

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING
March 19, 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 March 19, 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, Mr. Gee Ogletree, Mr. Hal Parker, Mr. Gregg Rader, and Mr. Charlie Stephenson. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Gee Ogletree, President. Trustee Cummings introduced Pastor Bryce Rader, pastor of Christ Fellowship in Williamsburg, Virginia, who provided the invocation.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On motion by Trustee Hubbard, seconded by Trustee Griffith, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Board meeting held on February 19, 2026.

PRESENTATIONS

- The Board received a presentation about the University of Mississippi Medical Center from Dr. LouAnn Woodward, Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs and Dean of the School of Medicine.
- The Board received a presentation from 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, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve the following Consent Agendas.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

1. **MSU** – Approved the modification of the following existing academic degree program
Rename
Current program title: Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Applied Science
Proposed program title: Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Professional Studies
CIP code, sequence: 30.0000, 5887
Total credit hours: 120
Effective date: January 2026

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FINANCE AND BUDGET

2. **ASU** – Approved the request to enter a purchase agreement with Tri-County Equipment Sales & Service, Inc. for the purchase and delivery of four (4) 2025 Oxbo BH100 Bean/Pea Harvesters. The contractor shall provide new, single-row, tractor-pulled crop harvesters designed for efficient harvesting of legumes, particularly Pinkeye-Purple Hull Peas and similar specialty row crops. The term of this contract shall commence upon execution by both parties and shall continue until complete performance of all contractual obligations, including delivery, installation, and acceptance of all four (4) bean/pea harvesters. The total contract amount is \$262,000 for a unit price of \$65,500 for each harvester to be delivered to Alcorn State University's Agriculture Department. No additional costs or fees are anticipated beyond this contract amount. The contract will be funded by federal funds under the U. S. Department of Education. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.
3. **MSU** – Approved the request to enter a new service agreement with Shine Early Learning, Inc. to provide services for Head Start programs to meet basic compliance standards, create positive outcomes for children and families, and provide training in accordance with the terms of a grant awarded to the University by the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families (Office of Head Start). The initial term of the agreement is March 20, 2026 through July 30, 2026. After the initial term, the agreement will automatically renew for four additional one-year terms. The contract cost for the initial term is \$2,192,585.00 which includes a one-time Start-Up fee of \$200,000. Each renewal term fee shall be no less than the initial fee of \$1,992,585 increased by the percentage of the annual cost of living allowance increase that MSU receives from the Office of Head Start. The total contract cost is anticipated to be approximately \$11,235,000. Payments will be made as project milestones are reached, with an initial payment of \$1,562,341.25 made at the initiation of the agreement and monthly payments thereafter. 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 contract will be funded by a grant awarded to the University by the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families (Office of Head Start). MSU has confirmed that the agreement is in compliance with the terms of that grant 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.
4. **MSU** – Approved a budget escalation of the educational & general budget of the Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory (MSCL) for FY 2026 to procure new equipment necessary for continued support of state regulatory programs and to improve MSCL's turnaround time. Fund balance reserves of \$1,045,201.71 will provide the source of funds.

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Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory General Budget Revision by Major Object			
Category	Current Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Revised Budget
Salaries	\$ 1,482,568.00	\$ -	\$ 1,482,568.00
Wages		\$ -	
Fringe Benefits	\$ 417,125.00	\$ -	\$ 417,125.00
Total Salaries, Wages, and Fringe Benefits	\$ 1,899,693.00	\$ -	\$1,899,693.00
Travel and Subsistence	\$ 12,500.00	\$ -	\$ 12,500.00
Contractual Services	\$ 128,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 253,000.00
Commodities	\$ 164,469.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 239,469.00
Capital Outlay Non-Equipment			\$ -
Equipment	\$ 161,316.00	\$ 550,000.00	\$ 711,316.00
Total Capital Outlay	\$ 161,316.00	\$ 550,000.00	\$ 711,316.00
Mandatory Transfers			
Debt Service		\$ -	\$ -
Matching		\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ 39,000.00	\$ -	\$39,000.00
Total Mandatory Transfers	\$ 39,000.00	-	\$39,000.00
Non-Mandatory Transfers			
Auxiliary Support		\$ -	\$ -
Building Projects		\$ -	\$ -
Other		\$ -	\$ -
Total Non-Mandatory Transfers		\$ -	\$ -
Increase in Fund Balance			
Total Uses of Funding	\$ 2,404,978.00	\$ 750,000.00	\$ 3,154,978.00

5. **MUW** – The Board granted retroactive approval for a one-year agreement with Knight Coach, Inc. to provide charter bus services to the MUW athletics teams from August 15, 2025 to June 30, 2026. The total contract amount is not to exceed \$500,000. MUW has expended \$82,540 since August 15, 2025 and expects to expend \$275,000 by June 30, 2026. 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.
6. **UM** – Approved the request to escalate the Auxiliary Enterprises budget for Fiscal year 2026.

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**University of Mississippi
FY 2026 Auxiliary Enterprises by Major Object**

Category	Current FY 2026 Operating Budget	Revision/Escalation	Revised FY 2026 Operating Budget
Salaries, Wages, and Fringe Benefits	\$ 75,663,065	\$ 1,680,963	\$ 77,344,028
Travel and Subsistence	11,952,136	5,530,000	17,482,136
Contractual Services	113,996,254	1,780,437	115,776,691
Commodities	33,182,539	1,889,350	35,071,889
Capital Outlay: Non-Equipment	-	-	-
Capital Outlay: Equipment	4,657,667	1,500	4,659,167
Mandatory Transfers	15,724,272	-	15,724,272
Non-Mandatory Transfers	12,229,158	-	12,229,158
Increase in Fund Balance	-	-	-
Total	\$ 267,405,091	\$ 10,882,250	\$ 278,287,341

The University of Mississippi (UM) requests approval to escalate its Auxiliary Enterprises budget for FY 2026. This escalation is requested to provide spending authority for additional revenues in Athletics and to cover costs associated with the 2025 College Football Playoff.

7. **UMMC** – Approved the request to amend a purchase agreement with Boston Scientific Corporation (Boston Scientific) to extend the term, to specify certain accessory purchases are included in the purchase of the cardiac rhythm management (CRM) device or system, and to update the rebate program opportunity criteria. The agreement is for the purchase of various consumable commodities and equipment for use during the implantation of CRM devices, such as pacemakers and defibrillators. The Board approved the request for the institution to continue to add or remove products under the agreement without seeking prior Board approval as long as it does not increase the approved expenditure level. The term of the amended agreement is six (6) years from September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2029. The original agreement was for a term of three (3) years. The amendment extends the term by three (3) years. The total estimated cost of the amended agreement over the six (6) year term is \$16,600,000. The original estimated cost of the agreement was \$9,300,000. UMMC has included a twenty percent (20%) annual increase to allow for potential patient volume growth. This contract will be funded by hospital patient revenue. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.
8. **UMMC** – Approved the request to enter a Medical Office Building Lease with 5360, LLC (5360) for approximately 15,347 square feet of office space located in Jackson, Mississippi for use by the Center for Advancement of Youth (CAY) Clinic. CAY provides evidence-based behavioral, developmental, and emotional services for their patients. At this new clinic, CAY will integrate child psychiatry, child development, and physical/occupational/and speech therapies into one (1) location, as well as provide educational space for parent and family teaching and group therapy. The term of the agreement is five (5) years, beginning on or about June 1, 2026 and will expire on or about May 31, 2031. The estimated total cost of the lease is \$1,575,000.00 over the five (5) year term. UMMC’s initial base rent is \$18.50 per square feet with an annual increase of two-percent (2%), beginning in year 2. Pursuant to Board Policy 707.03 Approval of

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Prepayment for Goods and Services, the Board also approved the request for the institution to prepay the rent in advance each month. 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

9. **ASU** – Approved the initiation of IHL 201-267, Soccer/Track Field Renovation, and the appointment of Major Design Studio as the design professional. The project will demolish the existing track surface and grass to prepare the field to receive new synthetic turf for soccer and a new track field surface that meets NCAA Regulations, plus all field events and field lighting. The bleachers will hold up to 200 spectators. The estimated project budget is \$3 million. Funds are available from University Funds (\$3,000,000).
10. **DSU** – Approved the request to increase the budget for GS 102-292, Storm Damage Repairs from \$2,800,000 to \$4,918,186.67 for an increase of \$2,118,186.67 and to modify the funding source from HB 603, Laws of 2023 funds to SB 2468, Laws of 2024 and Internal Funds received from previous insurance payouts. Funds are available from DSU internal funds (\$897,375.67) and SB 2468, L’24 (\$4,020,808).
11. **ASU** – Approved the exterior design of the President’s House Carport Addition project to erect a 24’x21’ open carport addition on the west side of the property just outside of the existing garage. This structure will have electricity for surface light fixtures and gutters to match the home and garage. Funds are available from the ASU Foundation.

LEGAL

12. **JSU** – Pending approval by the Attorney General’s Office, the Board granted retroactive approval to enter a contract with the law firm of Mayo Mallette, PLLC, as outside counsel, to provide services necessary for the review and revision of staff, faculty and student handbooks, as well as advising on personnel matters and employment law as needed. The term of the agreement began March 2, 2026 and will terminate June 30, 2027. Hourly rates are \$220 for attorneys and \$100 for paralegal services with a maximum amount payable under the term of the agreement of \$50,000. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$2 million per claim with an annual aggregate of \$2 million.
13. **MSU** – Approved the request to enter a contract with the law firm of Copeland Cook Taylor & Bush to perform services necessary in assisting the university with intellectual property matters including analysis of intellectual property, filing and prosecution of patent applications, trademark registration applications, copyright registration applications, preparation and negotiating agreements and other related intellectual property and commercialization issues. The term of the contract will be two years beginning April 17, 2026. The hourly rates will be \$250 for shareholder/of counsel attorneys, \$190 for associate attorneys and \$120 for paralegal services. To help manage per-project costs, the University may also pay the firm on a flat-rate basis to prepare and file patent applications. Flat-rate filings for provisional patent applications will not exceed \$5,000 per filing, and non-provisional applications will not exceed \$15,000 per filing. These rates will be negotiated on a case-by-case basis, and the most cost-efficient “rate-basis” for the University will be

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determined and agreed upon. The maximum amount payable under the two-year term of the agreement is \$150,000. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$5 million per claim with an annual aggregate of \$5 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

14. **MSU** – Approved the request to enter a contract with the law firm of Quarles and Brady, LLP to perform services necessary in assisting the university with intellectual property matters. The term of the contract will be two years beginning March 17, 2026. The hourly rates will be \$400 for attorneys and \$200 for paralegal services. To help manage per-project costs, the University may also pay the firm on a flat-rate basis to prepare and file patent applications. Flat-rate filings for provisional patent applications will not exceed \$5,000 per filing, and non-provisional applications will not exceed \$15,000 per filing. These rates will be negotiated on a case-by-case basis, and the most cost-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 \$75,000. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$1 million per claim with an annual aggregate of \$2 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.
15. **MSU** – Approved the request to enter a contract with Weatherly IP Solutions, LLC, as outside counsel to provide services as necessary in assisting the university with intellectual property matters specifically relating to grass patents. The term of the contract will be two years beginning March 24, 2026. The hourly rate for attorney James Weatherly is \$520. To help manage per-project costs, the University may also pay the firm on a flat-rate basis to prepare and file patent applications. Flat-rate filings for provisional patent applications will not exceed \$5,000 per filing, and non-provisional applications will not exceed \$15,000 per filing. Flat fee filings for trademark filings will not exceed \$3,000 per filing. These rates will be negotiated on a case-by-case basis, and the most cost-efficient “rate-basis” for the University will be determined and agreed upon. The annual maximum amount payable under the two-year term of the agreement is \$25,000 per year. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$2 million per claim with an annual aggregate of \$2 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

PERSONNEL REPORT

16. **Sabbatical**

Mississippi State University

- Anatoli Afanasjev; Professor of Physics & Astronomy; *from* salary of \$116,857.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary of \$58,428.50 for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 1, 2027, to May 15, 2027; professional development

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- Gombojav Ariunbold; Associate Professor of Physics & Astronomy; *from* salary of \$82,669.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary of \$41,334.50 for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2026, to December 31, 2026; professional development
- Henk F. Arnoldus; Professor of Physics & Astronomy; *from* salary of \$105,495.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary of \$52,747.50 for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2026, to December 31, 2026; professional development
- Mitchell E. Berman; Professor of Psychology; *from* salary of \$155,788.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary of \$77,894.00 for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 1, 2027, to May 15, 2027; professional development
- Jacob M. Crook; Assistant Professor of Art; *from* salary of \$67,371.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary of \$33,685.50 for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 1, 2027, to May 15, 2027; professional development
- Hai Dinh Dang; Professor of Mathematics & Statistics; *from* salary of \$124,960.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary of \$62,480.00 for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2026, to December 31, 2026; professional development
- Angus L. Dawe; Professor of Biological Sciences; *from* salary of \$184,275.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; *to* salary of \$69,103.13 for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 1, 2027, to May 15, 2027; professional development
- Gary N. Ervin; Professor of Biological Sciences; *from* salary of \$120,751.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary of \$60,375.50 for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2026, to December 31, 2026; professional development
- Melvin Fugate; Professor of Management & Information Systems; *from* salary of \$182,727.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary of \$91,363.50 for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 1, 2027, to May 15, 2027; professional development
- Rinat Gabitov; Associate Professor of Geosciences; *from* salary of \$83,555.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary of \$41,777.50 for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 1, 2027, to May 15, 2027; professional development
- Masoud K. Ghartemani; Professor of Electrical & Computer Engineering; *from* salary of \$146,443.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary of \$36,610.75 for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2026, to December 31, 2026; professional development
- Tonya S. Hays; Assistant Professor of Communication; *from* salary of \$68,365.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary of \$34,182.50 for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2026, to December 31, 2026; professional development

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- Terri N. Hernandez; Associate Professor of Communication; *from* salary of \$77,462.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary of \$38,731.00 for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 1, 2027, to May 15, 2027; professional development
- Todd R. Jones; Assistant Professor of Finance & Economics; *from* salary of \$120,489.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary of \$60,244.50 for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2026, to December 31, 2026; professional development
- Sanna King; Assistant Professor of Sociology; *from* salary of \$78,678.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary of \$39,339.00 for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2026, to December 31, 2026; professional development
- Robert J. Long; Professor of Art; *from* salary of \$88,552.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary of \$44,276.00 for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2026, to December 31, 2026; professional development
- Julia A. Osman; Associate Professor of History; *from* salary of \$84,572.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary of \$21,143.00 for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 1, 2027, to May 15, 2027; professional development
- Frank C. Owens, IV; Associate Professor of Sustainable Bioproducts; *from* salary of \$97,339.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary of \$48,669.50 for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2026, to December 31, 2026; professional development
- Michael R. Potter; Associate Professor of Political Science & Public Administration; *from* salary of \$88,460.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary of \$44,230.00 for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2026, to December 31, 2026; professional development
- Lauren B. Priddy; Associate Professor of Ag & Bio Engineering; *from* salary of \$101,941.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary of \$50,970.50 for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2026, to December 31, 2026; professional development
- Matthew W. Priddy; Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering; *from* salary of \$120,989.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary of \$60,494.50 for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2026, to December 31, 2026; professional development
- Nicole E. Rader; Professor of Sociology; *from* salary of \$185,786.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; *to* salary of \$69,669.75 for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 1, 2027, to May 15, 2027; professional development
- Holli H. Seitz; Associate Professor of Communication; *from* salary of \$81,299.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary of \$40,649.50 for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 1, 2027, to May 15, 2027; professional development

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- Keun S. Seo; Associate Professor of Comparative Biomedical Sciences; *from* salary of \$137,889.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary of \$68,944.50 for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 1, 2027, to May 15, 2027; professional development
- Seungjae Shin; Professor of Healthcare Administration; *from* salary of \$153,142.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary of \$76,571.00 for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2026, to December 31, 2026; professional development
- Vaidyanathan Sivaraman; Associate Professor of Mathematics & Statistics; *from* salary of \$85,112.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary of \$42,556.00 for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 1, 2027, to May 15, 2027; professional development
- Adam D. Skarke; Associate Professor of Geosciences; *from* salary of \$87,505.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary of \$43,752.50 for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2026, to December 31, 2026; professional development
- Andrea D. Spain; Associate Professor of English; *from* salary of \$70,098.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary of \$35,049.00 for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2026, to December 31, 2026; professional development
- Marian L. Swindell; Professor of Division of Arts & Sciences; *from* salary of \$99,920.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary of \$49,960.00 for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 1, 2027, to May 15, 2027; professional development
- Wilburn R. Whittington; Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering; *from* salary of \$124,405.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary of \$62,202.50 for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2026, to May 15, 2027; professional development
- Brian Williams; Assistant Professor of Geosciences; *from* salary of \$73,162.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary of \$36,581.00 for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2026, to December 31, 2026; professional development

ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

17. **MSU** – Approved the request to award two honorary degrees at the May 2026 commencement ceremony. Supporting documents are on file at the Board Office.

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REGULAR AGENDAS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Presented by Trustee Teresa Hubbard, Chair

On motion by Trustee Hubbard, seconded by Trustee Cummings, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #1 as submitted on the Academic Affairs Agenda.

1. **SYSTEM** – Approved the new policy 618 Financial Literacy Report for final reading and waived the requirement for a second reading of the revisions as required by Board Policy 201.0302 Procedures for Changing Board Policies and Adopting New Policies. The concepts of Financial Literacy – defined as the ability to understand how financial skills, like budgeting, saving, managing debt, and investing, can be used to improve one’s financial well-being and stability – are covered in several ways at each of the IHL institutions including in first-year experience courses, workshops/seminars, co-curricular learning objectives fostered within specific programs, curriculum-based concepts covered in courses, student organization programming, financial coaching for wise use of financial aid, online content made available to students, counseling, and collaborations with external financial institutions. This new policy will require the universities to submit annual reports updating the board on their continued efforts to provide financial literacy education to undergraduate students.

618 FINANCIAL LITERACY REPORT

Financial literacy emphasizes practical knowledge and skills relevant to students' unique financial challenges, such as managing limited income, student loans, credit, and long-term planning. Each IHL institution shall ensure that financial literacy concepts are meaningfully covered and accessible to all undergraduate students.

Institutions have the flexibility to tailor approaches to their degree programs, campus culture, resources, and student needs, provided the coverage is practical, evidence-informed, and reaches a broad student population.

Annually, each institution shall submit a report outlining its financial literacy efforts.

FINANCE AND BUDGET AGENDA

Presented by Trustee Charlie Stephenson, Chair

On motion by Trustee Stephenson, seconded by Trustee Hubbard, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #1 as submitted on the Finance and Budget Regular Agenda. Trustees Martin and Ogletree recused themselves from discussing or voting on item #2 on the Finance and Budget Regular Agenda by leaving the room before the discussions and votes regarding the same. With Trustees Martin and Ogletree out of the room, on motion by Trustee Stephenson, seconded by Trustee Rader, with Trustees Martin and Ogletree absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #2. Trustee Martin returned to the room following the discussion and vote on item #2. Trustee

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Ogletree recused himself from discussing and voting on items #3 and #4 and remained out of the room. With Trustee Ogletree out of the room, on motion by Trustee Stephenson, seconded by Trustee Hubbard, with Trustee Ogletree absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #3. Trustees Arrington and Clark recused themselves from discussing or voting on item #4 on the Finance and Budget Regular Agenda by leaving the room. With Trustees Arrington, Clark, and Ogletree out of the room, on motion by Trustee Stephenson, seconded by Trustee Hubbard, with Trustees Arrington, Clark, and Ogletree absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #4. Trustees Arrington, Clark, and Ogletree returned to the room following the discussion and vote on item #4.

1. **UMMC** – Approved the request to enter a new Distribution Services Agreement with Medline Industries, LP, (Medline) and Vanderbilt Health Purchasing Collaborative, LLC (VHPC). The Distribution Services Agreement is for the purchase and distribution of medical/surgical products, as well as related hospital consumable supplies, capital equipment, and non-traditional medical-surgical goods, and special orders as needed. Under the Agreement, Medline will provide inventory management, Low Unit of Measure stock picking operations (LUM), and delivery services to UMMC hospitals and clinics. The Board approved the request for the institution to add or remove specific services and locations provided by Medline under the agreement without seeking prior Board approval as long as adequate funds are available. The term of this agreement is five (5) years and (6) six months. The agreement shall begin on the April 1, 2026, which is the effective date and the agreement will remain in effect until 5 (five) years from the commencement of services, expected to be on or about October 1, 2026, for an expected end date of on or about September 30, 3031. The total estimated cost of the agreement over the Five (5) year and six (6) month year term is \$370,000,000. UMMC has included annual increases of ten percent (10%) for volume and three percent (3%) for possible inflation. 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.
2. **SYSTEM** – Approved the student health insurance policies with UnitedHealthcare Student Resources for use by the public university system. The insurer will provide student health insurance coverage and related services during the policy year in exchange for the payment of premiums by students or universities. Coverage will be available for students at all system universities as well as UMMC. The inception date of each policy may vary from university to university so as to have an effective date that coincides with the termination dates of each university’s current policies. The most common policy inception date has been August 15th, so while dates may vary, a common term is expected to be August 15, 2026, to August 15th, 2027. For non-UMMC students, the premium will be \$2,790 per policy per year for a student, a student’s spouse, or one child, which includes broker commission and all fees. The premium for the student and all children is \$5,580, and a family premium is \$8,370. If 3,200 participants are insured, the aggregate annual premium would be approximately \$7,852,800. The aggregate premium will vary based upon the number of participants. The premiums for UMMC students, for a UMMC student’s spouse, and to add one UMMC student’s child are \$4,996. The UMMC student premiums

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for the student and all children, or the family, are \$9,992 and \$14,988 respectively. Students will directly pay the premium for their policy, except for some student workers. Universities may elect to pay or supplement the premium cost for certain classes of student workers, such as graduate assistants, as an employment benefit or part of its payment structure. Expenditures for student health insurance by universities are determined by each 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.

3. **MUW** – Approved the request to enter the two-year renewal with BSN Sports LLC to provide Adidas sports attire at a discounted rate to the MUW Athletics Department. The agreement provides Premier Pricing, a 10% annual rebate, and a product signing bonus. The rebate is accrued on all purchases made by athletics and can be used for any products BSN offers, both athletic wear and equipment within the fiscal year purchased. The renewal of the agreement will start July 2026 and end June 2028. The current agreement, ending June 2026, allows the parties to renew the agreement in writing ninety (90) days before the first agreement term ends for the two (2) year term. The total cost of the contract is \$300,000--Year 1 \$150,000 and Year 2 \$150,000. This contract is funded through 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.
4. **UM** – Approved the request under Board Policy 906 Educational Building Corporations to issue tax-exempt and/or taxable bonds through the University of Mississippi Educational Building Corporation (UMEBC) not to exceed \$338 million consisting of \$256 million in new money and \$82 million in potential refunding of currently outstanding debt. The loan term will not exceed 30 years. Funds will be used to finance building renovations, new construction and select demolition work for various infrastructure, renovation and new construction projects to enhance existing campus buildings and provide new academic space. Projects may include, but not be limited to, a new School of Accountancy building, renovations and new construction for a new early learning and evaluation center, multiple infrastructure projects (mechanical plants, road work, plumbing, etc.), the renovations and new construction for new music and theater arts facilities, the renovation of various research labs and other improvements to support the research master plan, and the renovation of other academic buildings. The combined project funding is \$332,375,000: \$38,025,608 in private gifts; \$50,163,239 in currently appropriated state funding; \$10,801,003 in internal cash reserves; and \$233,385,150 in UMEBC bond proceeds. The Board also approved the request to refund all or a portion of outstanding UMEBC revenue bonds if independent analysis showing potential net present value (NPV) savings meets specific levels. These refundings would not exceed \$82 million. UM expects to issue up to a maximum of \$338 million par value, fixed rate bonds. A maximum of \$256 million in proceeds from the bond issue will support the project funds, capitalized interest, cost of issuance and the underwriter's discount. A maximum of \$82 million in proceeds will support the potential refunding of currently outstanding debt. Based on the Financial Advisor's report dated December 17, 2025, the proposed debt amortization the new \$256 million will have an average annual debt payment of \$16,657,975 at an expected all in true

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interest cost of 4.76 percent. The debt will be serviced with tuition revenue and the ability to service the debt is supported by the Financial Advisors report. 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.

INFORMATION AGENDAS

Presented by Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

1. **DSU** – Intent to offer the following certificate program:
Certificate program title: Leading AI-Driven Transformation and Impact
Responsible academic unit: Accountancy, Computer Information Systems, and Geospatial Information Technologies
Level: post-baccalaureate
Total credit hours: 12
CIP code: 52.0201
Effective date: May 2026

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2. **UMMC** – On January 16, 2026, the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services (ITS) as the contracting agent for UMMC, entered into Order Form 530972 under the current Master Subscription Agreement with Workday, Inc. (Workday). Order Form 530972 is a Subscription Growth Acknowledgement order for additional licenses for Workday Student Service software. This is for the true-up of additional, annual licenses for the Workday Student Service software used to manage and streamline administrative processes of the student experience such as student records, academic advising, registration and enrollment, financial aid, billing, and payments. The term of Order Form 530972 is for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026. The term of the Master Subscription Agreement will remain unchanged and will expire January 18, 2028. The total cost for Order Form 530972 is \$14,475. The total cost of the Master Subscription will now be \$27,573,704.60.

REAL ESTATE

3. **SYSTEM** – The Board received the Real Estate items that were approved by the Board staff subsequent to the February 19, 2026 Board meeting in accordance with Board Policy 904 Board Approval. **(See Exhibit 1.)**

LEGAL

4. **SYSTEM** – The Board received a report of the payment of legal fees to outside counsel. **(See Exhibit 2.)**
5. **UMMC** – Pursuant to IHL Board Policy 1102.04 Emergency Approval of Outside Counsel in Between Board Meetings, Trustee Jimmy Heidelberg, as Board Legal Committee Chair, on behalf of the Board, approved the University of Mississippi Medical Center's

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emergency request to hire attorney Jim Griszczak of McDonald Hopkins, LLC as outside counsel to provide legal services related to a cyber incident. The term of the contract is one-year effective February 19, 2026, unless terminated earlier by either party. Services are provided at the hourly rates of \$415 for lead attorney, Jim Griszczak, \$345 for associate attorneys, and \$190 for paralegal services, with a maximum amount payable of \$75,000 under the term of the agreement. UMMC is insured for cyber incident response and carries a deductible for legal services related to a covered incident of \$5,000. Therefore, UMMC will not be responsible for more than \$5,000 of the \$75,000 maximum amount payable under the agreement. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$5 million per claim with an annual aggregate of \$5 million. This agreement is pending approval of the Office of the Attorney General.

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. **ASU** – On February 24, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Short-Term Lease Agreement between Alcorn State University and Alcorn State University Foundation, Inc. for the President’s Home property located at 1000 ASU Drive, Lorman, MS for the purpose of allowing the Foundation to fund, plan, oversee and complete improvements to this property. Improvements will include electrical work, carport construction/renovation and landscaping. The term of the lease is February 16, 2026 through February 16, 2027. The Foundation has allocated up to \$250,000 to fund the project and will bear all costs of the improvements. All improvements made to and on the property will become the property of the University upon termination 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.
 - b. **MSU** – On February 9, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Mississippi Hardware Master Tenant, LLC for approximately 1,948 square feet of space in the MCITY Building in Vicksburg, MS in which to house the MSU Center for Entrepreneurship and Outreach. The term of the lease is one year beginning February 1, 2026 at a cost of \$1,000 per month or \$12,000 in total. Payment is due on the first working day of each month and will be funded by a grant awarded to MSU by the Small Business Administration. MSU has confirmed that the lease is in compliance with the terms of that grant and is otherwise legally permissible. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts and Policy 707.03 Approval for Prepayment for Goods or Services. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.
 - c. **MSU** – On February 9, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Anthony’s Rental, LLC for office space located at 805 3rd Street SW, Magee, MS in which to house a MS

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LIFT Resource and Referral Center operated by the University in accordance with the terms of a grant awarded to the University by the Mississippi Department of Human Services. The term of the lease is one-year effective March 16, 2026. The total cost of the agreement is \$39,600 payable in 12 monthly installments of \$3,300 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.

- d. **MSU** – On February 9, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Itawamba Community College for office space located on the campus in which to house a MS LIFT Resource and Referral Center operated by the University in accordance with the terms of a grant awarded to the University by the Mississippi Department of Human Services. The term of the lease is one-year effective March 1, 2026. The total cost of the agreement is \$56,658 payable in 12 monthly installments of \$4,721.50 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 February 16, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Pearl River Community College for space in property owned by Pearl River Community College and located at 206 Highway 11, North, Poplarville, MS for a MS LIFT Resource and Referral Center operated by the University in accordance with the terms of a grant awarded to the University by the Mississippi Department of Human Services. The term of the lease is one-year effective March 1, 2026. The total cost of the agreement is \$66,500 payable in 12 monthly installments of \$5,541.67 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 February 24, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and the Starkville Oktibbeha Consolidated School District (SOCSD) for the provision of land on the MSU Campus in Starkville, MS for the construction of a new high school built by the SOCSD. MSU has previously participated in a partnership and Ground Lease with SOCSD, which was approved by the IHL Board in March 2017, providing land on which a partnership school facility was constructed. The parties now wish to add a high school to that facility. There is a 3-year construction term of the lease beginning and upon completion of the construction, the term of the lease will be 30 years. The lease will automatically renew for another 30 years unless the parties

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mutually agree to not exercise this renewal. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.

- g. **USM** – On February 25, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the First Amendment to the Lease Agreement between the University of Southern Mississippi and Tech Boone, LLC for space on the first floor of the R.C. Cook University Union. The original lease received Commissioner approval in March 2024 and originally had a termination date of May 5, 2026. The parties mutually agree to amend the term of the lease to terminate on February 28, 2026 and to prorate the monthly rent for the number of days occupied during the final 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. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.

**COMMITTEE REPORT
JOINT MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND BUDGET
COMMITTEE AND THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

Committee members participated in the meeting in person or via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:00 p.m. Trustee Charlie Stephenson is the chair of the Finance and Budget Committee, and Trustee Jerry Griffith is the chair of the Audit Committee. Trustee Stephenson presided.

1. The Committee received and discussed the fiscal year 2025 financial and Federal single audit from the external auditors, Forvis Mazars. **No action was taken.**
2. On motion by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, with Trustee Cummings absent and not voting and Trustee Arrington participating via Zoom, all Committee members legally present and participating voted unanimously to adjourn.

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

**HEALTH AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Wednesday, 18, 2026

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

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

On motion by Trustee Rader, seconded by Trustee Heidelberg, with Trustee Cummings absent and not voting and Trustee Arrington participating via Zoom, all Committee members legally present and participating voted unanimously to close the meeting to determine whether to declare an Executive Session. Trustees Arrington and Clark recused themselves from discussing or voting. Trustee Arrington was placed in the Zoom waiting room and Trustee Clark left the room before any discussion or vote on the items. On motion by Trustee Martin, seconded by Trustee Hubbard, with Trustees Arrington, Clark, and Cummings absent and not voting, 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 first item involves the transaction of business and discussion regarding prospective strategic business decisions of the University of Mississippi Medical Center, including without limitation, decisions to open a new service line, implementation of capital improvements, or file applications for certificates of need or determinations with the State Department of Health.

The second item is an update on the recent cyber incident, including a discussion of a report about information technology security plans, potential violations of law, and confidential legal advice.

The third item involves the transaction of business and discussion regarding prospective strategic business decisions of the University of Mississippi Medical Center, including without limitation, decisions to open a new service line, implement capital improvements, or file applications of certificates of need or determinations with the State Department of Health and confidential legal advice.

During Executive Session, the following matters were discussed:

Trustee Arrington remained in the Zoom waiting room for the discussion of the first topic. Trustee Clark returned to the room for the discussion. The Committee discussed the transaction of business and discussion regarding prospective strategic business decisions of the University of Mississippi Medical Center, including without limitation, decisions to open a new service line, implementation of capital improvements, or file applications for certificates of need or determinations with the State Department of Health. **No action was taken.**

The Committee received an update on the recent cyber incident, including a discussion of a report about information technology security plans, potential violations of law, and confidential legal advice. **No action was taken.**

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Following the discussion of items one and two, Trustee Arrington was readmitted to the Zoom meeting for the discussion of the third item. Trustee Clark recused himself from discussing or voting on the third item by leaving the room prior to any discussion.

The Committee discussed the transaction of business and discussion regarding prospective strategic business decisions of the University of Mississippi Medical Center, including without limitation, decisions to open a new service line, implement capital improvements, or file applications of certificates of need or determinations with the State Department of Health and received confidential legal advice. **No action was taken.**

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

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

President Ogletree announced the next meeting will be April 16, 2026.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to close the meeting to determine whether to declare an Executive Session. On motion by Trustee Rader, seconded by Trustee Hubbard, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously **to enter Executive Session** for the reasons reported to the public and stated in these minutes, as follows.

The Board will discuss two topics in executive session, the discussion of which in open session would be detrimental to IHL's legal interest. The first topic is a personnel matter involving the performance of a particular employed holding specific positions at the Mississippi University for Women. In connection with the Jackson State University presidential search, the second topic involves the transaction of business and discussion of personnel matters to the job performance, character, and professional competence of a person holding a specific position at Jackson State University. The Board will also receive and discuss confidential legal advice from the attorney concerning compliance with federal and state law regarding the search. The discussion of these items in open session would be detrimental to IHL's legal interest.

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

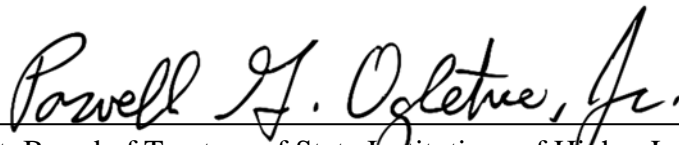
The Board discussed a personnel matter involving the performance of a particular employee holding specific positions at the Mississippi University for Women. **No action was taken.**

The Board discussed the transaction of business and discussed personnel matters to the job performance, character, and professional competence of a person holding a specific position at Jackson State University. The Board will also receive and discuss confidential legal advice from the attorney concerning compliance with federal and state law regarding the search. **No action was taken.**

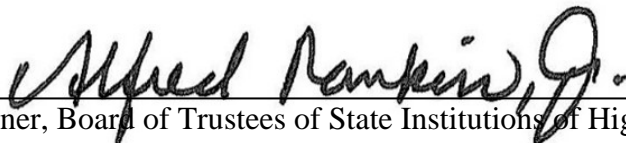
On motion by Trustee Heidelberg, seconded by Trustee Cummings, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to return to Open Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Trustee Stephenson, seconded by Trustee Heidelberg, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.



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Commissioner, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning

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EXHIBITS

- Exhibit 1 Real Estate items that were approved by the IHL Board staff subsequent to the February 19, 2026 Board meeting.
- Exhibit 2 Report of the payment of legal fees to outside counsel.

EXHIBIT 1

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SYSTEM: REAL ESTATE ITEMS APPROVED SUBSEQUENT TO THE JANUARY 22, 2026, BOARD MEETING SUBMISSION DEADLINE

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

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

ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY

1. ASU-GS 101-328 – DORMITORY RENOVATIONS

Approval Request 1: Change Order #7

Board staff approved Change Order #7 in the amount of \$66,720.00 and eighteen (18) additional days as submitted by Paul Jackson & Son, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, February 10, 2026

Change Order Description: Change Order #7 includes the following: installation of 280 linear feet of 6" C900 pipe, casing and fittings, and thrust blocks for concurrently running project at Robinson Hall.

Justification: This change order was necessary due to User/Owner requested modifications.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Seven (7) total change orders in the amount of \$1,114,839.00.

Project Initiation Date: June 15, 2023

Design Professional: Burris / Wagnon Architects

General Contractor: Paul Jackson & Son, Inc.

Total Project Budget: \$7,280,000.00

2. ASU-IHL 201-264 – MATT THOMAS JR. GARDEN APARTMENTS RENOVATIONS PHASE I

Approval Request 1: Change Order #3

Board staff approved Change Order #3 in the amount of \$13,150.00 and fourteen (14) additional days as submitted by Barnard & Sons Construction, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, February 16, 2026

Change Order Description: Change Order #3 includes the following: providing underground electrical service and panels to Buildings C and D.

Justification: This change order was necessary due to Latent Job Site Conditions.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Three (3) total change orders in the amount of \$70,588.00.

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Project Initiation Date: March 21, 2024

Design Professional: Canizaro Cawthon Davis, P.A.

General Contractor: Barnard & Sons Construction, LLC

Total Project Budget: \$2,750,000.00

DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY

3. **DSU-GS 102-258B – WALTER SILLERS PHASE II**

Approval Request #1: Appointment of Commissioning Agent

Board staff approved the appointment of SINERGI Integrated Building Sciences, LLC as the Commissioning Agent for the project.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, February 16, 2026

Approval Request #2: Award of Construction Contract

Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of \$4,191,500.00 to the apparent low bidder, Timbo's Construction, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, February 16, 2026

Project Initiation Date: November 21, 2024

Design Professional: CDFL Architects + Engineers, P.A.

General Contractor: Timbo's Construction, Inc.

Total Project Budget: \$5,344,974.90

4. **DSU-GS 102-292A – HAIL DAMAGE REPAIRS**

Approval Request: Waiver of Design Development Documents

Board staff approved the waiver of Design Development Documents as submitted by Shafer Zahner Zahner, PLLC.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, February 16, 2026

Project Initiation Date: June 20, 2024

Design Professional: Shafer Zahner Zahner, PLLC

General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$2,800,000.00

5. **DSU-GS 102-295 – WARD HALL RENOVATIONS**

Approval Request #1: Appointment of Commissioning Agent

Board staff approved the appointment of SINERGI Integrated Building Sciences, LLC as the Commissioning Agent for the project.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, February 16, 2026

Approval Request #2: Schematic Design Documents

Board staff approved the Schematic Design Documents as submitted by ArchitectureSouth, P.A.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, March 9, 2026

Project Initiation Date: May 15, 2025

Design Professional: ArchitectureSouth, P.A.

General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$6,000,000.00

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JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY

6. **JSU-GS 103-319 – RESIDENCE HALL RENOVATION (MCALISTER WHITESIDE)**

Approval Request #1 (INTERIM): Budget Increase & Addition of Funding Source

In accordance with Board Policy §904 (B) Board Approval, *Interim Chair Approval* was granted by Mr. Greg Rader, Chair of the Real Estate and Facilities Committee on February 11, 2026, to approve the budget increase from \$27,089,500.00 to \$27,602,500.63, for an increase of \$513,000.63. Revised funding for the project is SB 2971, Laws of 2021 (\$250,000.00), SB 3065, Laws of 2019 (\$500,000.00), HB 1816, Laws of 2024 (\$8,013,000.00) and HB 1131, Laws of 2025 (\$18,839,500.63).

Interim Approval Status & Date: Approved, February 11, 2026

Approval Request #2: Award of Construction Contract

Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of \$22,097,000.00 to the apparent low bidder, Fountain Construction Co., Inc.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, February 19, 2026

Project Initiation Date: October 19, 2023

Design Professional: Foil Wyatt Architects & Planners

General Contractor: Fountain Construction Company, Inc.

Phased Project Budget: \$25,566,704.34

Total Project Budget: \$27,602,500.63

7. **JSU-GS 103-322 APRA INFRASTRUCTURE WASTE COLLECTION & CONVEYANCE**

Approval Request: Change Order #2

Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the amount of \$1,552,175.00 and ninety (90) additional days to the contract of Hemphill Construction Company, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, February 19, 2026

Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following: proceeding with original Alternate C for removal and replacement of 900 linear feet of 8” sewer with 348 linear feet of CIPP lining, point repairs manhole restoration, curb and gutter roadway repairs and select backfill bedding. This Change Order also includes proceeding with original Alternate D for removal and replacement of an additional 799 linear feet of 8” sewer with point repairs, manhole lining restoration, curb and gutter roadway repairs, select backfill bedding and seeding/sodding. Proceeding with Alternates C and D are a result of additional ARPA funds being added to the project.

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 \$1,709,896.00.

Project Initiation Date: October 17, 2024

Design Professional: Pickering Firm, Inc.

General Contractor: Hemphill Construction Company, Inc.

Total Project Budget: \$6,784,069.80

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8. **JSU-GS 103-343 JOC TB ELLIS ROOFING IMPROVEMENTS**

Approval Request #1: Construction Documents

Board staff approved Construction Documents as submitted by Vernell Barnes Architect, PLLC.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, February 20, 2026

Approval Request #2: Award of Construction Contract

Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of \$1,700,366.14 to the apparent low bidder, Alliant Construction.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, February 20, 2026

Project Initiation Date: February 18, 2021

Design Professional: Vernell Barnes Architect, PLLC

General Contractor: Alliant Construction

Total Project Budget: \$3,000,000.00

9. **JSU-GS 103-344 JOC TB ELLIS INTERIOR RENOVATIONS**

Approval Request #1: Construction Documents

Board staff approved Construction Documents as submitted by Eley Guild Hardy Architects.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, February 20, 2026

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10. **MSU-IHL 205-328A NEW RESIDENCE HALL SITE AND FOUNDATION**

Approval Request: Change Order #6

Board staff approved Change Order #6 in the amount of \$47,090.00 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Roy Anderson Corporation.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, March 2, 2026

Change Order Description: Change Order #6 includes the following: costs associated with replacing the bedding material for storm drainage trenches, from sand to stone.

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

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Eight (8) change orders for a total amount of \$1,834,481.09.

Project Initiation Date: October 25, 2022

Design Professional: Weir Boerner Allin Architecture

CMA: Hoar Program Management

General Contractor: Roy Anderson Corporation

Phased Project Budget: \$5,600,000.00

Total Project Budget: \$103,500,000.00

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11. MSU-IHL 205-328B NEW RESIDENCE HALL (AZALEA HALL)

Approval Request: Change Order #8

Board staff approved Change Order #8 in the amount of \$103,854.00 and thirty (30) additional days to the contract of Roy Anderson Corporation.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, March 2, 2026

Change Order Description: Change Order #8 includes the following: costs associated with the scope revisions made to replace the storm shelter entry door, costs associated with replacing the bedding material for storm drain trenches, costs associated with performing Ground Penetrating Radar scanning and coring of mechanical, plumbing and electrical penetrations in concrete shear walls installed under the Site & Foundations package, and GFRC & limestone profile changes.

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: Eight (8) change orders for a total amount of \$1,834,481.09.

Project Initiation Date: October 25, 2022

Design Professional: Weir Boerner Allin Architecture

CMA: Hoar Program Management

General Contractor: Roy Anderson Corporation

Phased Project Budget: \$89,802,000.00

Total Project Budget: \$103,500,000.00

12. MSU-IHL 205-336 SOUTH CAMPUS MECHANICAL PLANT, BID PACKAGE B

Approval Request: Change Order #5

Board staff approved Change Order #5 in the *credit* amount of \$14,446.30 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of ECON Construction, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, March 5, 2026

Change Order Description: Change Order #5 includes the following: deduction from the contractor's scope of work due to moving work to the Dorman Hall project, installation of a junction box at the location of a 13Kv line, with concrete poured over the line, and installation of an underground drain and connection to an installed junction box.

Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to latent job site conditions and user/owner requested modifications.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Five (5) change orders for a total amount of \$37,923.93.

Project Initiation Date: June 15, 2023

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

CMA: Innovative Construction Management

General Contractor: ECON Construction, Inc.

Phased Project Budget: \$1,863,378.93

Total Project Budget: \$35,000,000.00

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13. MSU-IHL 205-336 SOUTH CAMPUS MECHANICAL PLANT, BID PACKAGE L

Approval Request: Change Order #1

Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the *credit* amount of \$64,353.37 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of SGK Landscapes, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, March 5, 2026

Change Order Description: Change Order #1 includes the following: deduction from the contractor's scope of work due to work being removed, removal of 2 zones of irrigation located on the south side of the ABE Building, removal of 4,100 square feet of landscape beds located on the south side of the ABE Building, removal of proposed plants and trees located on the south side of the ABE Building, removal of proposed sod located on the south side of the building.

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 *credit* amount of \$64,353.37.

Project Initiation Date: June 15, 2023

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

CMA: Innovative Construction Management

General Contractor: SGK Landscapes, Inc.

Phased Project Budget: \$317,872.63

Total Project Budget: \$35,000,000.00

14. MSU-IHL 205-359 WISE CENTER RENOVATION AND ADDITION – FARM ANIMAL HOSPITAL (Bid Package L)

Approval Request: Award of Construction Contract

Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of \$293,350.00 to the apparent low bidder, Scott & Sons Construction & Mechanical Services, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, March 5, 2026

Project Initiation Date: October 17, 2024

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

15. MSU-IHL 405-003B HOWELL HALL ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS

Approval Request: Change Order #3

Board staff approved Change Order #3 in the amount of \$25,688.15 and thirty (30) additional days to the contract of West Brothers Construction.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, March 2, 2026

Change Order Description: Change Order #3 includes the following: demolition of CMU wall between Corridor 1100 and Drawing Lab 1110 and rebuilding wall with metal studs, insulation and finish gyp board, structural steel modifications, adding nutall oaks, tree protection fencing revisions, revisions to site concrete walls, and revisions to concrete pavers for fire lane accommodation, adding cane detection rail, steel beam, kickers and straps for joists, adding compressed air hose reels to Art Wood Shop and Print Making Studio, modifications to door hardware items, and a credit for the controls allowance.

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Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to latent job site conditions and user/owner requested modifications.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Six (6) change orders for a total amount of \$611,104.59.

Project Initiation Date: August 19, 2021

Design Professional: Belinda Stewarts Architects and Wier Boerner Allin Architecture

General Contractor: West Brothers Construction

Phased Project Budget: \$26,500,000.00

Total Project Budget: \$35,732,500.00

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16. UM-IHL 407-011 EARLY LEARNING AND EVALUATION CENTER

Approval Request: Change Order #2

Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the amount of \$461,374.94 and sixteen (16) additional days to the contract of Innovative Construction Management, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, February 17, 2026

Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following: renovations to existing corridors, addition of storm drainage piping to storm detention center, foundation and structural steel changes to infill the west alley space between buildings and modifications to the structural steel for the mechanical room on the second floor.

Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to latent job site conditions and user/owner requested modifications.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Two (2) change orders for a total amount of \$1,581,871.83.

Project Initiation Date: June 16, 2022

Design Professional: McCarty Architects, P.A.

General Contractor: Innovative Construction Management, LLC

Phased Project Budget: \$37,798,235.65

Total Project Budget: \$39,275,000.00

17. UM – IHL 207-468.1B ART, THEATRE & FILM DEPARTMENT FACILITIES (MUSIC HALL)

Approval Request: Schematic Design Documents

Board staff approved the Schematic Design Documents as submitted by Eley Guild Hardy Architects, P.A.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, February 27, 2026

Project Initiation Date: November 19, 2020

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

General Contractor: TBD

Phased Project Budget: \$16,500,000.00

Total Project Budget: \$35,938,912.00

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18. UMMC-IHL 209-579 – UMMC COLONY PARK

Approval Request: Change Order #25

Board staff approved Change Order #25 in the amount of \$84,370.04 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Codaray Construction, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, February 16, 2026

Change Order Description: Change Order #25 includes the following: moving card readers, adding power, data and blocking where required in nine (9) rooms, hiring a 3rd party to test the fire alarm systems, connecting fire pump to emergency power, changing the hardware on four (4) doors in the MOB from electrified trim to a passage function trim, adding a nurse call system in the PET CT control room, adding exit signs and fire pull station at the north egress door to the lobby, adding a fire pull station at the egress door on the south end of the ASC, and adding a starter circuit between the fire pump controllers and the generators.

Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to changes in requirements or recommendation of a governmental entity, errors and omissions in the plans and specifications, and user/owner requested modifications.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Twenty-Five (25) change orders for a total amount of \$6,003,738.80.

Project Initiation Date: June 16, 2022

Design Professional: CDFL Architects & Engineers, P.A.

General Contractor: Codaray Construction, LLC

Total Project Budget: \$107,910,527.00

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19. USM-IHL 214-024 – GULF PARK LANGUAGE & SPEECH THERAPY CENTER

Approval Request: Change Order #1

Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the *credit* amount of \$17,517.00 and forty-eight (48) additional days to the contract of JW Puckett & Company, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, March 3, 2026

Change Order Description: Change Order #1 includes the following: HVAC piping below grade separation, sanitary piping routing revision, deletion of acoustical partitions from the work, an increase in the size of the in-ground data conduit, locating the in-ground HVAC hot and cold water supply and return lines, addition of steel for elevator support, addition of exterior valves for hot and cold water HVAC supply and return lines, additional data cabling for exterior wall access control doors, millwork revisions for the DuBard classrooms, door hardware revisions, and a credit for the Building Automated Systems (BAS) allowance.

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

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: One (1) change orders for a total *credit* amount of \$17,517.00.

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Project Initiation Date: June 16, 2022
Design Professional: MP Design Group
General Contractor: JW Puckett & Company, Inc.
Total Project Budget: \$12,400,000.00

EDUCATION & RESEARCH CENTER

20. **ERC – GS 111-078 IHL PLUMBING REPAIRS**

Approval Request: Schematic Design Documents

Board staff approved the Schematic Design Documents as submitted by Boggan & Vaughn Architects.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, February 11, 2026

Project Initiation Date: August 21, 2025

Design Professional: Boggan & Vaughn Architects

General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$100,000.00 (Design Fees Only)

21. **ERC – GS 111-079 IHL WINDOW REPAIRS**

Approval Request: Change Order #1

Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$6,000.00 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of SPF Window Films, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, March 2, 2026

Change Order Description: Change Order #1 includes the following: additional beads of silicone to 32 windows, frame to frame across the top joint.

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 \$6,000.00.

Project Initiation Date: August 6, 2025

Design Professional: Engineering Resource Group, Inc.

General Contractor: SPF Window Films, LLC

Total Project Budget: \$600,000.00

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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 Jones Walker (statement dated 2/19/26) from the funds of the IHL System Office. (This statement, in the amount of \$28,862.75, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 28,862.75

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mayo Mallette, PLLC (statement dated 11/13/25 from the funds of Jackson State University. (This statement, in the amount of \$88.00, represents services and expenses in connection with an immigration/labor certification matter.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 88.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Brunini, Grower, Grantham and Hewes, PLLC (statements dated 2/17/26 and 2/17/26) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$262.50 and \$612.50, represent services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 875.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Copeland Cook Taylor & Bush, PA (statement dated 2/19/26) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement, in the amount of \$6,739.00, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 6,739.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware|Immigration (statements dated 1/12/26, 1/26/26, 2/10/26, 2/10/26, 2/10/26 and 2/19/26) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$2,650.00, \$2,650.00, \$569.00, \$2,650.00, \$2,650.00 and \$160.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with immigration/labor certification matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 11,329.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Lightfoot Franklin White, LLC (statement dated 2/16/26) from the funds of Mississippi Valley State University. (This statement, in the amount of \$360.50, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 360.50

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statement dated 2/17/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$10,110.50, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 10,110.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Kaplan Kirsch, LLP (statement dated 1/28/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$1,187.50, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 1,187.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Alexander Law, P.A. (statements dated 1/6/26, 1/6/26, 1/6/26, 1/6/26, and 1/6/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$1,140.50, \$306.00, \$420.50, \$411.50 and \$3,920.50, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 6,199.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statements dated 1/21/26, 1/21/26, 1/21/26, 1/21/26, 1/21/26, 1/21/26, 1/21/26, 1/22/26 and 1/28/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$4,687.50, \$136.00, \$13,799.60, \$738.10, \$586.40, \$182.50, \$2,858.50, \$7,712.44 and \$1,131.50, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 31,832.54

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Forman Watkins & Krutz, LLP (statements dated 12/22/25, 12/22/25 and 1/12/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$225.00, \$2,061.00 and \$6,076.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 8,362.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Gore, Kilpatrick & Dambrino, PLLC (statement dated 12/29/25) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (This statement, in the amount of \$140.00, represents services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 140.00

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Hogan Lovells, US, LLP (statements dated 10/31/25, 10/31/25 and 11/25/25) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$328.50, \$328.50 and \$219.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 876.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mayo Mallette, PLLC (statement dated 1/6/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (This statement, in the amount of \$805.00, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 805.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Page, Kruger & Holland, PA (statements dated 1/5/26, 1/5/26, 1/5/26, 1/5/26 and 1/6/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$880.80, \$719.00, \$141.00, \$80.00 and \$80.00, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 1,900.80

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Vernis & Bowling of Mississippi, PLLC (statements dated 11/25/25, 11/25/25, 11/25/25, 11/25/25, 11/25/25, 11/25/25, 12/23/25, 12/23/25 and 12/23/25) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$2,990.50, \$11,154.00, \$1,453.50, \$2,321.50, \$5,901.50, \$862.50, \$167.50, \$247.50 and \$892.20, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 25,990.70

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Walker & Ungo Immigration Law Firm (statements dated 12/23/25, 1/15/26, 1/15/26, 1/15/26, 1/16/26 and 1/16/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$3,000.00, \$500.00, \$2,000.00, \$2,000.00, \$2,000.00 and \$3,520.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 13,020.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Watkins & Eager, PLLC (statements dated 1/8/26, 1/9/26, 1/13/26, 1/13/26, 1/13/26, 1/13/26, 1/13/26, 1/13/26, 1/13/26, 1/14/26, 1/20/26, 1/20/26 and 1/20/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$420.00, \$1,619.00, \$181.50, \$593.55, \$100.00, \$945.00, \$350.00, \$2,415.00, \$1,750.00, \$245.00, \$525.00, \$980.00 and \$280.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 10,404.05

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by the Wise Carter Child & Caraway, PA (statements dated 1/6/26 and 1/6/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$3,020.00 and \$325.00, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 3,345.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statement dated 1/9/26) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$7,976.20, represents services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 7,976.20

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware|Immigration (statement dated 2/2/26) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$24.01, represents services and expenses in connection with immigration/labor certification matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 24.01

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Wise, Carter, Child & Caraway, PA (statements dated 9/10/25 and 11/10/25) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$247.50 and \$675.00, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 922.50

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

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, LLP (statements dated 2/19/25, 2/19/25, 9/10/25, 12/11/25 and 1/9/26) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$1,393.50, \$2,985.50, \$157.50, \$94.50 and \$721.50, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 5,352.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statements dated 1/21/26 and 2/18/26) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$1,274.00 and \$675.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 1,949.00

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Conley Rose, P.C. (statement dated 2/4/26) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement, in the amount of \$2,500.00, represents services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 2,500.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mendelsohn Dunleavy, P.C. (statements dated 11/6/25, 2/9/26, 2/9/26, 2/9/26, 2/9/26 and 2/9/26) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$3,446.50, \$230.00, \$2,289.79, \$671.50, \$816.00 and \$963.50, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 8,417.29

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Stites & Harbison, PLLC (statements dated 1/23/26, 1/23/26, 1/23/26, 1/23/26, 1/23/26, 2/24/26 and 2/24/26) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$3,256.50, \$518.50, \$715.50, \$2,088.00, \$2,203.50, \$1,784.50 and \$357.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 10,923.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statements dated 12/29/25, 12/29/25, 1/21/26, 1/21/26, 1/21/26 and 1/21/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$255.50, \$20,638.00, \$511.00, \$1,794.00, \$65.00 and \$438.00, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 23,701.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Stites & Harbison, PLLC (statement dated 1/23/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (This statement, in the amount of \$684.00, represents services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 684.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Workman Nydegger (statement dated 12/12/25) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (This statement, in the amount of \$1,995.00, represents services and expenses in connection with intellectual property patents.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 1,995.00

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statements dated 11/25/25, 11/25/25, 11/25/25, 11/25/25 11/25/25 and 2/18/26) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$7,461.00, \$4,084.00, \$817.50, \$270.00, \$337.50 and \$2,829.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 15,799.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mendelsohn Dunleavy, P.C. (statements dated 10/10/25, 10/10/25, 10/10/25, 10/10/25, 10/10/25, 10/10/25 and 12/8/25) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$210.00, \$210.00, \$210.00, \$245.00, \$720.00, \$400.00 and \$7,714.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 9,709.00