one-year term effective July 1, 2025 with no amendments. The University now seeks retroactive approval of Amendment #1 which was effective October 1, 2025, amending the definition of the "Demised Premises" to mean approximate 1,200 square feet of office space including Rooms #024, #025 and #026 and increasing the annual rent from $7,401.29 to $12,000. All

other provisions of that agreement 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.

c. **MSU** – On May 13, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Right-of-Way Easement Agreement between Mississippi State University and Entergy Mississippi, LLC to allow Entergy to move power poles so that Hinds County may replace the Learned Oakley Road bridge that lies adjacent to MSU's Brown Loam property on Learned Oakley Road. This is a perpetual easement with MSU having the option to terminate the right-of-way following one-year of continuous non-use of the easement and easement area by Entergy. 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 May 13, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and GCC, LLC for space located at 2012 US-90, Suites 5 and 5A, Gautier, 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 July 15, 2026. The total cost of the agreement is $60,000 payable in 12 monthly installments of $2,525 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.

e. **MSU** – On May 20, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Cornerstone Properties of Brookhaven, LLC for space located at 202 N. Jackson Street, Brookhaven, 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 twenty (20) months effective August 1, 2026. The total cost of the agreement is $97,000 payable in monthly installments of $4,850 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.

f. **MSU** – On May 22, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College for space on the MGCCC campus in which to temporarily house the Mississippi Cyber Initiative until a anew facility is constructed. MSU had a prior lease with MGCCC that was effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025. Due to administrative delays, the lease renewal was not executed prior to the expiration of the previous lease. The term of the new lease is 26 months and is

effective July 1, 2025 through August 30, 2027 at a cost of $2,512.57/month for 4,153 square feet of space. Funding for this lease is provided through a contract from the MS Development Authority specifically for the Mississippi Cyber Initiative. 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.

g. **MSU** – On May 22, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Rice Road Retail, LLC for space located at 7157 Old Canton Road, Ridgeland, 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 August 1, 2026. The total cost of the agreement is $98,880 payable in 24 monthly installments of $4,120 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.

h. **USM** – On May 22, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Sublease Agreement between the University of Southern Mississippi and Saronic Technologies, Inc. for approximately 1,996 square feet of space in the USM Roger F. Wicker Center for Ocean Enterprise. The lease is effective upon approval and execution and will expire on the last day of the 5th full month following that execution. Saronic will pay the university $9,815.44 per month or $49,077.20 for the 5-month term of the lease. 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.

PERSONNEL

7. **Sabbatical**

University of Mississippi

FROM: Laura Sheppardson; Associate Chair and Associate Professor of Mathematics; salary $90,542 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; no change in salary during sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 19, 2027 to May 8, 2027; professional development

[Originally approved by IHL Board February 19, 2026]

CORRECTED: This item was rescinded.

HEALTH AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE REPORT

Wednesday, June 17, 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 received the monthly financial summary. **No action was taken.**
2. Executive Session
   On motion by Trustee Stephenson, seconded by Trustee Hubbard, with Trustee Cummings absent and not voting and Trustees Arrington 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 Hubbard, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, with Trustee Cummings absent and not voting and Trustees Arrington 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 one item in executive session, the discussion of which in open session would be detrimental to IHL's legal interest.

   The item involves the transaction of business and discussions regarding prospective strategic business decisions of the University of Mississippi Medical Center, including the relocation of medical services, prospective purchase or leasing of lands, decisions to open a new service line and implementation of capital improvements.

   During Executive Session, the following matters were discussed:
   The Committee discussed transaction of business and discussions regarding prospective strategic business decisions of the University of Mississippi Medical Center, including the relocation of medical services, prospective purchase or leasing of lands, decisions to open a new service line and implementation of capital improvements. **No action was taken.**

   On motion by Trustee Rader, seconded by Trustee Clark, with Trustees Cummings and Hubbard absent and not voting and Trustees Arrington and Martin participating via Zoom, all Committee members legally present and participating voted unanimously to return to open session.
3. On motion by Trustee Stephenson, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, with Trustees Cummings and Hubbard absent and not voting and Trustees Arrington and Martin 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, Ms. Teresa Hubbard, Mr. Bruce Martin (via Zoom), Mr. Gee Ogletree, Mr. Hal Parker, Mr. Gregg Rader, and Mr. Charlie Stephenson. Dr. Ormella Cummings was absent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Trustee Ogletree thanked Mrs. Nora Miller, President of the Mississippi University for Women, for her many years of service. She is retiring June 30, 2026.
- President Cunningham shared that the ADA/Accessibility Task Force, which was established in August 2023, has completed its work. The final report is at your seat. The work of this task force was driven by Trustee Jeanne Luckey, who was a passionate advocate for students and other individuals with disabilities, especially at Mississippi's public universities. We are fortunate to have dedicated professionals at our universities who champion this work and carry on Trustee Luckey's energy and dedication.
- The Board does not plan to meet in July. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be August 20, 2026.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Rader, with Trustee 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 Clark, seconded by Trustee Griffith, with Trustee 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:

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 Jackson State University, one at Mississippi State University, and one at The University of Mississippi.

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

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 Board Office. **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 Jackson 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 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 Stephenson, seconded by Trustee Arrington, with Trustee Rader absent and not voting and Trustee Martin 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 Hubbard, with Trustee Rader absent and not voting and Trustee Martin 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	Fiscal year ending 2027 Operating Budgets for the system.
Composite Exhibit 2	FY 2028 proposed funding priorities for the 2027 Legislative Budget Request and the performance funding framework.
Exhibit 3	Real Estate items that were approved by the IHL Board staff subsequent to the May 21, 2026 Board meeting.
Exhibit 4	Report of the payment of legal fees to outside counsel.

COMPOSITE EXHIBIT 1
June 18, 2026

Total Operating Budget
FY 2027

	Appropriation	Self Generated	Budget	Percent Appropriation
Education & General	$470,091,619	$1,247,347,882	$1,717,439,501	27.37%
Capital Funds	48,967,510	-	48,967,510	100.00%
Total E&G (1)	**519,059,129**	**1,247,347,882**	**1,766,407,011**	**29.39%**
UMMC	217,170,448	2,362,431,943	2,579,602,391	8.42%
UMMC ARPA	7,621,815	-	7,621,815	100.00%
Total UMMC (1)	**224,792,263**	**2,362,431,943**	**2,587,224,206**	**8.69%**
Agricultural	117,678,305	66,133,837	183,812,142	64.02%
Student Financial Aid (1)(2)	55,361,364	1,542,660	56,904,024	97.29%
Subsidiary	47,364,243	51,537,837	98,902,080	47.89%
Restricted	-	1,341,416,912	1,341,416,912	0.00%
Ayers	-	3,765,257	3,765,257	0.00%
Auxiliary	-	655,633,140	655,633,140	0.00%
Total Budget	**$964,255,304**	**$5,729,809,468**	**$6,694,064,772**	**14.40%**

(1) Includes reappropriated funds.

(2) Non-IHL budget.

COMPOSITE EXHIBIT 1
June 18, 2026

Total Operating Budget
Original FY 2026 Compared to FY 2027

Budget	FY 2026	FY2027	Change	Percent Change
Education & General	$1,630,292,686	$1,717,439,501	87,146,815	5.35%
Capital Funds	47,384,133	48,967,510	1,583,377	3.34%
Total E&G	**1,677,676,819**	**1,766,407,011**	**88,730,192**	**5.29%**
UMMC	2,426,717,494	2,579,602,391	152,884,897	6.30%
UMMC ARPA	41,652,000	7,621,815	(34,030,185)	-81.70%
Total UMMC	**2,468,369,494**	**2,587,224,206**	**118,854,712**	**4.82%**
Agricultural	173,268,759	183,812,142	10,543,383	6.08%
Student Financial Aid	61,929,219	56,904,024	(5,025,195)	-8.11%
Subsidiary	92,966,794	98,902,080	5,935,286	6.38%
Restricted	1,223,195,290	1,341,416,912	118,221,622	9.66%
Ayers	4,115,251	3,765,257	(349,994)	-8.50%
Auxiliary	620,566,210	655,633,140	35,066,930	5.65%
Total Budget	**$6,322,087,836**	**$6,694,064,772**	**371,976,936**	**5.88%**

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Change in *Ayers* Program Appropriations
Original FY 2026 to FY 2027

Ayers	FY 2026	FY2027	Change	Percent
ASU	$0	$0	0	N/A
JSU	0	0	0	N/A
MVSU	0	0	0	N/A
Endowment	0	0	0	N/A
Interest and Carryover (1)	4,115,251	3,765,257	(349,994)	-16.13%
Total	$4,115,251	$3,765,257	($349,994)	-62.05%

(1) FY 2022 was the final year of the Ayers settlement payment schedule for program funds.

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Education & General
Operating Budget (Excludes *Ayers* Funds)
FY 2026 and FY 2027

Institution	FY 2026	FY2027	Change	Percent Change
ASU	$61,046,184	$63,241,733	2,195,549	3.60%
DSU	49,198,146	51,825,458	2,627,312	5.34%
JSU	112,286,754	117,042,521	4,755,767	4.24%
MSU	509,162,353	538,486,962	29,324,609	5.76%
MUW	44,227,569	45,540,945	1,313,376	2.97%
MVSU	37,717,831	39,448,362	1,730,531	4.59%
UM	577,326,791	617,191,044	39,864,253	6.90%
USM	239,327,058	244,662,476	5,335,418	2.23%
Total	**$1,630,292,686**	**$1,717,439,501**	**$87,146,815**	**5.35%**

Note: Excludes Capital Expense Funds and ARPA Act Funds.

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Education and General Functional Budget
Change in FY 2026 Original Budget to FY 2027

Functional Area	FY 2026	FY2027	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Instruction	$568,855,185	$595,694,912	$26,839,727	4.72%
Research	77,603,731	78,446,391	842,660	1.09%
Public Service	9,288,369	9,389,862	101,493	1.09%
Academic Support	165,528,215	174,841,979	9,313,764	5.63%
Student Services	103,387,698	109,045,835	5,658,137	5.47%
Institutional Support	191,412,679	201,921,666	10,508,987	5.49%
Operations & Maintenance	161,624,281	171,213,657	9,589,376	5.93%
Scholarships	335,903,798	360,076,223	24,172,425	7.20%
Transfers	16,688,730	16,808,976	120,246	0.72%
Total	**$1,630,292,686**	**$1,717,439,501**	**$87,146,815**	**5.35%**

Note: Excludes Capital Expense Funds and ARPA Act Funds.

COMPOSITE EXHIBIT 1
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Education and General Major Object Category Budget
Change in FY 2026 Original Budget to FY 2027

Category	FY 2026	FY2027	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Personnel	$1,033,068,252	$1,084,166,244	51,097,992	4.95%
Travel	12,384,220	13,207,099	822,879	6.64%
Contractual	505,286,501	539,577,474	34,290,973	6.79%
Commodities	22,905,000	23,069,086	164,086	0.72%
Capital	17,939,486	17,881,945	(57,541)	-0.32%
Other	38,709,227	39,537,653	828,426	2.14%
Total	**$1,630,292,686**	**$1,717,439,501**	**$87,146,815**	**5.35%**

Note: Excludes Capital Expense Funds and ARPA Act Funds.

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University of Mississippi Medical Center
Operating Budget
FY 2026 Compared to FY 2027

Budget	FY 2026	FY2027	Dollar Change	Percent Change
School of Dentistry	$24,978,686	$28,852,033	$3,873,347	15.51%
School of Health Related Professions	14,552,932	16,741,839	2,188,907	15.04%
School of Medicine	237,296,223	251,754,482	14,458,259	6.09%
School of Population Health	10,399,045	12,376,331	1,977,286	19.01%
School of Nursing	40,916,295	33,868,905	(7,047,390)	-17.22%
Service Area	95,900,453	83,711,020	(12,189,433)	-12.71%
University Hospital	2,002,673,860	2,142,906,890	140,233,030	7.00%
ARPA Funds	41,652,000	7,621,815	(34,030,185)	-81.70%
Total Budget	**$2,468,369,494**	**$2,577,833,315**	**$109,463,821**	**4.43%**

Note: Auxiliary budget and restricted budget aggregated in the system presentation.

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University of Mississippi Medical Center
Revenue Operating Budget
FY 2026 Compared to FY 2027

Budget	FY 2026	FY2027	Change	Percent
Tuition	$47,541,571	$53,069,690	5,528,119	11.63%
Appropriations	242,782,361	215,401,372	(27,380,989)	-11.28%
Sales & Services	1,999,472,120	1,917,632,893	(81,839,227)	-4.09%
Other	178,573,442	391,729,360	213,155,918	119.37%
Total	**$2,468,369,494**	**$2,577,833,315**	**$109,463,821**	**4.43%**

Note: Auxiliary budget, APRA, and restricted budget aggregated in the system presentation.

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University of Mississippi Medical Center
Major Object Operating Budget
FY 2026 Compared to FY 2027

	FY 2026	FY2027	Change	Percent
Personnel	$1,185,885,360	$1,232,743,122	$46,857,762	3.95%
Travel	4,893,795	5,366,871	473,076	9.67%
Contractual Services	447,184,602	485,203,305	38,018,703	8.50%
Commodities	532,159,070	606,111,805	73,952,735	13.90%
Other	298,246,667	248,408,212	-49,838,455	-16.71%
Total	**$2,468,369,494**	**$2,577,833,315**	**$109,463,821**	**4.43%**

Note: Auxiliary budget, APRA, and restricted budget aggregated in the system presentation.

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Agricultural Units
Total Operating Budgets
FY 2026 Compared to FY 2027

Budget	FY 2026	FY2027	Change	Percent Change	Appropriation
ASU Agricultural Programs	$8,222,984	$8,598,509	375,525	4.57%	100.00%
Agricultural & Forestry Experiment Station	35,038,687	36,595,371	1,556,684	4.44%	74.88%
Mississippi Cooperative Extension	47,905,461	53,115,152	5,209,691	10.87%	67.32%
Forest & Wildlife Research Center	8,631,906	7,969,566	(662,340)	-7.67%	88.38%
College of Veterinary Medicine	73,469,721	77,533,544	4,063,823	5.53%	50.14%
Total Budget	**$173,268,759**	**$183,812,142**	**$10,543,383**	**6.08%**	**64.02%**

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Subsidiary Units
(includes Executive Office, University Press & Student Financial Aid)
Change in Total Operating Budget
FY 2026 to FY 2027

Budget	FY 2026	FY2027	Change	Percent Change	Appropriation
Urban Research Center	$549,502	$553,605	$4,103	0.75%	100.00%
Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems	$4,885,491	$4,956,141	$70,650	1.45%	100.00%
State Chemical Laboratory	$2,404,978	$2,420,442	$15,464	0.64%	79.06%
Water Resources Research Institute	$353,177	$354,278	$1,101	0.31%	100.00%
Stennis Institute	$795,448	$800,829	$5,381	0.68%	100.00%
Alcohol Safety Education Program (Special Funds)	$1,934,790	$1,940,639	$5,849	0.30%	0.00%
Law Research Institute	$2,600,899	$1,268,744	($1,332,155)	-51.22%	72.75%
Mineral Resources Institute	$934,013	$940,333	$6,320	0.68%	43.86%
Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences	$21,134,400	$21,149,046	$14,646	0.07%	25.33%
Supercomputer	$661,217	$662,749	$1,532	0.23%	100.00%
Small Business Center	$2,972,150	$2,938,014	($34,136)	-1.15%	12.41%
Center for Manufacturing Excellence	$3,246,169	$3,279,201	$33,032	1.02%	100.00%
State Court Education Program	$2,078,985	$2,085,496	$6,511	0.31%	100.00%
Mississippi Polymer Institute	$1,030,376	$929,961	($100,415)	-9.75%	100.00%
Gulf Coast Research Laboratory	$10,686,024	$10,805,127	$119,103	1.11%	81.98%
Stennis Center	$364,982	$366,474	$1,492	0.41%	100.00%
Executive Office	$29,309,674	$36,802,885	$7,493,211	25.57%	40.19%
Student Financial Aid	$61,929,219	$56,904,024	($5,025,195)	-8.11%	97.29%
University Press	$3,127,969	$3,062,021	($65,948)	-2.11%	0.00%

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Auxiliary Unit Operating Budgets
FY 2027
Compared to FY 2026 Original

Institution	FY 2026	FY2027	Change	Percent Change
Alcorn State University	$18,268,813	$18,269,926	$1,113	0.01%
Delta State University	10,059,244	10,902,625	843,381	8.38%
Jackson State University	47,511,398	45,895,154	-1,616,244	-3.40%
Mississippi State University	179,277,362	186,502,227	7,224,865	4.03%
Mississippi University for Women	5,095,120	4,571,081	-524,039	-10.29%
Mississippi Valley State University	9,850,000	9,900,000	50,000	0.51%
University of Mississippi	267,405,091	291,870,940	24,465,849	9.15%
University of Southern Mississippi	80,300,459	84,235,356	3,934,897	4.90%
UMMC	2,798,723	3,485,831	687,108	24.55%
Total Auxiliaries	**$620,566,210**	**$655,633,140**	**$35,066,930**	**5.65%**

COMPOSITE EXHIBIT 2
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FY 2028 Legislative Funding Priorities Summary

Budget	FY 2027	Salary Increases	Performance Framework Funding & Inflation	Capital	FY 2027
Campuses	$467,941,619	$0	$93,308,324	$0	$561,249,943
Capital Funds	30,438,569	0	0	0	30,438,569
Total E&G Request	498,380,188	0	93,308,324	0	591,688,512
UMMC	210,734,879	0	0	0	210,734,879
UMMC Capital Funds	5,000,000	0	0	20,950,000	25,950,000
Total UMMC	215,734,879	0	0	20,950,000	236,684,879
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Subsidiaries	47,364,243	3,228,065	35,046	0	50,627,354
Agriculture	101,221,322	9,386,735	2,691,756	0	113,299,813
Total Request	**$862,700,632**	**$12,614,800**	**$96,035,126**	**$20,950,000**	**$992,300,558**
SFA (1)	55,361,364	0	0	0	55,361,364

(1)This appropriation request is approved by the Postsecondary Board. This Board has not yet acted on an appropriation request for FY 2027.

COMPOSITE EXHIBIT 2
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Performance Funding Framework

- Foundational Funding
  - Attain “Floor” Funding for all institutions

- Performance Funding
  - Excellence Funding
  - Improvement Funding
  - Administrative/Financial Efficiency Funding

- Task IHL and Institutional Staff to bring recommendations for each Institutions Performance Funding Categories
  - Receive feedback from Institutional Staff at the August 2026 Meeting

- Discussion at the September 2026 Board Retreat

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SYSTEM: REAL ESTATE ITEMS APPROVED SUBSEQUENT TO THE MAY 21, 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.

DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY

1. **DSU-GS 102-292 HAIL DAMAGE REPAIRS (PHASE I)**
   Approval Request #1: Construction Documents
   Board staff approved Construction Documents as submitted by Shafer Zahner Zahner, PLLC.
   Approval Status & Date: Approved, June 4, 2026
   Approval Request #2: Advertise
   Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.
   Approval Status & Date: Approved, June 4, 2026

2. **DSU-GS 102-298 BROOM HALL WINDOWS AND DOORS**
   Approval Request #1: Construction Documents
   Board staff approved Construction Documents as submitted by Burris/Wagnon Architects, P.A.
   Approval Status & Date: Approved, June 4, 2026
   Approval Request #2: Advertise
   Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.
   Approval Status & Date: Approved, June 4, 2026

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

3. **MSU-IHL 205-320C PATTERSON ENGINEERING IDEE LAB (PHASE 3)**
   Approval Request: Design Development Documents
   Board staff approved the Design Development Documents as submitted by CDFL Architects & Engineers.
   Approval Status & Date: Approved, May 28, 2026

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4. **MSU-IHL 205-336 SOUTH CAMPUS MECHANICAL PLANT, PKG L – LANDSCAPING & IRRIGATION**

   Approval Request: Change Order #2

   Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the amount of $8,808.95 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of SGK Landscapes, Inc.

   Approval Status & Date: Approved, May 19, 2026

   Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following: addition of a 4" hardwood mulch service path from the ABE Building to the turf area, river rock installation at the ABE Building, around drains, in the landscape bed on the west side of the building and both sides of the stairs, and installation and grading of Bermuda sod along the south side of Dorman Hall Greenhouse.

   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 $55.544.42.

   Project Initiation Date: June 15, 2023

   Design Professional: Eley Guild Hardy Architects, P.A.

   CMA: Innovative Construction Management

   General Contractor: SGK Landscapes, Inc.

   Package L Budget: $326,681.58

   Total Project Budget: $35,000,000.00

5. **MSU – IHL 205-359A WISE CENTER RENOVATION AND ADDITION – FARM ANIMAL HOSPITAL**

   Approval Request: Award of Construction Contracts

   Board staff approved the Awards of Contracts in the amounts listed below. The project is managed by a Construction Management Advisor (CMA), with each phase being bid and awarded as follows:

   Approval Status & Date: Approved, May 19, 2026

   Project Initiation Date: October 17, 2024

   Design Professional: Eley Guild Hardy Architects, P.A.

   CMA: AnderCorp, LLC

   Phased Project Budget: $18,000,00.00

   Total Project Budget: $36,000,000.00

   General Contractor: Hannon, LLC (Package A – Site Improvements)

   Award Amount: $417,325.00

   General Contractor: Byrum Construction, Inc. (Package B – Concrete)

   Award Amount: $1,091,300.00

   General Contractor: Bush Masonry, LLC (Package C – Masonry)

   Award Amount: $895,131.00

   General Contractor: Pike Construction of Mississippi, Inc. (Package D – Structural Steel)

   Award Amount: $649,000.00

   General Contractor: Advantage Roofing & Construction, Inc. (Package E – Roofing)

   Award Amount: $259,600.00

   General Contractor: Target Door & Supply, Inc. (Package F – Doors and Hardware)

Award Amount: $344,950.00
General Contractor: Kenneth R. Thompson Jr., Inc. (Package H – Framing, Gyp Board, ACT and Painting)
Award Amount: $545,512.00
General Contractor: Craft Croswell, LLC (Package I – Flooring)
Award Amount: $223,965.00
General Contractor: J.E. Stevens Construction Group, LLC (Package K – General Works)
Award Amount: $1,728,000.00
General Contractor: Fireline, Inc. (Package M – Fire Protection)
Award Amount: $160,450.00
General Contractor: Kline Mechanical Systems, Inc. (Package N – Mechanical & Plumbing)
Award Amount: $5,423,700.00
General Contractor: Shivers Construction Company, LLC (Package O – Electrical)
Award Amount: $1,406,000.00

6. **MSU-IHL 205-359D WISE CENTER RENOVATION AND ADDITION – EQUINE HOSPITAL ENTRANCE**
   Approval Request: Change Order #2
   Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the amount of $3,661.60 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of M&P Construction, LLC.
   Approval Status & Date: Approved, June 1, 2026
   Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following: hardware changes including the addition of new door closers and arm replacements.
   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 amount of $4,440.35.
   Project Initiation Date: October 17, 2024
   Design Professional: Eley Guild Hardy Architects, P.A.
   CMA: AnderCorp, LLC
   General Contractor: M&P Construction, LLC
   Phased Budget: $2,266,367.00
   Total Project Budget: $36,000,000.00

7. **MSU-IHL 205-360 LEO SEAL JR. FOOTBALL COMPLEX ADDITION AND RENOVATION**
   Approval Request: Design Development Documents
   Board staff approved the Design Development Documents as submitted by CDFL Architects & Engineers, P.A.
   Approval Status & Date: Approved, June 3, 2026

8. **MSU-IHL 205-366 WEST SIDE CONNECTIVITY PROJECT – SPRING/BULLY BLVD TO COLLEGE VIEW DRIVE**
   Approval Request: Appointment of Design Professional

   Board staff approved the appointment of Neel-Schaffer, Inc. as the design professional for the project. MSU utilized a qualifications-based selection process approved by MDOT.
   Approval Status & Date: Approved, May 20, 2026

MISSISSIPPI UNIVERSITY FOR WOMEN

9. **MUW-IHL 204-136 ROOFING PROJECT**
   Approval Request: Change Order #2
   Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the *credit* amount of $90,151.14 and forty-four (44) additional days to the contract of Roofing Solutions, LLC.
   Approval Status & Date: Approved, May 19, 2026
   Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following: reconciliations of allowances and liquidated damages for roofing repairs on Fant Hall, Painter Hall, Reneau Hall, Grossnickle Hall, Stark Recreation, Education Building (low roof and high roof), Counseling Center, Pohl Gymnasium, and a reconciliation of Allowance #2 for Fant Hall structural repairs.
   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 $61,114.37.
   Project Initiation Date: November 16, 2023
   Design Professional: JBHM Architects, P.A.
   General Contractor: Roofing Solutions, LLC d/b/a Roofing Solutions of Louisiana, LLC
   Total Project Budget: $2,752,710.00

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10. **MVSU-GS 106-265 CAMPUS ROOFING (LACKEY RE-ROOF)**
    Approval Request: Change Order #1
    Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the amount of $137,700.00 and eighty-five (85) additional days to the contract of Independent Roofing Systems, Inc.
    Approval Status & Date: Approved, May 20, 2026
    Change Order Description: Change Order #1 includes the following: removal and replacement of rotten soffit and facia at the west entrance of the building, removal and installation of ceiling tiles in the gym area, removal of additional ceiling tiles in halls not covered in previous work, repairs to the ceiling grid, removal of damaged furniture throughout the building, replacement of T-12 lighting with LED lighting, and a credit following reconciliation of unit pricing of tectum decking which was built into the

contract.
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 $137,700.00.
Project Initiation Date: May 15, 2024
Design Professional: Shafer-Zahner-Zahner, PLLC
General Contractor: Independent Roofing Systems, Inc.
Total Project Budget: $1,250,000.00

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11. **UM-IHL 207-473.4 OLE MISS SOFTBALL COMPLEX ADDITION & RENOVATION - STADIUM**
Approval Request: Change Order #3
Board staff approved Change Order #3 in the amount of $32,611.32 and three hundred sixty (360) additional days to the contract of Audio Communications Consultants, Inc.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, May 12, 2026
Change Order Description: Change Order #3 includes the following: addition of A/V conferencing in coach's office, multipurpose room, media lounge, conference room and Champions' Corridor, a credit for a TV mount and multipurpose room projection screen, three (3) HDMI to USB video adapters, fire alarm AV interface, and a credit for VITEC IPTV.
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 $2,848,662.37.
Project Initiation Date: October 21, 2021
Design Professional: McCarty Architects, P.A.
CMA: Innovative Construction Management, LLC
General Contractor: Audio Communications Consultants, Inc.
Phased Project Budget: $19,096,024.69
Total Project Budget: $33,250,000.00

12. **UM-IHL 207-507 GILLOM SPORTS CENTER IMPROVEMENTS**
Approval Request: Design Development Documents
Board staff approved the Design Development Documents as submitted by PryorMorrow PC.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, May 19, 2026

13. **UM-IHL 207-524 JOHNSON COMMONS WEST – REBEL MARKET EXPANSION**
Approval Request: Schematic Design Documents

Board staff approved the Schematic Design Documents as submitted by EGH Architects, P.A.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, May 15, 2026

14. **UM-IHL 407-013 WRITERS CABIN AND COMMUNITY**
Approval Request #1: Construction Documents
Board staff approved Construction Documents as submitted by Marlon Blackwell Architects, P.A.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, June 4, 2026
Approval Request #2: Advertise
Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, June 4, 2026

15. **UM-IHL 407-014 NEW SCHOOL OF ACCOUNTANCY (JONES HALL)**
Approval Request: Award of Construction Contract
Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of $113,918,000.00 to the apparent low bidder, Roy Anderson Corp.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, May 27, 2026
Project Initiation Date: January 7, 2026
Design Professional: JH&H Architects Planners Interiors, P.A.
General Contractor: Roy Anderson Corp.
Total Project Budget: $138,000,000.00

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER

16. **UMMC-IHL 409-005 NEW SCHOOL OF NURSING**
Approval Request: Change Order #7
Board staff approved Change Order #7 in the amount of $4,097.78 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of AnderCorp, LLC.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, May 15, 2026
Change Order Description: Change Order #7 includes the following: addition of floor boxes to the auditorium, changes to the steel structure, a credit for cell foam in the crawl space, a credit for corner guards and a credit for toilet accessories.
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: Seven (7) change orders for a total amount of $2,780,365.29.
Project Initiation Date: January 19, 2023
Design Professional: EGH Architects, P.A.
General Contractor: AnderCorp, LLC
Total Project Budget: $68,675,000.00

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17. **USM-IHL 208-301 REED GREEN COLISEUM RENOVATION**

Approval Request #1: Construction Documents

Board staff approved Construction Documents as submitted by Wier Boerner Allin Architecture, PLLC for the following phases:

- IHL 208-301.1C Practice Facility
- IHL 208-301.2A Arena Renovations
- IHL 208-301.2B ADA Access Ramp
- IHL 208-301.3A Northeast Concessions / Restrooms
- IHL 208-301.3B Northwest Concessions / Restrooms
- IHL 208-301.3C Front Entry Addition

Approval Request #2: Advertisement

Board staff approved request for advertisement for the receipt of bids for the following phases:

- IHL 208-301.1C Practice Facility
- IHL 208-301.2A Arena Renovations
- IHL 208-301.2B ADA Access Ramp
- IHL 208-301.3A Northeast Concessions / Restrooms
- IHL 208-301.3B Northwest Concessions / Restrooms
- IHL 208-301.3C Front Entry Addition

18. **USM-IHL 208-301.1B REED GREEN COLISEUM RENOVATION – DOME PAINTING**

Approval Request #1: Award of Construction Contract

Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of $212,000.00 to the apparent low bidder, Corazon Coatings Group, LLC.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, May 8, 2026
Project Initiation Date: January 7, 2026
Design Professional: Wier Boerner Allin Architecture, PLLC
CMA: Codaray Construction, LLC
General Contractor: Corazon Coatings Group, LLC
Phased Project Budget: $244,895.33
Total Project Budget: $43,170,506.50

19. **USM - IHL 208-398 E-SPORTS ARENA AT THE HUB**

Approval Request: Initiation

Board staff approved Initiation of the E-Sports Arena at the HUB and appointment of CDFL Architects & Engineers, PLLC.
Approval Status & Date: Approved, May 12, 2026
Project Initiation Date: May 12, 2026
Design Professional: CDFL Architects & Engineers, PLLC
General Contractor: TBD
Total Project Budget: $1,500,000.00

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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 Brunini, Grantham, Grower and Hewes, PLLC (statement dated 5/20/26) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement, in the amount of $87.50, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 87.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Copeland, Cook, Taylor & Bush, PA (statements dated 4/27/26, 6/1/26 and 6/1/26) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amount of $5,233.00, $4,379.00 and $161.00, represent services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 9,773.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware|Immigration (statement dated 3/31/26, 5/1/26, 5/1/26, 5/1/26, 5/8/26, 5/15/26, 6/1/26 and 6/4/26) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of $2,650.00, $1,507.50, $5,000.00, $543.00, $2,650.00, $2,650.00, $150.00 and $1,650.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with immigration/labor certification matters.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 16,800.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Bond, Schoeneck & King (statement dated 5/11/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of $647.50, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 647.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mayo Mallette, PLLC (statements dated 5/6/26, 6/1/26, 6/4/26, 6/4/26 and 6/4/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of $2,575.00, $750.00, $675.00, $425.00 and $912.50, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 5,337.50

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware|Immigration (statements dated 5/1/26, 5/6/26, 5/6/26, 5/6/26 and 5/8/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of $547.00, $2,650.00, $2,650.00, $3,925.00 and $6,330.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with immigration/labor certification matters.)

TOTAL DUE……..…..……$ 16,102.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Alexander Law, P.A. (statements dated 3/23/26, 4/7/26, 4/7/26, 4/7/26, 4/7/26, 5/5/26, 5/5/26, 5/5/26 and 5/5/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of $1,650.00, $2,409.50, $13,610.00, $564.50, $1,317.50, $1,823.00, $3,068.50, $3,303.00 and $262.50, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE……..…..……$ 28,008.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statements dated 2/27/26, 3/12/26, 3/12/26, 3/16/26, 3/30/26, 4/9/26, 4/9/26, 4/9/26, 4/9/26, 4/9/26, 4/9/26, 4/15/26, 4/17/26, 4/17/26, 4/17/26, 4/30/26, 5/12/26, 5/12/26, 5/12/26, 5/12/26, 5/12/26, 5/12/26, 5/12/26 and 5/16/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of $5,584.50, $15,229.35, $2,491.40, $1,464.20, $4,635.50, $3,869.00, $1,204.50, $6,570.00, $3,041.65, $336.75, $1,806.50, $48,150.30, $580.50, $15.00, $34.00, $27,192.50, $839.50, $1,661.50, $16,880.50, $1,058.70, $2,255.85, $438.00, $360.00 and $66.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE……..…..……$ 145,685.70

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Copeland, Cook, Taylor & Bush (statements dated 3/18/26 and 4/20/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of $240.00 and $4,580.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE……..…..……$ 4,820.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Currie, Johnson & Myers, P.A. (statements dated 3/23/26 and 4/10/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of $3,620.00 and $2,100.00, respectively represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE……..…..……$ 5,720.00

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Foreman, Watkins & Krutz, LLP (statement dated 3/12/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (This statement, in the amount of $7,190.50, represents services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE…….…….……$ 7,190.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Gore, Kilpatrick & Dambrino, PLLC (statements dated 12/29/25, 2/25/26, 3/26/26, 4/27/26 and 4/27/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of $10,606.00, $677.50, $160.00, $140.00 and $480.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE…….…….……$ 12,063.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Hogan Lovells, US, LLP (statements dated 4/28/26 and 4/30/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of $69,970.50 and $2,299.50, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE…….…….……$ 72,270.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mayo Mallette, PLLC (statement dated 4/6/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (This statement, in the amount of $12,299.12, represents services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE…….…….……$ 12,299.12

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Page, Kruger & Holland, PA (statements dated 3/31/26, 4/1/26, 4/1/26, 4/1/26, 4/1/26, 5/4/26, 5/4/26, 5/4/26, 5/4/26 and 5/4/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of $844.50, $68.00, $121.10, $80.00, $4,050.50, $494.45, $459.00, $140.00, $583.30 and $340.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE…….…….……$ 7,180.85

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Steen, Dalehite & Pace, LLC (statements dated 3/31/26, 3/31/26, 3/31/26, 3/31/26, 4/13/26, 4/30/26 and 5/5/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of $1,243.50, $377.60, $4,755.00, $4,306.50, $650.00, $1,424.40 and $283.60, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE…….…….……$ 13,040.60

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Vernis & Bowling of Mississippi, PLLC (statements dated 3/25/26, 3/25/26, 3/25/26, 3/25/26, 3/25/26, 3/25/26, 3/25/26, 3/25/26, 3/25/26, 3/25/26, 4/22/26, 4/22/26, 4/22/26, 4/22/26 and 4/22/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of $145.93, $763.00, $165.00, $247.50, $115.50, $882.63, $2,770.84, $9,595.30, $8,30.49, $1,190.00, $297.50, $183.00, $148.50, $1,780.50 and $420.00, respectively represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE…….…….……$ 19,524.69

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Walker & Ungo Immigration Law Firm (statements dated 1/16/26 and 3/19/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of $2,000.00 and $3,000.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE…….…….……$ 5,000.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Watkins & Eager, PLLC (statements dated 3/12/26, 3/12/26, 3/12/26, 3/27/26, 4/6/26, 4/8/26, 4/8/26, 4/8/26, 4/8/26, 4/8/26, 4/9/26, 5/6/26, 5/18/26, 5/18/26, 5/18/26, 5/18/26 and 5/18/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of $216.75, $379.50, $760.00, $735.00, $350.00, $1,400.00, $210.00, $1,715.00, $3,960.00, $615.00, $2,310.00, $70.00, $33.00, $66.00, $6,730.00, $560.00 and $175.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE…….…….……$ 20,282.25

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Wise, Carter, Child & Caraway, P.A. (statements dated 3/12/26 and 4/16/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of $1,895.00 and $75,595.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE…….…….……$ 77,490.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Scott J. Schwartz, P.A. (statement dated 5/15/26) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of $3,900.00, represents services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE…….…….……$ 3,900.00

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Starnes, Davis, Florie, LLP (statement dated 3/31/26) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of $10,060.20, represents services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE…….…….……$ 10,060.20

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware|Immigration (statements dated 5/1/26, 5/7/26, 5/14/26, 5/28/26, 5/28/26, 6/1/26) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of $90.00, $3,610.00, $3,110.00, $715.00, $2,650.00 and $100.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with immigration/labor certification matters.)

TOTAL DUE…….…….……$ 10,275.00

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 Butler Snow LLP (statements dated 12/17/25, 12/17/25, 12/18/25, 12/22/25, 3/25/26, 3/25/26, 4/23/26 and 4/23/26) from the funds of Jackson State University. (These statements, in the amounts of $1,158.00, $70.00, $1,834.00, $84.00, $808.00, $345.00, $235.00 and $56.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE…….…….……$ 4,590.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statement dated 5/21/26) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement, in the amount of $328.50, represents services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE…….…….……$ 328.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Conley Rose, P.C. (statements dated 5/6/26, 5/6/26 and 5/6/26) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of $2,750.00, $1,266.00 and $2,500.00, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE…….…….……$ 6,516.00

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mendelsohn Dunleavy, P.C. (statements dated 5/4/26, 5/4/26 and 5/4/26) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of $992.50, $1,997.00 and $355.50, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 3,345.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Stites & Harbison, PLLC (statements dated 5/18/26, 5/18/26, 5/18/26 and 5/18/26) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of $6,859.48, $1,353.50, $2,500.00 and $4,004.50, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 14,717.48

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Weatherly IP Solutions, LLC (statement dated 3/18/26) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement, in the amount of $362.00, represents services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 362.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statements dated 3/23/26, 3/25/26, 3/25/26, 3/25/26, 3/25/26, 3/25/26, 4/23/26, 4/23/26, 5/21/26, 5/21/26, 5/21/26, 5/21/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of $2,007.50, $1,460.00, $420.00, $280.00, $957.50, $275.00, $5,494.50, $12,519.50, $14,782.50, $438.00, $912.50 and $6,132.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 45,679.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Stites & Harbison, PLLC (statements dated 1/23/26, 2/24/26, 3/17/26, 3/17/26, 3/17/26 4/23/26, 4/23/26, 5/13/26 and 5/13/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of $2,030.00, $2,812.00, $1,266.00, $608.00, $342.00, $912.00, $3,698.00, $2,432.00 and $3,028.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 17,128.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Workman Nydegger (statements dated 3/12/26, 3/12/26, 3/12/26, 3/12/26, 3/12/26, 4/13/26, 4/13/26, 4/13/26 and 4/13/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of $2,750.00, $1,650.00, $5,161.00, $722.12, $4,800.00, $254.00, $200.00, $2,900.00 and

$3,350.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with intellectual property patents.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 21,787.12

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statements dated 5/21/26 and 5/21/26) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of $1,751.00 and $1,478.00 represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 3,229.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mendelsohn Dunleavy, P.C. (statements dated 5/5/26, 5/5/26, 5/5/26, 5/5/26, 5/5/26, 5/5/26, 5/5/26 and 5/5/26) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of $385.00, $1,675.00, $570.00, $958.00, $735.00, $245.00, $4,955.00 and $560.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE……..…….……$ 10,083.00