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MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE
INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING

Board Meeting Outline

MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING
November 20, 2025**

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 in Ballroom M of The Mill in Starkville, Mississippi, at 9:00 a.m., and pursuant to notice in writing mailed by certified letter with return receipt requested on December 2, 2024, to each and every member of said Board said date being at least five days prior to this November 20, 2025 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 (via Zoom), 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 Parker introduced Mr. Jason Stoker, Tennis/Golf Ambassador for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Mississippi State University, who provided the invocation.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

President Ogletree welcomed the following Student Government Association officers: President Avantavis T. Carter, Alcorn State University; President Raegan Johnson, Jackson State University; Vice President Jakari Holland, Jackson State University; President Cameron Cummings, Mississippi State University; Vice President Karolina Heathcock, Mississippi State University; President Ethan Wilkins, Mississippi University for Women; Vice President Zander Hall, Mississippi University for Women; President Jouri Thornton, Mississippi Valley State University; President Jack Jones, The University of Mississippi; President Ana Ivy, The University of Mississippi Medical Center, President Leah Johnson, The University of Southern Mississippi; Chief of Staff Vivian Hale, The University of Southern Mississippi; and President McKenna Klamm, The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Park Campus.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On motion by Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Arrington, with Trustee Cunningham participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Board meeting held on October 16, 2025 and November 5, 2025.

PRESENTATIONS

- The Board received a presentation about Mississippi State University from President Dr. Mark Keenum.
- 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).

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CONSENT AGENDAS

Pursuant to Board Policy 301.0510 Meeting Rules of Order, subsection C Quorums, Agenda, Rulings of the Presiding Officer and Delay, subsection 4 Delay of Board Consideration, Trustee Ogletree requested that consideration of Real Estate Consent Agenda item #8 Mississippi State University IHL 205-362 Riley Campus Student Housing be delayed. Hearing no discussion or opposition, President Ogletree noted item #8 was removed from today’s agenda and placed on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. Upon the request of Trustee Rader, Real Estate Consent Agenda item #11 Jackson State University GS 103-315 Campus Mechanical Improvements Phase III was moved to the Real Estate Regular Agenda for consideration. On motion by Trustee Hubbard, seconded by Trustee Martin, with Trustee Cunningham participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve the following Consent Agendas as amended.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

1. **DSU** – Approved the modification of an existing academic degree program, as follows:
Rename
 Current program title: Bachelor of Science (BS) in Health, Physical Education, and Recreation
 Proposed program title: Bachelor of Science (BS) in Sport and Movement Sciences
 CIP code, sequence: 13.1314, 5780
 Total credit hours: 121-124
 Effective date: August 2026
2. **SYSTEM** – Approved the modification of existing academic units, as follows:
Rename
 - a. **DSU** – Current unit: Division of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation
 Proposed Title: Division of Sport and Movement Sciences
 Unit Location: College of Nursing, Health, and Sciences
 Effective date: August 2026
 - b. **MSU** – Current unit: Department of Industrial Technology, Instructional Design, & Community College Leadership
 Proposed Title: Department of Technology, Leadership, & Design
 Unit Location: College of Education
 Effective date: August 2026
3. **SYSTEM** – Approved the degrees to be conferred in Fall 2025, provided each candidate has met all requirements for the degree.

Institution	Degree to be Conferred	Number	Subtotal	Total
Alcorn State University				
<i>Undergraduate</i>				
	Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN)	6		
	Bachelor of Arts (BA)	43		
	Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Music	3		
	Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA)	7		

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Institution	Degree to be Conferred	Number	Subtotal	Total
	Bachelor of Science (BS)	91		
	Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)	6		
	<i>Graduate</i>			
	Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT)	1		
	Master of Business Administration (MBA)	7		
	Master of Liberal Arts (MLA)	3		
	Master of Science (MS)	31		
	Master of Science in Education (MSEd)	13		
	Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)	2		
	STEM MBA	7		
	Total Undergraduate Degrees		156	
	Total Graduate Degrees		64	
	Total Degrees			220

Delta State University

Undergraduate

Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS)	13
Bachelor of Arts (BA)	10
Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA)	35
Bachelor of Commercial Aviation (BCA)	27
Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA)	7
Bachelor of Music (BM)	1
Bachelor of Music Education (BMed)	1
Bachelor of Science in Education (BSEd)	18
Bachelor of Science (BS)	44
Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies (BSIS)	5
Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)	28
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and Criminology (BSJC)	2
Bachelor of University Studies (BUS-C2C)	5

Graduate

Master of Applied Science (MAS)	1
Master of Art in Liberal Studies (MALS)	6
Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT)	12
Master of Business Administration (MBA)	44
Master of Commercial Aviation (MCA)	4
Master of Education (MEd)	31
Master of Fine Arts (MFA)	1
Master of Professional Accountancy (MPA)	1
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Institution	Degree to be Conferred	Number	Subtotal	Total
	Master of Science in Criminal Justice and Criminology (MSJC)	1		
	Specialist in Education (EdS)	23		
	Doctor of Education (EdD)	2		
	Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)	11		
	<i>Total Undergraduate Degrees</i>		196	
	<i>Total Graduate Degrees</i>		156	
	<i>Total Degrees</i>			352
Jackson State University				
	<i>Undergraduate</i>			
	Bachelor of Arts (BA)	18		
	Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA)	67		
	Bachelor of Music (BM)	2		
	Bachelor of Music Education (BMEd)	2		
	Bachelor of Science in Education (BSEd)	7		
	Bachelor of Science (BS)	205		
	Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)	26		
	Bachelor of University Studies (BUS-C2C)	8		
	<i>Graduate</i>			
	Master of Arts (MA)	6		
	Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT)	12		
	Master of Business Administration (MBA)	13		
	Master of Music Education (MMEd)	4		
	Master of Professional Accountancy (MPA)	3		
	Master of Public Health (MPH)	5		
	Master of Public Policy and Administration (MPPA)	2		
	Master of Science (MS)	31		
	Master of Science in Education (MSEd)	20		
	Master of Social Work (MSW)	4		
	Specialist in Education (EdS)	26		
	Doctor of Education (EdD)	1		
	Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)	29		
	Doctor of Public Health	5		
	<i>Total Undergraduate Degrees</i>		335	
	<i>Total Graduate Degrees</i>		161	
	<i>Total Degrees</i>			496

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Mississippi State University				
	<i>Undergraduate</i>			
	Bachelor of Accountancy (BAccy)	20		
	Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS)	30		
	Bachelor of Arts (BA)	82		
	Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA)	161		
	Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA)	2		
	Bachelor of Music Education (BMEd)	6		
	Bachelor of Science (BS)	687		
	Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)	7		
	Bachelor of University Studies (BUS-C2C)	20		
	<i>Graduate</i>			
	Master of Agribusiness Management (MABM)	2		
	Master of Agriculture (MAg)	2		
	Master of Applied Science (MAS)	1		
	Master of Arts (MA)	8		
	Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT)	10		
	Master of Arts in Teaching Secondary (MAT-S)	8		
	Master of Arts in Teaching Special Education (MAT-X)	5		
	Master of Business Administration (MBA)	33		
	Master of Engineering (MENG)	4		
	Master of Fine Arts (MFA)	1		
	Master of Music Education (MMEd)	1		
	Master of Professional Accountancy (MPA)	7		
	Master of Public Policy and Administration (MPPA)	5		
	Master of Science (MS)	151		
	Master of Science in Instructional Technology (MSIT)	2		
	Master of Science Information Systems (MSIS)	2		
	Master of Taxation (MTx)	4		
	Specialist in Education (EdS)	13		
	Doctor of Education (EdD)	11		
	Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)	66		
	Total Undergraduate Degrees		1,018	
	Total Graduate Degrees		1,051	
	Total Degrees			2,069

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Mississippi University for Women				
	<i>Undergraduate</i>			
	Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN)			
	Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS)	16		
	Bachelor of Arts (BA)	5		
	Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA)	24		
	Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA)	4		
	Bachelor of Professional Studies (BPS)	4		
	Bachelor of Science (BS)	33		
	Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)	24		
	Bachelor of University Studies (BUS-C2C)	1		
	<i>Graduate</i>			
	Master of Arts (MA)	1		
	Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT)	3		
	Master of Business Administration (MBA)	5		
	Master of Education (MMEd)	1		
	Master of Fine Arts (MFA)	9		
	Master of Public Health (MPH)	4		
	Master of Science (MS)			
	Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)			
	Total Undergraduate Degrees		111	
	Total Graduate Degrees		23	
	Total Degrees			134
Mississippi Valley State University				
	<i>Undergraduate</i>			
	Bachelor of Arts (BA)	16		
	Bachelor of Science (BS)	21		
	Bachelor of Secondary Education (BSEd)	1		
	Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)	3		
	<i>Graduate</i>			
	Master of Arts (MA)	4		
	Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT)			
	Master of Business Administration (MBA)			
	Master of Science (MS)	1		
	Master of Social Work (MSW)			
	Total Undergraduate Degrees		41	
	Total Graduate Degrees		5	
	Total Degrees			46

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University of Mississippi				
<i>Undergraduate</i>				
	Bachelor of Accountancy (BAccy)	20		
	Bachelor of Arts (BA)	97		
	Bachelor of Arts in Education (BAEd)	1		
	Bachelor of Arts in Journalism (BAJ)	9		
	Bachelor of Arts in Sport and Recreation Administration (BASRA)	5		
	Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA)	159		
	Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA)	7		
	Bachelor of Multi-Disciplinary Studies (BMdS)	31		
	Bachelor of Music	1		
	Bachelor of Science	31		
	Bachelor of Science (BS-IMC)	52		
	Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering	1		
	Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering	1		
	Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (BSCS)	17		
	Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice (BSCJ)	23		
	Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science (BSES)	12		
	Bachelor of Science in Geology (BSG)	3		
	Bachelor of Science in Law Studies (BSLS)	9		
	Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering	6		
	Bachelor of Science in Public Health (BS)	2		
	Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)	3		
	Bachelor of University Studies (C2C)	7		
<i>Graduate/Professional</i>				
	Master of Accountancy (MAccy)	3		
	Master of Accountancy and Data Analytics (MADA)	6		
	Master of Arts (MA)	9		
	Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT)	2		
	Master of Business Administration (MBA)	13		
	Master of Criminal Justice (MCJ)	2		
	Master of Education (MEd)	8		
	Master of Fine Arts (MFA)	1		

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Institution	Degree to be Conferred	Number	Subtotal	Total
	Master of Public Health (MPH)	5		
	Master of Science (MS)	34		
	Master of Social Work (MSW)	1		
	Master of Taxation and Data Analytics	1		
	Specialist in Education (EdS)	1		
	Juris Doctor	14		
	Doctor of Education (EdD)	7		
	Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD)	3		
	Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)	28		
	Total Undergraduate Degrees		497	
	Total Graduate/Professional Degrees		140	
	Total Degrees			637

University of Mississippi Medical Center

Undergraduate

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) 75

Graduate

Master of Health Informatics and Information Management (MS) 2

Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences (MS) 19

Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) 20

Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) 1

Doctor of Medicine (MD) 1

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) 2

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) 16

Total Undergraduate Degrees 75

Total Graduate Degrees 61

Total Degrees 136

University of Southern Mississippi

Undergraduate

Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) 35

Bachelor of Arts (BA) 83

Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) 3

Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies (BIS) 6

Bachelor of Liberal Studies (BLS) 35

Bachelor of Music (BM) 1

Bachelor of Music Education (BMEd) 9

Bachelor of Science (BS) 420

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Institution	Degree to be Conferred	Number	Subtotal	Total
	Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA)	162		
	Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)	76		
	Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)	27		
	Bachelor of University Studies (BUS-C2C)	7		
	<i>Graduate</i>			
	Master of Arts (MA)	22		
	Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT)			
	Master of Arts in Teaching of Languages (MATL)	5		
	Master of Business Administration (MBA)	42		
	Master of Education (MEd)	13		
	Master of Fine Arts (MFA)	1		
	Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS)	54		
	Master of Music (MM)	1		
	Master of Music Education (MMEd)	1		
	Master of Professional Accountancy (MPA)	6		
	Master of Public Health (MPH)	20		
	Master of Science (MS)	116		
	Specialist in Education (EdS)	2		
	Doctor of Education (EdD)	28		
	Doctor of Musical Arts (DMA)	4		
	Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)	29		
	Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)	44		
	Total Undergraduate Degrees		864	
	Total Graduate Degrees		388	
	Total Degrees			1,252
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	System Total Undergraduate Degrees		3,293	
	System Total Graduate Degrees		2,049	
	System Total Degrees			5,342

***Note: System Total for Fall 2025 represents an increase of 920 from Fall 2024's total of 4,440.**

FINANCE AND BUDGET

- ASU – Approved the request to enter a two-year extension to the current contract with GuideSoft, Inc. d/b/a Knowledge Services to maintain a comprehensive managed service to address our security posture to augment our existing IT resources. The term of the contract is October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2027. A payment of \$277,276 will be issued upon receipt of invoices for payment of managed services based on the deliverables noted in the statement of work. The contract will be funded by a Department of Education

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Title III funded grant. Through the support of the Title III grant, Alcorn State University has launched the Aligning IT Risk Management initiative to strengthen its institutional cybersecurity posture. 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. **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. Specifically, this request seeks an increase of \$450,000 to provide mid-year salary increases for full-time university employees, effective during the spring 2026 term. The \$450,000 required for mid-year salary increases will be funded through increased tuition revenue generated in fall 2025 and projected for spring 2026.

Budget Revision by Major Object

Category	Current Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Revised Budget
Salaries	22,043,466.00	450,000.00	22,493,466.00
Wages	1,802,970.00	-	1,802,970.00
Fringe Benefits	8,281,959.00	-	8,281,959.00
Total Salaries, Wages, and Fringe Benefits	32,128,395.00	450,000.00	32,578,395.00
Travel and Subsistence	1,135,500.00	-	1,135,500.00
Contractual Services	11,884,658.00	-	11,884,658.00
Commodities	1,035,350.00	-	1,035,350.00
Capital Outlay			
Non-Equipment	358,000.00	-	358,000.00
Equipment	354,000.00	-	354,000.00
Total Capital Outlay	712,000.00	-	712,000.00
Mandatory Transfers			
Debt Service	-	-	-
Matching	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
Total Mandatory Transfers	-	-	-
Non-Mandatory Transfers			
Auxiliary Support	-	-	-
Building Projects	-	-	-
Other	2,302,243.00	-	2,302,243.00
Total Non-Mandatory Transfers	2,302,243.00	-	2,302,243.00
Increase in Fund Balance	-	-	-
Total Uses of Funding	49,198,146.00	450,000.00	49,648,146.00

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6. **UMMC** – Approved the request to amend its Cost-Per-Reportable Agreement with Sysmex America, Inc. (Sysmex) to add new sites for UMMC Madison and UMMC Colony Park North as well as adding equipment at UMMC Holmes County, and lease three (3) additional hematology analyzers. The original agreement was for the lease of sixteen (16) new hematology analyzers across the UMMC system, the purchase of testing supplies and reagents for use with the analyzers, and service and support for the leased equipment. The analyzers perform complete blood counts used to help diagnose and monitor blood disorders. The Board also approved the request for the institution to add or remove products, as well as move equipment, under the agreement without seeking prior Board approval as long as adequate funds are available. The term of the agreement is five (5) years beginning November 1, 2024 through October 31, 2029, or until UMMC achieves the total test commitment of reportable tests, whichever occurs later. The total estimated cost of the agreement over the five (5) year term remains \$6,350,000. 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.
7. **USM** – Approved the request to enter a contract with EBSCO Information Services, LLC (EBSCO) for subscription management services for print and electronic resources. These research-oriented journals and information resources are used by USM faculty, staff, and students for educational and research purposes. Pursuant to Board Policy 707.03 Approval of Prepayment for Goods and Services, the Board also approved the request for the institution to make multi-year prepayments when ordering subscriptions throughout the contract year. This is a five-year contract beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2030. The projected amount for 2026 is \$677,000. Amounts for subsequent renewal years are estimated using a five (5) percent inflation factor—2026: \$677,000; 2027: \$708,250; 2028: \$740,959; 2029: \$775,194; and 2030: \$811,029. Inflation, cancellation, publisher rate changes, and other factors may result in changes to the subscribed titles and the monetary value of the contract each renewal year. Funding for this agreement comes from university Educational and 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.

REAL ESTATE

8. **MSU** – Initiation of IHL 205-362, Riley Campus Student Housing, and the appointment of Dale Partners Architects, P.A., as the design professional. The project will construct a facility to house students and provide commercial and/or academic space on the ground floor to support the Riley Campus in downtown Meridian, MS. The proposed site is directly southwest of the Riley Campus between 23rd Ave and 25th Ave. The total number of beds and/or units is to be determined, and the project may be completed in multiple phases. The proposed project budget for design fees only is \$1 million. Funds are available from University Designated Funds (\$1,000,000). **CONSIDERATION OF THIS ITEM WAS DELAYED UNTIL THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING.**

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9. **MSU** – Approved the initiation of IHL 205-364, McCool Hall Renovation & Addition, and the appointment of DAV Architects (MS affiliate of Davis Architects) as the design professional. The project will create more classrooms, collaboration space, and offices. The proposed project budget for design fees only is \$500,000. Funds are available from University Designated Funds (\$500,000).
10. **DSU** – Approved the request to increase the budget for GS 102-271, Nursing School Expansion and Renovation, from \$12,310,000 to \$12,735,962.93 for an increase of \$425,962.93. The budget increase is needed primarily to cover furniture and equipment cost associated with the project with the majority of equipment being IT. Funds are available from SB 3065, Laws of 2019 (\$125,000); HB 1730, Laws of 2020 (\$950,000); SB 2971, Laws of 2021 (\$10,800,000); and DSU Private Funds (\$860,962.93).
11. **JSU** – Request to increase the budget for GS 103-315, Campus Mechanical Improvements Phase III, from \$5,866,926.31 to \$7,323,911.18 for an increase of \$1,456,984.57 and to add SB 3065, Laws of 2019, as an additional funding source to accommodate the budget increase. The project includes the replacement of air handler units, split systems, controls, pumps, and other related HVAC system components. Mechanical upgrades under the base bid will address critical systems in several facilities. Funds are available from HB 1729 Laws of 2016 (\$3,502.92); HB 1730 Laws of 2020 (\$4,600,000.00); JSU Funds (\$983,727.84); SB 2957 Laws of 2012 (\$489,991.21); SB 2971 Laws of 2021 (\$1,225,345.27); and SB 3065 Laws of 2019 (\$21,343.94). **THIS ITEM WAS MOVED TO THE REAL ESTATE REGULAR AGENDA FOR CONSIDERATION.**
12. **MUW** – Approved the request to increase the budget for GS 104-216, Old Pohl Renovations, from \$300,000 to \$333,359.93 for an increase of \$33,359.93. The project would include asbestos abatement, restoration of interior and exterior elements, interior reconfiguration, ADA improvements and major renovations of the mechanical, electrical, plumbing and life safety systems. Due to the building's Mississippi Landmark status, coordination with the Mississippi Department of Archives and History will be required. Funds are available from HB 603, Laws of 2023 (\$300,000) and HB 1353, Laws of 2022 (\$33,359.93).
13. **MVSU** – Approved the request to increase the budget for GS 106-281, Demolition of LeFlore Hall and Delta Hall, from \$2,500,000 to \$2,900,000 for an increase of \$400,000. In addition to demolishing the two-residence hall there will be asbestos abatement and site restoration (fine grading, seeding, etc.). Funds are available from HB 603, Laws of 2023 (\$2,900,000).
14. **MVSU** – Approved the request to increase the budget for GS 106-282, Preplan New Residence Hall, from \$500,000 to \$600,000 for an increase of \$100,000. Although a new residence hall is desired, MVSU determined that renovating an existing residence hall is currently a more financially prudent option. Preplanning for the new residence hall will pause at the Design Development phase. MVSU will begin working collaboratively with the Bureau of Buildings and IHL to move forward with the renovation of an existing facility. Funds are available from HB 603, Laws of 2023 (\$527,500) and SB 2468, Laws of 2024 (\$72,500).

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15. **UM** – Approved the request to increase the budget for IHL 207-484, Writer’s Cabin and Community, from \$4,000,000 to \$12,000,000 for an increase of \$8,000,000 and to change the funding sources to include private gifts, added state funds, and the use of internal R&R in lieu of auxiliary funds. Greenfield Farm is a 20-acre parcel of UM-owned land, east of Oxford on the road to New Albany. UM plans to turn Greenfield into a retreat-style writer’s residency, paying tribute to the historical uses of the land and the literary culture of Mississippi. Funds are available from Internal R&R (\$8,750,000); Private Gifts (\$2,500,000); and SB 2468, Laws of 2024 (\$750,000).
16. **JSU** – Approved the request to grant a Historic Preservation Easement to the State of Mississippi - Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH) pursuant to the requirements of the National Park Service’s Historic Preservation Fund. MDAH shall have the right to enter onto the subject property, known as Ayer Hall, for the purpose of making periodic inspections of said property to ensure compliance with this easement. JSU has applied for and has been determined eligible for an award under the HBCU Grant-in-aid Program administered by the National Park Service pursuant to withdrawals from the Historic Preservation Fund, (hereinafter referred to as the "HPF") authorized by the National Park Service of the United States Department of the Interior. An easement is required for HPF assistance of this nature. This conservation easement is granted as a condition of the eligibility of JSU for the HBCU grant-in-aid from the National Park Service of the United States Department of the Interior appropriated from the HPF. In consideration of the sum of \$500,000.00 received in grant-in-aid financial assistance from the National Park Service of the United States Department of the Interior this conservation easement is granted. These funds will be used for a new roof, HVAC repairs, mold remediation, foundation repairs, and window repairs. JSU, the Grantor, shall grant to MDAH, the Grantee, a conservation easement to the JSU Ayer Hall property for the purpose of assuring preservation of the property. MDAH is authorized to accept preservation easements to protect property significant in national, state, local, and tribal history and culture under the provisions of Title 39, Chapter 5 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended. In accordance with the program requirements, JSU desires to grant to the MDAH, and MDAH desires to accept a preservation easement. MDAH shall have the right to enter onto the subject property upon reasonable notice for the purpose of making periodic inspections of said property to ensure compliance with this easement. This conservation easement is granted for a period of approximately fifteen (15) years commencing on the date when it is filed with the Hinds County Recorder and shall expire June 31, 2040.
17. **JSU** – Approved the request to grant a Historic Preservation Easement to The State of Mississippi - Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH) pursuant to the requirements of the National Park Service’s Historic Preservation Fund. MDAH shall have the right to enter onto the subject property, known as the JSU COFO COMPLEX, for the purpose of making periodic inspections of said property to ensure compliance with this easement. JSU has applied for and has been determined eligible for an award under the HBCU grant-in-aid program administered by the National Park Service pursuant to withdrawals from the Historic Preservation Fund, (hereinafter referred to as the "HPF") authorized by the National Park Service of the United States Department of the Interior.

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An easement is required for HPF assistance of this nature. This conservation easement is granted as a condition of the eligibility of JSU for the HBCU grant-in-aid from the National Park Service of the United States Department of the Interior appropriated from the HPF. In consideration of the sum of \$150,000.00 received in grant-in-aid financial assistance from the National Park Service of the United States Department of the Interior. These funds were used to replace the roof and HVAC units. JSU, the Grantor shall grant to MDAH, the Grantee, a conservation easement to the JSU COFO Complex for the purpose of assuring preservation of the property. MDAH is authorized to accept preservation easements to protect property significant in national, state, local, and tribal history and culture under the provisions of Title 39, Chapter 5 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended. In accordance with the program requirements, JSU desires to grant to the MDAH, and MDAH desires to accept a preservation easement. MDAH shall have the right to enter onto the subject property upon reasonable notice for the purpose of making periodic inspections of said property to ensure compliance with this easement. This conservation easement is granted for a period of approximately ten (10) years commencing on the date when it is filed with the Hinds County Recorder and shall expire June 31, 2035.

18. **UM** – Approved the exterior design of IHL 207-419, Vardaman Hall Renovation. The scope of work will include a complete renovation of the exterior and interior of Vardaman Hall to provide space for a Student Engagement Center. All building systems and Life Safety systems will be replaced. The project will include a building addition to provide accessibility to all floors, as well as courtyard and landscape improvements. The project budget is \$10 million. A copy of the rendering is included in the *November 20, 2025 Board Working File*.
19. **UM** – Approved the exterior design of IHL 207-489, Ole Miss Golf Complex Additions & Renovations. The project will renovate the Whitten Golf Center and add new exterior improvements to enhance the Complex. The project budget is \$10 million. A copy of the rendering is included in the *November 20, 2025 Board Working File*.
20. **USM** – Approved the request to name the Kinesiology Building as the “Paul H. ‘Bud’ Holmes Criminal Justice Building”. A lifelong resident of the Pine Belt, Bud Holmes began his journey at USM graduating in 1954 with a Bachelor of Science in History and an ROTC commission, later earning his Law degree from the University of Mississippi in 1958. He served as the 12th District (Forrest-Perry) Circuit Court District Attorney, and throughout the 1970s and 1980s he was a prominent Hattiesburg-area prosecutor and lawyer. A member of the USM Foundation’s Gallery of Benefactors, an exclusive society for those whose lifetime giving to USM is \$1 million or more, he generously supports both USM Athletics and The USM Foundation. Yet.
21. **SYSTEM** – Approved the request to enter a lease agreement with MS Hardware Master Tenant, LLC. for approximately 2,090 square feet located on the 2nd floor, southeast corner of the MCITY Building located at 1622 Washington Street in Vicksburg, Mississippi. This space will be used by the four research universities for the purpose of technology transfer and entrepreneurial programs which may be connected to the U.S. Department of Defense and related federal research. The lease also provides parking, access to common areas, electricity, water, sewage, garbage, and trash removal, and shared 2 gigabit internet network (excluding telephone service). The term of the Lease Agreement is two (2) years,

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from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027. The total estimated cost of the two (2) year term is not to exceed \$89,673. IHL will pay a base rent of \$1,812.03 per month plus an additional rent of \$1,877.38 per month for operating expenses. Additional rent shall not increase more than five percent (5%) per year. MS Hardware Master Tenant, LLC, may include in additional rent payable for any year of this Lease that IHL's proportionate share of actual operating expenses for the preceding year that exceeded the amount of additional rent paid by the IHL during said preceding year. Likewise, if IHL's payments of additional rent during the preceding year exceeded IHL's proportionate share of actual operating expenses incurred by MS Hardware Master Tenant, LLC, during said year, IHL shall be entitled to a credit in the calculation of the additional rent due in the succeeding year. This agreement is an ongoing lease. The original three-year lease from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2025, was approximately \$295,000. This new two-year lease brings the approximate cost of the combined leases to \$384,673. During the 2025 First Extraordinary Legislative Session, the Mississippi Legislature approved SB 2001, which appropriated \$1,000,000 to the research universities for the purpose of technology transfer and entrepreneurial programs, which may be connected to the Department of Defense and related federal research in Mississippi. IHL will pay the Lease costs directly to MS Hardware Master Tenant, LLC; however, JSU, MSU, UM and USM will reimburse IHL from the funds appropriated by the Legislature for this purpose. 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.

LEGAL

22. ASU – Pending approval by the Office of the Attorney General, the Board approved the request to enter a legal service agreement with Sun Sovereign, LLC d/b/a Ware|Immigration as outside counsel to perform services necessary in preparing labor certification applications, immigration applications, immigration petitions, and provide immigration related services on behalf of the University for all employees who seek temporary or permanent residence status, as well as providing other immigration related services. The term of the agreement is one-year effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. The fees are set out in the fee schedule below. General advice or matters that fall outside of the fee schedule will be billed at the hourly rate of \$350 for partners, \$250 for associate attorneys, \$450 for Of Counsel attorneys and \$150 for paralegal services. The maximum amount payable under the terms of the agreement is \$20,000. This firm carries professional liability insurance in the amount of \$3 million per claim and an annual aggregate of \$3 million.

Schedule of Legal Fees for Academia

Nonimmigrant Petitions and Processes

H-1B petition	\$2500*
H-1B extension or amendment petitions (Firm handled original petition)	\$2500*
H-1B withdrawal	\$200
H-4 EAD (Employee may pay)	\$750

*additional legal fee of up to \$2,500 may apply for substantive requests for evidence

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TN petition or border/consulate processing	\$2500
TN extension petition (Firm handled original)	\$2500
E-3 petition or consular processing	\$2500
E-3 extension petition (Firm handled original)	\$2500
O-1 petition	\$8000
O-1 extension or amendment petition (Firm handled original)	\$4000
O-1 additional rush fee if case needs to be filed w/in 60 days	\$2000
J-1 waiver (IGA or hardship)	\$8000
J-1 waiver (Conrad)	\$8000
J-1 waiver (no objection)	\$2000
I-539 Fee for Dependents (Employee may pay)	\$1000

Permanent Residence Process with Labor Certification: Faculty

Special Handling labor certification	\$3000
(If position must be readvertised)	\$2500
Additional fee if audited Additional fee if audited	\$1500-2500
Immigrant petition (I-140)	\$2500

Permanent Residence Process with Labor Certification: Non-Faculty

Labor certification	\$6000
Additional fee if audited	\$1500-2500
Additional fee if subject to supervised recruitment	\$3000
Immigrant petition	\$2500

Permanent Residence Process: Extraordinary Ability/Outstanding Professors and Researchers and National Interest Waiver

Immigrant petition	\$8000
EA, OP/OR, or NIW RFE or NOID: case by case determination up to	\$2500

Adjustment of Status (any Employment-Based Permanent Residence Matter)

Adjustment of status (AOS) and related applications (I-765, I-131, etc.), principal	\$2500
“Standalone” AOS and related applications, principal	\$3000
Adjustment of status and related applications, spouse, if together with principal application and I 140	\$1500
Adjustment of status of each child, concurrent with I 140	\$1000
“Standalone” adjustment of status, spouse (not concurrent with I-140)	\$2000
“Standalone” adjustment of status, child	\$2000
I 485 J (standalone cases)	\$1500

Employment Authorization and Advance Parole Renewal

Employment Authorization Renewal per individual	\$ 750
Advance Parole Renewal per individual	\$ 750

Marriage Based Permanent Residence

Principal Applicant	\$4000
Each child, if any	\$2500

Other Services

AR-11 Change of Address	\$150
Interview rescheduling	\$150
Biometrics rescheduling per person	\$150
Advisory Opinion	\$500

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Expedite requests	\$500-750
Auto Revalidation Letter	\$200

General Legal Advice and Unusual Matters Which Fall Outside This Fee Schedule

Partners and Of Counsel	per hour billed	\$350
Associate Attorneys	per hour billed	\$250
Paralegals	per hour billed	\$150
Of Counsel Rate	per hour billed	\$450

23. **MVSU** – Approved an affiliation agreement between the University and the Mississippi Valley State University National Alumni Association. The term of the agreement is five years. The affiliation agreement meets the requirements of Board Policy 301.0806 University Foundation/Affiliated Entity Activities. The Attorney General’s Office has reviewed the agreement and found same to be compliant with applicable law. A copy of the agreement is on file IHL Board Office.
24. **MVSU** – Approved an affiliation agreement between the University and the Mississippi Valley State University V-Club. The term of the agreement is five years. The affiliation agreement meets the requirements of Board Policy 301.0806 University Foundation/Affiliated Entity Activities. The Attorney General’s Office has reviewed the agreement and found same to be compliant with applicable law. A copy of the agreement is on file IHL Board Office.
25. **DSU** – Approved Dr. Michelle Roberts as one of the university’s legislative liaisons in accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity.
26. **DSU** – Approved Katie Lusk as one of the university’s legislative liaisons in accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity.
27. **MSU** – Approved Mathis McGee as one of the university’s legislative liaisons in accordance with Board Policy 201.0506 Political Activity.

PERSONNEL REPORT

28. **Change of Status**

Jackson State University

Jonas Vanderbilt, from Vice President of Student Affairs; salary of \$180,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; to Vice President of Student Affairs & Interim Vice President of Enrollment Management; salary \$210,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; effective September 16, 2025

University of Mississippi

Alysia Steele; Associate Professor of Multiple Platform Journalism; salary of \$95,202 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; separation of employment; effective November 20, 2025

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ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

29. **ASU** – Approved the request to bestow one honorary degree at its 2025 Fall Commencement ceremony. Supporting documentation is on file at the Board Office.
30. **SYSTEM** – The Governor has issued a Proclamation authorizing state offices to be closed for the New Year’s Day holiday on January 1, 2026 and, in further observance, on January 2, 2026. As a result, and in keeping with IHL Policy 805.08 Official Holidays, the Board approved the request to close the IHL executive office and all university offices on January 1 and 2, 2026, in celebration of the New Year.

REGULAR AGENDAS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Presented by Trustee Teresa Hubbard, Chair

On motion by Trustee Hubbard, seconded by Trustee Cummings, with Trustee Cunningham participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #1 as submitted on the Academic Affairs Regular Agenda. On motion by Trustee Hubbard, seconded by Trustee Clark, with Trustee Cunningham participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #2. On motion by Trustee Hubbard, seconded by Trustee Rader, with Trustee Cunningham participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #3. On motion by Trustee Hubbard, seconded by Trustee Griffith, with Trustee Cunningham participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #4.

1. **SYSTEM** – Approved the proposed amendments to Board Policy 518 Adult Degree Completion Program for first reading. **(See Exhibit 1.)**
2. **SYSTEM** – Approved the following proposed new Board Policy for first reading:

518 – CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING

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

a. PLA credit may include individualized student portfolios, evaluation of corporate and military training, program evaluations, challenge exams, and standardized exams. Credit earned through PLA may count as lower-division or upper-division credit. Credit earned through PLA shall not count toward the 25 percent residency requirement for the degree-awarding institution. The types of PLA accepted may be determined by the IHL institution.

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

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3. **MSU** – Approved the request to add a new center:
Center title: Center for Simulation
Center location: Riley Center campus
Scope: Extensive Scope and Outreach
Type: Type 1 (Academic, Teaching, or Research)
Effective date: September 2025
4. **SYSTEM** – Approved the request to add new academic degree programs, as follows:
 - a. **DSU** – Bachelor of Applied Science in Human Development
CIP code: 19.0701
Total credit hours: 121-123
Effective date: January 2026
 - b. **MVSU** – Master of Science in AI and Machine Learning for Biomedical and Environmental Health Systems
CIP code: 11.0701
Total credit hours: 36
Effective date: August 2026
 - c. **MVSU** – Master of Science in Educational Leadership (K-12)
CIP code: 13.0401
Total credit hours: 30
Effective date: August 2026
 - d. **UM** – Master of Arts in Global Security Leadership
CIP code: 45.0902
Total credit hours: 30
Effective date: August 2026
 - e. **UMMC** – Master of Public Health
CIP code: 51.2201
Total credit hours: 44
Effective date: May 2026

FINANCE AND BUDGET AGENDA

Presented by Trustee Charlie Stephenson, Chair

Trustees Martin and Ogletree recused themselves from discussing or voting on items #1 and #2 on the Finance and Budget Regular Agenda by leaving the room before there was any discussion or vote 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 and Trustee Cunningham participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve items #1 and #2. Trustee Martin returned to the room following the discussion and vote on items #1 and #2. Trustee Ogletree recused himself from discussing or voting on items #3 - #5 on the Finance and Budget Regular Agenda by remaining out of the room while there was any discussion or vote regarding the same. With Trustee Ogletree out of the room, on motion by Trustee Stephenson, seconded by Trustee Cummings, with Trustee Ogletree absent and not voting and Trustee Cunningham participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and

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participating voted unanimously to approve items #3 - #5. Trustee Ogletree returned to the room following the discussion and vote on items #3 - #5. Trustee Clark recused himself from discussing or voting on item #6 on the Finance and Budget Regular Agenda by leaving the room before there was any discussion or vote regarding the same. With Trustee Clark out of the room, on motion by Trustee Stephenson, seconded by Trustee Arrington, with Trustee Clark absent and not voting and Trustee Cunningham participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #6. Trustee Clark returned to the room following the discussion and vote on item #6. Trustee Arrington recused herself from discussing or voting on item #7 on the Finance and Budget Agenda by leaving the room before there was any discussion or vote regarding the same. With Trustee Arrington out of the room, on motion by Trustee Stephenson, seconded by Trustee Heidelberg, with Trustee Arrington absent and not voting and Trustee Cunningham participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #7. Trustee Arrington returned to the room following the discussion and vote on item #7. Trustee Clark recused himself from discussing or voting on item #8 on the Finance and Budget Agenda by leaving the room before there was any discussion or vote regarding the same. With Trustee Clark out of the room, on motion by Trustee Stephenson, seconded by Trustee Parker, with Trustee Clark absent and not voting and Trustee Cunningham participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #8. Trustee Clark returned to the room following the discussion and vote on item #8.

1. **SYSTEM** – Approved the request to enter a services agreement with Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, LLC (“AJG”) to perform property insurance brokerage services. The property insurance broker performs many tasks year-round related to the system’s property insurance needs, including soliciting quotes for the system’s program and consulting on a variety of related issues. The term of the agreement is December 1, 2025 through June 1, 2030. Work will begin prior to the policy year, this contract will be for four policy years, including 2026-2027, 2027-2028, 2028-2029, and 2029-2030, unless terminated sooner. The total contract cost is \$880,000. The annual cost will be \$220,000. Broker compensation is included with the insurance policy premium, and the IHL Board Office and each university are directly billed for their policy premium. 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 purchase of workers’ compensation excess insurance from Safety National Casualty Company. The broker is Arthur J. Gallagher. The term of the policy is December 1, 2025 through December 1, 2027. The quote includes two policy years at the same rate. The total policy premiums are estimated at \$836,233 for both policy years, with each policy year costing \$418,117. Actual cost will vary based upon system payroll. The premiums will be paid from the IHL Self-Insured Workers’ Compensation Plan. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.
3. **UMMC** – Approved the request to enter a Product Purchasing Agreement with Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation (Novartis) to purchase LUTATHERA and PLUVICTO, which are radiopharmaceutical drugs used in Nuclear Medicine for the treatment of cancer patients. LUTATHERA is used for the treatment of neuroendocrine tumors, including painful bone lesions in adult and pediatric patients. PLUVICTO is used for the treatment

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of prostate cancer in adult patients. Radiopharmaceuticals are used for various purposes such as the destruction of cancer cells or pain treatment. The Board approved the request for the institution to amend the Agreement to add or remove products, or locations, without seeking prior Board approval as long as adequate funds are available. The term of the Agreement is three (3) years, from December 1, 2025, through November 30, 2028. The total estimated cost of the agreement over the three (3) year term is \$13,400,000.00. This total includes a fifteen percent (15 %) annual increase for patient volume and potential cost increases beginning in year 2 of the agreement. The agreement will be funded by hospital patient revenue. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.

4. **UMMC** – Approved the request to enter a new Fixed Periodic Payment Schedule 013 (GI Lease) with Olympus America, Inc. (Olympus). The GI Lease is for endoscopes, bronchoscopes, monitors, workstations, and accessories for gastric and pulmonary diagnostic procedures. The Board approved the request for the institution to amend the GI Lease to add and/or remove individual scopes and other equipment without prior Board approval, and to amend the GI Lease to revise the equipment location(s) of the scopes and other equipment, so long as adequate funds are available. The term of the Master Lease remains unchanged, it is five (5) years from February 22, 2022, through February 20, 2027, or the expiration of all lease schedules, whichever occurs last. The term of the GI Lease is three (3) years and three (3) months, beginning on or about December 1, 2025, through an expiration date on or about February 28, 2029. The total estimated cost of the GI Lease over the three (3) year and three (3) month term is \$2,050,000.00. UMMC has also included potential costs of retained loaned scopes, as well as additional shipping charges that may apply. This agreement will be funded by hospital patient revenue. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.
5. **UMMC** – Approved the request to enter a new Fixed Periodic Payment Schedule 014 (OR Lease) with Olympus America, Inc. (Olympus). The OR Lease is for products such as endoscopes, bronchoscopes, colonoscopes, monitors, workstations, and accessories for the equipment for gastric and pulmonary procedures. The scopes are used to provide the visual field for surgical procedures on adult patients with variable gastric and pulmonary diseases. The Board approved the request for the institution to amend the Lease to add and/or remove individual scopes and other equipment without prior Board approval, and to amend the Lease to revise the equipment location(s) of the scopes and other equipment, so long as adequate funds are available. The term of the Master Lease remains unchanged, it is five (5) years from February 22, 2022, through February 20, 2027, or the expiration of all lease schedules, whichever occurs last. The term of the OR Lease is three (3) years and three (3) months, beginning on or about December 1, 2025, through an expiration date on or about February 28, 2029. The total estimated cost of the OR Lease over the three (3) year and three (3) month term is \$1,500,000.00. UMMC has also included potential costs of retained loaned scopes, as well as additional shipping charges that may apply. This agreement will be funded by hospital patient revenue. Legal Staff has reviewed the

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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 enter a contract with Greystar Development Services Central, LLC (“Greystar”). UM and Greystar are interested in the development of one or more housing facilities comprised of approximately 2,700 student beds including approximately 20,000 square feet of flexible dining space with associated amenities to be agreed upon by the Parties, and a parking garage and related uses containing approximately 1,500 parking spaces. Exhibit B of this agreement will include potential student fees and rates subject to negotiations and market conditions. The term of this agreement will end upon the execution of the ground lease or December 31, 2026, whichever is sooner. Maximum exposure is up to \$5,758,500 for the Kincannon site and \$10,779,730 for the West Row site for a total potential exposure of \$16,538,230 in case of termination. See Exhibit B for monthly spending schedule. Greystar is funding the pre-closing activities and will be reimbursed from the project after closing. 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. **USM** – Approved the Bond Resolution and the Supporting Documents to affirm and reapprove the resolution and supporting documents passed by the IHL Board on April 18, 2024, for the purpose of authorizing not to exceed \$62,500,000 in bonds to be issued through the S. M. Educational Building Corporation to finance up to \$35,000,000 for the constructing, renovating, equipping, and landscaping of the Reed Green Coliseum and other Athletic Facility improvements and/or the refunding of up to \$27,500,000 of all or a portion of the Corporation’s outstanding Series 2013 Bonds and Series 2015A Bonds. The University, through the Corporation, intends to combine the new money bonds and refunding bonds into a single debt issuance transaction; however, the Bond Resolution does allow for the refunding bonds to be issued separately at a different date than the new money bonds for Reed Green Coliseum. The total NPV savings must equal or exceed 3% of the refunded bonds to pursue the refunding transaction. The maximum par amount for the combined funding is \$62,500,000. The New Money maximum par amount is \$35,000,000 for the Reed Green Coliseum & other related athletic improvements (IHL #208-301). The refunding maximum par amount is \$27,500,000 for the following:
 - a. Series 2013 Bond proceeds were used to construct the Century Park South Residence Hall project and to refund the Series 1997A Bonds (original proceeds used for a Dormitory project).
 - b. Series 2015A Bond proceeds were used to advance refund for savings the Series 2006B Bonds (original proceeds used for the Village Residence Hall project) and Series 2007 Bonds (original proceeds used for the M.M. Roberts Stadium athletics project).

The Board ratified and approved the following documents: IHL Resolution, Ground Lease, Lease Agreement, Preliminary Official Statement, and Continuing Disclosure Agreement. Following are the list of professionals: Financial Advisor – Hilltop Securities; Bond Counsel – Butler Snow LLP; and Underwriters - Raymond James & Associates, Inc., and Wells Fargo Bank National Association. Long-term bonds will be issued with principal maturities up to 30 years for the new money construction and renovation and mature in

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2056, and the refunding bonds will mature in 2034. USM through the S. M. Educational Building Corporation expects to issue up to a maximum of \$62,500,000 par value, fixed rate bonds. Proceeds from the bond issue will support the refunding transaction, construction and renovation costs for Reed Green Coliseum and other related athletic improvements, capitalized interest, if any, costs of issuance, and the underwriter's discount. Based on the Financial Advisor's report dated October 2, 2025, the proposed refunding debt amortization will have an estimated net present value savings of \$973,000. Funding is available from various Athletic revenues, sales and hotel tax revenues and rental revenues from the residence halls. 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 Services Agreement (Agreement) with Healthier Mississippi People, LLC (HMP) for augmentation of staffing. HMP will provide qualified personnel in various positions as requested by UMMC. UMMC intends to focus on highest need positions to be filled by HMP employees, including, but not limited to, registered nurses (inpatient, outpatient, and specialty), licensed practical nurses, certified nursing assistants, respiratory therapists, surgical technicians, hospital technicians, medical technologists, certified medical assistants, and medical office assistants. The term of the Agreement is three (3) years, from April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2029. The total maximum cost of the Agreement over the three (3) year term is \$570,000,000. Fees are based upon flat hourly rates for assigned personnel, as mutually agreed upon by UMMC and HMP. This Agreement will be funded by patient revenue. Outside legal staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with state law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of the agreement provided that a Subject Matter Expert pursuant to Board Policy 714 is engaged to provide written analysis and recommendations to the Board for its review and any appropriate action prior to the effective date of this agreement.

REAL ESTATE AGENDA

Presented by Trustee Gregg Rader, Chair

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

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absent and not voting and Trustee Cunningham participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #3. Trustee Ogletree returned to the room following the discussion and vote on items #2 and #3. Trustee Clark recused himself from discussing or voting on items #4 and #5 on the Real Estate Regular Agenda by leaving the room before there was any discussion or vote regarding the same. With Trustee Clark out of the room, on motion by Trustee Rader, seconded by Trustee Cummings, with Trustee Clark absent and not voting and Trustee Cunningham participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #4. On motion by Trustee Rader, seconded by Trustee Cummings, with Trustee Clark absent and not voting and Trustee Cunningham participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #5. Trustee Clark returned to the room following the discussion and vote on items #4 and #5. Item #6 was moved from the Real Estate Consent Agenda for consideration. Trustee Ogletree recused himself from discussing or voting on item #6 on the Real Estate Regular Agenda by leaving the room 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 Hubbard, with Trustee Ogletree absent and not voting and Trustee Cunningham participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #6. Trustee Ogletree returned to the room following the discussion and vote on item #6.

1. **MSU** – Approved the initiation of IHL 205-363, Rosenbaum Building Renovations & Additions, and the appointment of LPK Architects, P.A., as the design professional. The project includes an addition and renovations to the Alfred Rosenbaum Building along with renovations within the adjacent Robert B. Deen Jr. building. Currently the Riley Campus in downtown Meridian is home to the School of Nursing and School of Healthcare Professions, along with the Interprofessional Simulation Center. The proposed project budget for design fees only is \$500,000. Funds are available from University Designated Funds (\$500,000).
2. **ASU** – Approved the initiation of GS 101-309, Wastewater Facility Improvements Phase II, and the appointment of WGK, Inc., Engineers & Surveyors as the professional. This project will address wastewater treatment facility improvements across equipment, infrastructure, and pump stations and will ensure regulatory compliance. The proposed project budget is \$1,515,234. Funds are available funded through an externally funded grant (Delta Regional Authority, MS-9719) for \$1,483,886, and from the general fund (\$50,000) funding source 250000-904500-405890-00.
3. **MSU** – Approved the request to enter an agreement with Brasfield & Gorrie, LLC (CMAR) for construction manager at risk services for the Leo Seal Jr. Football Complex Renovations and Additions, IHL Project 205-360. The project has three phases (A, B & C) that will likely overlap during construction. Phase A is a relocation of utilities and realignment of the natural grass practice fields to make way for the new indoor practice facility. Phase B includes Billy W. Howard Sr. Indoor Practice Facility and connections to the existing facility. Phase C includes renovations within the existing facility. The contract includes Pre-Construction Services and Construction Services. The contract will commence upon execution and will expire one year from the date of Substantial Completion of the project. CMAR’S preconstruction services fee will not exceed \$416,870. Upon completion of the Construction Documents, the CMAR will submit a

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GMP Proposal to MSU for consideration. If MSU agrees with the proposal and it is within the Board approved budget, then MSU will submit a request to award the GMP contract amount to IHL Real Estate Staff for approval. Funds are available from a combination of Athletics self-generated and donated 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 revised exterior design for IHL 207-516, Phi Delta Theta Renovations and Additions. Phi Delta Theta modified the approved exterior design by extending the balcony areas on the West Row façade. Remaining façades are unchanged. The project budget is \$7 million. A copy of the renderings is included in the bound *November 20, 2025 Board Working File*.
5. **UMMC** – Approved the request to modify the scope of IHL 209-579B, UMMC Colony Park Site Utilities and Roadway Improvements. The original scope of the project included site grading, electrical and site utilities, and only included landscaping incidental to roadways and utility lines. UMMC has sufficient funds remaining in contingency for this project to now include for the landscaping of the facility. The estimated project budget is \$5,897,737. Funds are available from UMMC Patient Generated Revenues (\$5,897,737).
6. **JSU** – Approved the request to increase the budget for GS 103-315, Campus Mechanical Improvements Phase III, from \$5,866,926.31 to \$7,323,911.18 for an increase of \$1,456,984.57 and to add SB 3065, Laws of 2019 as an additional funding source to accommodate the budget increase. The project includes the replacement of air handler units, split systems, controls, pumps, and other related HVAC system components. Mechanical upgrades under the base bid will address critical systems in several facilities. Funds are available from HB 1729 Laws of 2016 (\$3,502.92); HB 1730 Laws of 2020 (\$4,600,000.00); JSU Funds (\$983,727.84); SB 2957 Laws of 2012 (\$489,991.21); SB 2971 Laws of 2021 (\$1,225,345.27); and SB 3065 Laws of 2019 (\$21,343.94). **(THIS ITEM WAS MOVED FROM THE REAL ESTATE CONSENT AGENDA.)**

ADMINISTRATION/POLICY AGENDA

Presented by Trustee Gregg Rader, Chair

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

1. **SYSTEM** – Approved the following board meeting dates and locations for January through December 2026.

Thursday, January 22, 2026	Board Office
Thursday, February 19, 2026	Board Office
Thursday, March 19, 2026	Board Office
Thursday, April 16, 2026	Board Office
Thursday, May 21, 2026	Alcorn State University
Thursday, June 18, 2026	Board Office
Thursday, July 16, 2026	Subject to Call

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Thursday, August 20, 2026	Board Office
Thursday, September 17, 2026	Board Retreat
Thursday, October 15, 2026	Board Office
Thursday, November 19, 2026	Jackson State University
Thursday, December 17, 2026	Subject to Call

INFORMATION AGENDAS

Presented by Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

1. **SYSTEM** – The Board received annual report of the winners of the Halbrook Awards for Academic Achievement Among Athletes for 2024-2025, as follows:

David C. Halbrook Awards for Academic Achievement Among Athletes^a			
Public University Division – Men	University of Southern Mississippi		
Public University Division – Women	University of Southern Mississippi		
Independent College Division – Men	Mississippi College		
Independent College Division – Women	Mississippi College		
Community College Division – Men	Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College		
Community College Division – Women	Northwest Mississippi Community College		
John C. and Ernestine McCall Halbrook Improvement Award^b	Mississippi State University		
David M. Halbrook Certificate Award for Academic Achievement Among Athletes^c			
	Institution	Male Recipient	Female Recipient
Public University Division	Delta State University	Brett Burrell	Robyn Moody
	Jackson State University	JaCobian Morgan	Karys Dove
	Mississippi State University	Aaron Downs	Raelin Chaffin
	Mississippi University for Women	Landon Clark	Rylie Grisham
	Mississippi Valley State University	Malik Kemp	Madison Conley
	University of Mississippi	Mason Nichols	Loral Winn
	University of Southern Mississippi	Tucker Stockman	Taylor Tribble
Independent College/ University Division	Belhaven University	Jonathan Lucas	Ashaunti Barnes
	Millsaps College	Brian Sullivan	Camille Fremaux
	Mississippi College	Braedon Methvin	Shelby Samples
	William Carey University	Chase Guillot	Jenna Garriga
Community College Division	Coahoma Community College	Gregory Neely, III	Haile Barrett
	Copiah-Lincoln Comm. College	Rhea Willsey	Carson Hughey
	East Central Community College	Tate Baucum	Addy Page
	Hinds Community College	Jackson Collins	Shelby Allen
	Holmes Community College	Cole Moudy	Bella Parker Roberts
	Itawamba Community College	Dylan Rowsey	Lauren Brown
	Jones College	Sebastian Nowak	Caroline Wilson
	Meridian Community College	Bruce McClung	Holly Gilles
	MS Gulf Coast Comm. College	David Ruiz Ospina	Danique Vermue
	Northeast MS Comm. College	Parker Hall	Allie Gillespie
	Northwest MS Comm. College	Jackson Jenkins	Mattie Sanders
	Pearl River Community College	Andrew Hansen	Anna Kate Rounsaville
Southwest MS Comm. College	Daillon Kryzanowski	Abby Davis	

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

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

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

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2. **UMMC** – On July 30, 2025, the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services (ITS) as the contracting agent for UMMC, entered into Order Form 505356 under the current Master Subscription Agreement with Workday, Inc. (Workday). Order Form 505356 is a 30-month subscription order for a Contract Lifecycle Management software, a Strategic Sourcing Expert software, and Messaging software. The term of Order Form 505356 is thirty (30) months, for the period July 30, 2025 through January 18, 2028. The term of the Master Subscription Agreement will remain unchanged and will expire January 18, 2028. The total cost for Order Form 505356 is \$941,003. The total cost of the Master Subscription will now be \$28,345,846.60.

REAL ESTATE

3. **SYSTEM** – The Board received the Real Estate items that were approved by the Board staff subsequent to the October 16, 2025 Board meeting in accordance with Board Policy 904 Board Approval. (See Exhibit 2.)

LEGAL

4. **SYSTEM** – The Board received a report of the payment of legal fees to outside counsel. (See Exhibit 3.)

ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

5. **SYSTEM** – 2025 Fall Commencement Schedule

Alcorn State University

Time/Date: 9:00 a.m., Thursday, December 11, 2025

Location: Davey L. Whitney Health, Physical Education and Recreation Complex

Speaker: Mr. Daryl Hammett, Director, Global Delivery, AI Platforms and Security for Professional Services at Amazon Web Services

Delta State University

Time/Date: 10:00 a.m., Friday, December 12, 2025

Location: Walter Sillers Coliseum

Speaker: Dr. Lisa Cooley, 2025 S. E. Kossman Outstanding Teacher Award Winner and Assistant Professor of Marketing

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Jackson State University

Graduate

Time/Date: 9:00 a.m., Friday, December 5, 2025
Location: Lee E. Williams Athletics and Assembly Center
Speaker: Dr. Frazier Henderson, Director, Shell Workforce Development
Diversity Outreach Vice President, Shell USA Company
Foundation

Undergraduate

Time/Date: 2:00 p.m., Friday, December 5, 2025
Location: Lee E. Williams Athletics and Assembly Center
Speaker: Dr. Mark G. Henderson, Chair, Department of Speech
Communication and Theatre at Jackson State University, and
Founder/Artistic Director of MADDRAMA (Making A Difference
Doing Respectable and Meaningful Art) Theatre Troupe

Mississippi State University

Meridian Campus

Time/Date: 11:00 a.m., Thursday, December 11, 2025
Location: MSU Riley Center

Starkville Campus

Doctoral Graduation and Hooding Ceremony (Ph.D. and Ed.D.)

Time/Date: 4:00 p.m., Thursday, December 11, 2025
Location: Lee Hall – Bettersworth Auditorium

*Academic Affairs; College of Architecture, Art and Design; College of Arts and Sciences;
College of Education; College of Professional and Continuing Studies*

Time/Date: 9:30 a.m., Friday, December 12, 2025
Location: Humphrey Coliseum

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

Time/Date: 2:30 p.m., Friday, December 12, 2025
Location: Humphrey Coliseum

Mississippi University for Women

Time/Date: 11:00 a.m., Friday, December 12, 2025
Location: Rent Auditorium, Whitfield Hall

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Mississippi Valley State University

Time/Date: 8:00 a.m., Saturday, December 13, 2025
Location: R.W. Harrison Sports Complex
Speaker: Dr. Mary Tyes-Williams, Mayor, City of Itta Bena

The University of Southern Mississippi

Graduate Students – All Colleges

Time/Date: 5:00 p.m., Thursday, December 11, 2025
Location: Bernard Reed Green Coliseum, Hattiesburg, MS

Undergraduates – College of Business and Economic Development

College of Education and Human Sciences

Time/Date: 9:00 a.m., Friday, December 12, 2025
Location: Bernard Reed Green Coliseum, Hattiesburg, MS

Undergraduates – College of Arts and Sciences

College of Nursing and Health Professions

Time/Date: 2:00 p.m., Friday, December 12, 2025
Location: Bernard Reed Green Coliseum, Hattiesburg, MS

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. **UM** – On October 9, 2025, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the request to provide retroactive consent to a sublease between Sig Ep Housing Mississippi Alpha, LLC (Sublandlord/Sig Ep) and Sigma Pi Mississippi House Corporation (Subtenant/Sigma Pi). Sig Ep Holds the lease with the University for the property located at 309 Fraternity Row on the UM campus, such lease expiring March 31, 2052. Sig Ep doesn't currently operate a chapter of its fraternity on the campus and have sublet the property to Sigma Pi for use as a fraternity residential house since April 9, 2020. That lease expired on June 30, 2025, and the parties wish to extend the lease for another three-year term. The new term is July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028. 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. **USM** – In accordance with Board Policy 701.06 Budget Escalations and Revisions, all revisions to annual budgets which do not increase the total amount of the budgets must be approved by the Commissioner prior to implementation and subsequently reported to the Board. On October 6, 2025, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the final revisions to the following budgets for Fiscal Year 2025:
 - 1. On Campus – Hattiesburg
 - 2. Off Campus – Gulf Park
 - 3. Children's Center for Communication and Development

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4. Dubard School
5. Stennis Center for Higher Learning
6. Mississippi Polymer Institute
7. Gulf Coast Research Laboratory
8. Auxiliary Enterprises

The IHL Executive Office financial staff have reviewed and approved these revisions. These revisions contain no increase to the total budgets but, rather, are reallocations among individual expense categories. A copy of the documents is on file at the Board Office.

- c. **USM** – On October 9, 2025 Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between the University of Southern Mississippi and ANewSouth Properties, LLC for approximately 1,760 square feet of space located at 370 Courthouse Road, Suite 101 in Gulfport, Mississippi to be used for a Mississippi Early Childhood Inclusion Center (MECIC) Resource and Referral office operated by the University in accordance with the terms of a grant awarded to the University by the Mississippi Department of Human Services. The initial term of the lease is one year, effective October 1, 2025, with an option to renew for two additional 1-year terms by agreement of the parties. The total cost of the initial 1-year term is \$27,540 payable in monthly installments of \$2,295 due on the first day 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.

OTHER BUSINESS

On motion by Trustee Cunningham, seconded by Trustee Hubbard, with Trustee Cunningham participating via Zoom, all trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve the selection of the Search Advisory Constituency members for the Jackson State University presidential search item to the agenda.

On motion by Trustee Cunningham, seconded by Trustee Clark, with Trustee Cunningham participating via Zoom, all trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve the following individuals to serve as Search Advisory Constituency members:

- Dr. Nicholas J. Hill—Dean, College of Business, Jackson State University
- Dr. Candice L. Jackson—Secretary, Jackson State University Faculty Senate, and Associate Professor, Department of English, Foreign Languages, and Speech Communications, Jackson State University
- Dr. Deidre L. Wheaton—Associate Dean, College of Education and Human Development, Jackson State University
- Brigadier General (Ret.) Robert Crear—Advisory Board, Jackson State University Development Foundation
- Patrease Edwards—President, Jackson State University National Alumni Association

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Members of the Search Advisory Constituency will assist the Jackson State University Board Search Committee in the vetting of applicants in an appropriate manner as determined by the Board Search Committee. The Board Search Committee is comprised of all members of the Board of Trustees.

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE REPORT
Wednesday, November 19, 2025**

Committee members participated in the meeting in person or via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Teresa Hubbard at approximately 1:30 p.m. The following items were discussed.

1. The Committee discussed a program request from the University of Mississippi Medical Center and a declaration of intent to establish a Doctor of Nursing Practice at Mississippi College. **No action was taken.**
2. On motion by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Arrington, with Trustees Cummings and Cunningham participating via Zoom, all Committee members legally present and participating voted unanimously to adjourn.

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

**JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT
Wednesday, November 19, 2025**

Committee members participated in the meeting in person or via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dr. Steven Cunningham at approximately 1:50 p.m. The following items were discussed.

1. Dr. Carlton Brown, Senior Executive Search Consultant, and Dr. Kim Bobby, Principal, both with the AGB Search, provided a brief overview of the draft timeline and the overall process. **No action was taken.**
2. On motion by Trustee Stephenson, seconded by Trustee Cummings, with Trustees Cummings and Cunningham participating via Zoom, all Committee members legally present and participating voted unanimously to adjourn.

The following Committee members were present: Dr. Steven Cunningham (Chair) (via Zoom), Ms. Amy Arrington, Mr. Don Clark, Jr., Dr. Ormella Cummings (via Zoom), 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.

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**HEALTH AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE REPORT
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Committee members participated in the meeting in person or via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dr. Steven Cunningham at approximately 2:30 p.m. The following items were discussed.

3. The Committee discussed the monthly financial summary and received the clinical quality report. **No action was taken.**
4. Executive Session

On motion by Trustee Rader, seconded by Trustee Hubbard, with Trustee Cummings absent and not voting, all Committee members legally present and participating voted unanimously to close the meeting to determine whether to declare an Executive Session. Trustee Clark recused himself from discussing or voting on any items during executive session by leaving the room. With Trustees Arrington and Clark absent, on motion by Trustee Hubbard, seconded by Trustee Ogletree, 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:

Discussion of one UMMC item involving prospective strategic business decisions of a public hospital including the expansion of medical services, and capital improvements and discussion of confidential and privileged legal advice regarding this item, the discussion of which in open session would be detrimental to IHL's interest.

During Executive Session, the following matters were discussed:

The Committee discussed one UMMC item involving prospective strategic business decisions of a public hospital including the expansion of medical services, and capital improvements. **No action was taken.**

On motion by Trustee Griffith, seconded by Trustee Griffith, Trustees Arrington, Clark, and Cummings, all Committee members legally present and participating voted unanimously to return to open session.

5. On motion by Trustee Griffith, seconded by Trustee Stephenson, with Trustees Arrington, Clark, and Cummings, all Committee members legally present and participating voted unanimously to adjourn.

The following Committee members were present: Dr. Steven Cunningham (Chair) (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. Ms. Amy Arrington and Dr. Ormella Cummings were absent.

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**FINANCE AND BUDGET
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

Committee members participated in the meeting in person or via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Chair Charlie Stephenson at approximately 4:30 p.m. The following items were discussed.

1. The Committee received an update from Dr. Brian Prescott, President, and Dr. Sarah Pingel, Vice President at the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS) regarding the funding formula to be used in the allocation of Education and General funds by the Board. **No action was taken.**
2. On motion by Trustee Stephenson, seconded by Trustee Hubbard, with Trustees Cummings and Cunningham absent and not voting, all Committee members legally present and participating voted unanimously to adjourn.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

- President Ogletree announced the scheduled meeting will be in January 22, 2026.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Trustee Stephenson, seconded by Trustee Griffith, with Trustee Cunningham participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to close the meeting to determine whether to declare an Executive Session. On motion by Trustee Stephenson, seconded by Trustee Griffith, with Trustee Cunningham 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:

Discussion of a personnel matter involving the performance of a particular employee holding a specific position at Delta State University.

Discussion of a personnel matter involving the performance of a particular employee holding a specific position at Mississippi State University.

Discussion of a personnel matter involving the performance of a particular employee holding a specific position at the Mississippi University for Women.

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Discussion of a personnel matter involving the performance of a particular employee holding a specific position at the University of Mississippi.

Receipt and discussion of privileged legal advice from IHL's attorney regarding the constitutional authority of the Board, the discussion of which in open session would be detrimental to the Board's interest.

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 a specific position at Delta State University. **No action was taken.**

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

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

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

The Board received and discussed privileged legal advice from IHL's attorney regarding the constitutional authority of the Board, the discussion of which in open session would be detrimental to the Board's interest. **No action was taken.**

On motion by Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Hubbard, with Trustee Martin absent and not voting and Trustee Cunningham 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 Hubbard, seconded by Trustee Cummings, with Trustee Martin absent and not voting and Trustee Cunningham participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

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EXHIBITS

- Exhibit 1 Proposed amendments to Board Policy 518 Adult Degree Completion Program for first reading.
- Exhibit 2 Real Estate items that were approved by the IHL Board staff subsequent to the October 16, 2025 Board meeting.
- Exhibit 3 Report of the payment of legal fees to outside counsel.

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1. **SYSTEM – REQUEST APPROVAL OF FIRST READING FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BOARD POLICY 518 ADULT DEGREE COMPLETION PROGRAM**

Rationale for changes: The systemwide re-engagement initiative for adult learners with some college but no degree, Complete 2 Compete, has ended. Individual institutions would like to retain the components of the initiative that were created by Board Policy so that they can administer their own re-engagement initiatives for adult learners with some college but no degree.

518 519 - ADULT DEGREE COMPLETION PROGRAM

A. General Policy

~~The Complete 2 Compete (C2C) Initiative statewide program~~ Adult Degree Completion Program was developed to encourage Mississippi adults who have completed some college, but earned no degree, to return to college and finish what they started. ~~The Adult Degree Completion Program~~ This program provides adult learners with a flexible path to a bachelor's degree and is one option for returning students to obtain degree completion ~~through the C2C Initiative~~. The Adult Degree Completion Program is intended to serve adult learners who have earned at least 90 credit hours but have not completed a baccalaureate degree and have not attended a postsecondary institution in the past twenty-four months based on last date of attendance. The curriculum may be individualized for each adult learner based on coursework completed and career goals. IHL institutions may exercise discretion regarding the hours earned and the length of non-enrollment in a postsecondary institution while maintaining the original intent of this degree program to help students, who have stopped out, earn degrees.

1) Adult Degree Completion Program

Each IHL institution may offer the Adult Degree Completion Program ~~as an emphasis under an existing baccalaureate program or as a new baccalaureate program called University Studies~~. An IHL institution may choose to list discipline-specific concentrations for the programs under the Adult Degree Completion Program on the adult learner's final transcript.

A student may not be enrolled in the Adult Degree Completion Program and another baccalaureate degree program simultaneously. Admission to the Adult Degree Completion Program does not provide for admission to other baccalaureate degree programs at the IHL institutions; however, an institution may choose to allow a

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transfer path from the Adult Degree Completion Program to another baccalaureate degree program within their institution.

2) Admission to Adult Degree Completion Program

A student is eligible for admission to the Adult Degree Completion Program if he/she has earned at least 90 credit hours but has not completed a baccalaureate degree and has not attended a postsecondary institution in the past twenty-four months based on last date of attendance. IHL institutions may exercise discretion regarding the hours earned and the length of non-enrollment in a postsecondary institution while maintaining the original intent of this degree program to help students, who have stopped out, earn degrees.

All earned credit for college-level academic credit-bearing work that was earned before admission into the ~~C2C Initiative~~ Adult Degree Completion Program may be accepted to satisfy the Adult Degree Completion Program's degree requirements. Transfer coursework for which a student earned a grade of "D" may be accepted to satisfy the Adult Degree Completion Program degree requirements. All failing grades (e.g., "F" grades) received before admission to the Adult Degree Completion Program may be disregarded but should count in credit hours attempted to determine financial aid eligibility. Additional requirements may be established by the admitting institution.

3) Institutional Policies

a. Adult learners returning to postsecondary education ~~through the C2C Initiative~~ may choose the Adult Degree Completion Program and only the requirements set forth in this policy may apply. For the Adult Degree Completion Program, additional degree requirements, catalog year requirements, and academic residency requirements may be waived by an institution.

b. An adult returning to postsecondary education ~~through the C2C Initiative~~ may choose a baccalaureate degree program other than the Adult Degree Completion Program, and institutional policies and degree requirements will apply. Institutional readmission policies will apply to adult learners who choose a baccalaureate program other than the Adult Degree Completion Program.

4) Minimum Adult Degree Completion Program Requirements

a. The minimum number of hours required in the Adult Degree Completion Program is 120 credit hours. Credits earned through prior learning assessment,

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competency-based education, or regionally accredited Career Technical programs may be included as part of the 120 hours.

- b. A program grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 must be earned. This may be the only GPA requirement that an adult learner in the Adult Degree Completion Program must satisfy to meet graduation requirements from an IHL institution. Only the credit hours required for the degree will be used to calculate the program GPA.
- c. Of the 120 credit hours required for the Adult Degree Completion Program, minimum requirements are as follows:

General Education Core Curriculum	30 credit hours
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(IHL Policy 512 Core Curriculum)

Credit in residence at the awarding institution	30 credit hours
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Upper-Division Credit	30 credit hours
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5) Financial Holds

Adult learners with previous financial holds returning through the ~~C2C Initiative~~ Adult Degree Completion Program must establish a repayment plan with the admitting institution prior to enrolling and registering for classes.

6) Tuition and Fees

Tuition and fees for enrollment in courses will be assessed according to the established tuition and fee schedule at each IHL institution.

7) Delivery Format

The format (e.g., online, accelerated, hybrid, face-to-face) of the courses offered in the Adult Degree Completion Program may be determined by the admitting institution.

8) Repeated Courses

Grades of “F” earned while enrolled in the Adult Degree Completion Program may be repeated to earn a grade that satisfies the Adult Degree Completion Program

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degree requirements. The highest grade may stand as the official grade, and in that case, only the highest grade earned may be calculated in the Adult Degree Completion Program GPA.

9) ~~Prior Learning Assessment and Competency-Based Education~~

~~The Adult Degree Completion Program may integrate prior learning assessment (PLA) and competency-based education (CBE) into university coursework. PLA and CBE credits may apply toward the Adult Degree Completion Program degree requirements.~~

~~a. PLA credit may include individualized student portfolios, evaluation of corporate and military training, program evaluations, challenge exams, and standardized exams. Credit earned through PLA may count as lower division or upper division credit. Credit earned through PLA shall not count toward the 25 percent residency requirement for the degree-awarding institution. The types of PLA accepted may be determined by the IHL institution.~~

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

(BT Minutes, 8/2017; 10/2021; X/2025)

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SYSTEM: REAL ESTATE ITEMS APPROVED SUBSEQUENT TO THE OCTOBER 16, 2025, 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.

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1. ASU-GS 101-341 – HVAC IMPROVEMENTS HEERF MATH & SCIENCE

Approval Request: Change Order #2

Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the amount of \$82,738.00 and zero (0) additional days as submitted by Brown & Root Industrial Services, LLC

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, October 28, 2025

Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following: installed a fence screen wall at the pump house; and changed the slope around the chillers slab.

Justification: This change order was necessary due to latent conditions.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Two (2) change orders for a total amount of \$115,651.00.

Project Initiation Date: August 17, 2023

Design Professional: Engineering Resource Group, Inc.

General Contractor: Brown & Root Industrial Services,

LLC Total Project Budget: \$6,409,281.00

2. ASU-GS 101-342B – HVAC IMPROVEMENTS HEERF ROBINSON HALL – PKG.B

Approval Request: Change Order #3

Board staff approved Change Order #3 in the amount of \$50,741.00 and twenty-eight (28) additional days as submitted by Paul Jackson and Son, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, October 16, 2025

Change Order Description: Change Order #3 includes the following: patched and painted concrete masonry units; provided labor and accessories to shore & support the mechanical and laundry rooms; and twenty-eight (28) days to the contract.

Justification: This change order was necessary due to latent job site conditions; and days for work as indicated herein.

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Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Three (3) change orders for a total amount of \$50,383.00 (including 1 deductive change order).

Project Initiation Date: August 17, 2023

Design Professional: Dewberry Engineers, Inc. General Contractor: Paul Jackson and Son, Inc. Total Project Budget: \$3,995,186.03

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

3. MSU-IHL 205-283 – ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS TO HUMPHREY COLISEUM PH 1

Approval Request: Change Order #14

Board staff approved Change Order #14 in the credit amount of \$5,677.00 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Thrash Commercial Contractors, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, October 20, 2025

Change Order Description: Change Order #14 includes the following: deduct regarding roof-mounted insulated jacket & refrigeration piping insulation and flexible aluminum jacket not acceptable; deduct to omit paint striping markings at colored pavement; and deduct to omit repairing surface cracks.

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

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Fourteen (14) change orders for a total amount of \$2,341,454.83.

Project Initiation Date: June 16, 2018

Design Professional: Dale Partners Architects, P.A.

General Contractor: Thrash Commercial Contractors, Inc. Total Project Budget: \$50,000,000.00

4. MSU-IHL 205-328 – AZALEA HALL

Approval Request: Change Order #6

Board staff approved Change Order #6 in the amount of \$94,034.00 and nineteen (19) additional days to the contract of Roy Anderson Corporation

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, October 20, 2025

Change Order Description: Change Order #6 includes the following: added two lockable access ladder guards; revisions to landscape planting; demolition and repair of a sidewalk; electrical scope revisions to include the additions of a 6KVA transformer and circuit modifications related to the power inverter; added two additional exit lights in a kitchen corridor; added electrical circuits to provide power to two backboxes in a classroom; added door hinge pin stops at twenty-four pod restrooms in a building; power added to the time clock in the kitchen receiving room; added attic exit lighting; added electrical circuiting and rough-in to provide power for an added automatic door operator at a door; replaced the drain grate with a manhole cover at the main entrance to the Residence Hall; added exit lighting in a mechanical room and exterior lighting

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modifications at stair B; added UG electrical to install additional SF light pole fixtures; added additional signage at the storm shelter; and nineteen (19) days to the contract.

Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to errors and omissions in the plans and specifications; user/owner requested modifications; nine (9) weather-related delays; ten (10) days for scope revisions which included the addition of concrete demolition, site grading, concrete sidewalk installation, landscaping/planting, and irrigation work.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Six (6) change orders for a total amount of \$909,837.00.

Project Initiation Date: August 18, 2022

Design Professional: Wier 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

5. **MSU-IHL 205-332 – ARTESIA ROAD EXTENDED**

Approval Request #1: Budget Increase

MSU requests approval to increase the budget from \$3,125,000.00 to \$4,204,268.22 for an increase of \$1,079,268.22.

Funding is provided by: \$2,500,000.00 (Federal Funding (Omnibus Appropriations Bill));

\$1,003,556.85 Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP); \$700,711.37 MSU Internal Funds

Approval Request #2: Contract Documents

Board staff approved Contract Documents as submitted by Garver,

LLC Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, October 24, 2025

Approval Request #3: Advertise

Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids. Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, October 24, 2025

Project Initiation Date: May 18,

2023 Design Professional: Garver,

LLC General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$4,204,268.22

6. **MSU-IHL 205-358 – NEW RESIDENCE HALL**

Approval Request: Schematic Design Documents

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

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, October 22, 2025

Project Initiation Date: January 16, 2025

Design Professional: McCarty Architects,

P.A. General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$1,000,000.00

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7. **MSU-IHL 205-359C – WISE CENTER-FARM ANIMAL HOSPITAL - EARLY SITE PACKAGE**

Approval Request #1: Contract Documents

Board staff approved Contract Documents as submitted by Eley Guild Hardy Architects, P.A.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, October 17, 2025

Approval Request #2: Advertise

Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids. Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, October 17, 2025

Project Initiation Date: October 17, 2024

Design Professional: Eley Guild Hardy Architects, P.A. CMA: AnderCorp, LLC

General Contractor: TBD

Phased Project Budget: \$1,662,018.00

Total Project Budget: \$36,000,000.00

8. **MSU-IHL 205-359D – WISE CENTER-FARM ANIMAL HOSPITAL - EQUINE HOSPITAL ENTRANCE**

Approval Request: Award of Construction Contract

Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of \$1,955,000.00 to the apparent low bidder M&P Construction, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, October 21, 2025

Project Initiation Date: October 17, 2024

Design Professional: Eley Guild Hardy Architects, P.A. CMA: AnderCorp, LLC

General Contractor: M&P Construction, LLC

Phased Project Budget:

\$2,266,367.00

Total Project Budget: \$36,000,000.00

9. **MSU-IHL 213-150 – PONTOTOC SWEET POTATO STORAGE FACILITY**

Approval Request: Initiation

Board staff approved Initiation of the Pontotoc Sweet Potato Storage Facility and appointment of Shafer Zahner Zahner as the design professional.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, October 17, 2025

Project Initiation Date: October 17, 2025

Design Professional: Shafer Zahner

Zahner General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$5,000,000.00

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

Approval Request: Change Order #12

Board staff approved Change Order #12 in the amount of \$105,757.00 and thirteen (13) additional days to the contract of AnderCorp, LLC

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, October 14, 2025

Change Order Description: Change Order #12 includes the following: omitted the dry pipe sprinkler system at the north and south entrances; provided ADA switches and monitors for the kitchen hoods; provide two 36”X36” access doors at the penthouse; provided thru- wall flashings at the rooftop pedestals and provided and installed copper flashing to extend up to brick courses which includes cost to cut and remove the stainless steel flashing and remove courses as needed to install through wall flashing; formed and placed concrete in the force plate pit which included modifying the flooring around the pit; painted the exposed fire alarm conduit and installed red tape; used concrete in lieu of landscaping on the island in front of the generator & transformer yard; omitted the acoustic sealant at the base of the interior partitions; omitted waterproofing at the radius seat wall; relocated the markerboards in a room and patched/refinished the walls; omitted the mantel in a room and switched the solid surface countertop in a room to plastic laminate; relocated the thermostat from one room to another; power changes for the Kinesiology equipment; relocated select digital sign boxes and room ID signs; repainted walls on the second floor at the student portals and the creative lounge; added French drain system at Bully Blvd which included saw cutting, excavating, drainage, backfill and asphalt as needed; re-worked a sidewalk at the northwest corner of the site adjacent to AG & Bio Engineering to coordinate with adjacent quad which included re-working forms, regrading, removed existing walk, and additional surveying along with adding handrails at ramps; gypsum board path work done; added an additional data outlet in a room; and thirteen (13) days to the contract.

Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to errors and omissions in the plans and specifications; user/owner requested modifications; and days for work as indicated herein.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Twelve (12) change orders for a total amount of \$1,417,997.70.

Project Initiation Date: March 1, 2019

Design Professional: Dale Partners Architects,

P.A. General Contractor: AnderCorp, LLC

Total Project Budget: \$65,000,000.00

11. MSU-IHL 405-003A – CAAD-HUNTER HENDRY CENTER RENOVATIONS - (PHASE I)

Approval Request: Change Order #3

Board staff approved Change Order #3 in the amount of \$36,850.95 and twenty-six (26) additional days to the contract of Byrum construction, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, October 24, 2025

Change Order Description: Change Order #3 includes the following: changed millwork depth for graphic design classroom; added vinyl plank flooring in a room; disconnect and demolish the old projection screen and blocking; moved the projector mount in BCS

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studio 1610 to the column and provided corresponding power; removed screen in lecture hall 1010 for ITS to install a new screen; installed ceiling-mounted electrical connections; provided a pathway for a low voltage switch to the existing switch box; relocate the receptacle and data to a column location; painted metal tubes on north side of building; overtime for electrical work done; enclosed chase and provided furring for teach wall to enclose unforeseen step-up in a room; removal of water-damage materials, drywall and cove base as needed in basement; changed door sign 1008 to 1108 serving the art classroom sidewalk modified for a new entry door to a classroom; credit for conduit repairs; repaired swaying glass sign; repaired and stabilized a glass railing; repainted a metal steel tube at the north canopy area; stabilized a rear handrail; deduct for tax correction; and twenty-six (26) days to the contract.

Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to latent conditions; user/owner requested modifications; and days for work as indicated herein.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Three (3) change orders for a total amount of \$233,409.81.

Project Initiation Date: August 19, 2021

Design Professional: Belinda Stewart Architects + Weir Boerner Allin Architects

General Contractor: Byrum Construction,

Inc. Phased Project Budget: \$2,000,000.00

Total Project Budget: \$35,732,500.00

12. **MSU-IHL 405-004. HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING AND DAT CENTER**

Approval Request: Change Order #11

Board staff approved Change Order #11 in the credit amount of \$88,887.18 and forty- three (43) additional days to the contract of West Brothers Construction.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, November 4, 2025

Change Order Description: Change Order #11 includes the following: Additional power circuits for Nitrogen generator, two (2) exit lights, four (4) fire extinguishers in the elevator equipment room, mechanical room, emergency elevator room and fire suppression room, relocating light switches in office rooms to 3'6", and a credit for unused contingency; and forty-three (43) days to the contract.

Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to errors and omissions, user/owner request and weather delays.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Eleven (11) change orders for a total amount of \$755,581.85.

Project Initiation Date: October 15,

2020 Design Professional: Dale Partners

General Contractor: West Brothers

Construction Total Project Budget: \$45,000,000.00

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13. **MSU-IHL 413-003B, DORMAN HALL RENOVATION, PH II ARCHITECTURAL**

Approval Request #1: Contract Documents

Board staff approved Contract Documents as submitted by JH&H Architects Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, October 21, 2025

Approval Request #2: Advertise

Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids. Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, October 21, 2025

Project Initiation Date: October 17,

2024 Design Professional: JH&H

Architects General Contractor: TBD

Phased Project Budget:

\$15,941,362.00 Total Project

Budget: \$44,141,362.00

14. **MSU-IHL 413-005 – DEER FACILITY FENCING**

Approval Request: Initiation

Board staff approved Initiation of the Deer Facility Fencing and appointment of Neel- Schaffer as the design professional.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, October 17, 2025

Project Initiation Date: October 17,

2025 Design Professional: Neel- Schaffer

General Contractor: J Morgan Company,

LLC Total Project Budget: \$1,200,000.00

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15. **MUW-GS 104-215 – JONES HALL RENOVATION**

Approval Request #1: Contract Documents

Board staff approved Contract Documents as submitted by Shafer Zahner Zahner Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, October 13, 2025

Approval Request #2: Advertise

Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids. Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, October 13, 2025

Project Initiation Date: October 17, 2024

Design Professional: Shafer Zahner

Zahner General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$10,078,925.00

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16. **MUW-GS 104-216 – OLD POHL RENOVATION**

Approval Request: Design Development Documents

Board staff approved the Design Development Documents as submitted by Belinda Stewart Architects, P.A.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, October 20, 2025

Project Initiation Date: February 20, 2025

Design Professional: Belinda Stewart Architects, P.A. General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$300,000.00 (Design Fees Only)

17. **MUW-GS 104-217 – HOGARTH RENOVATION**

Approval Request: Schematic Design Documents

Board staff approved the Schematic Design Documents as submitted by Burris/Wagnon Architects, P.A.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, October 10, 2025

Project Initiation Date: February 20, 2025

Design Professional: Burris/Wagnon Architects, P.A. General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$300,000.00 (Design Fees Only)

18. **MUW- GS 104-221 – MCDEVITT BACKUP ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS (JOC)**

Approval Request #1: Contract Documents

Board staff approved the Contract Documents as submitted by Dewberry Engineers, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, October 10, 2025

Approval Request #2: Design Development Documents

Board staff approved the Waiver of Design Development Documents as submitted by Dewberry Engineers, Inc

Project Initiation Date: February 20, 2025

Design Professional: Dewberry Engineers, Inc. General Contractor: Paul Jackson &

Sons Total Project Budget: \$1,525,454.00

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19. **MVSU-GS 106-258 – ACADEMIC SKILLS TI**

Approval Request: Change Order #2

Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the credit amount of \$25,993.60 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Thrash Commercial Contractors, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, October 13, 2025

Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following: added additional window film; credit for window shades; deduct to owner for labor associated with removing owner-furnished contractor installed items; added three flag signs; deduct for removing ceilings in three mechanical rooms; concealed existing structural stair and closed up central stair opening; reconciliation of controls allowance resulting in a deduct.

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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: Two (2) change orders for a total amount of \$32,588.84.

Project Initiation Date: October 15, 2015

Design Professional: Architecture South, P.A.

General Contractor: Thrash Commercial Contractors, Inc. Total Project Budget: \$8,939,632.82

20. **MVSU-GS 106-269 – JACOB ARON STUDENT UNION EXPANSION & RENOVATION**

Approval Request: Change Order #6

Board staff approved Change Order #6 in the amount of \$30,850.65 and three (3) additional days to the contract of Richard Womack Construction, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, November 5, 2025

Change Order Description: Change Order #6 includes the following: adding structural steel to properly tie existing roof onto new roof section; patching soffit where light fixtures were removed; adding corbel at existing column to properly support the roof section; revising post office layout to accommodate additional PO boxes; and replacing storefront doors and windows.

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

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Six (6) change orders for a total Change Order Amount of \$1,568,634.25.

Project Initiation Date: March 18, 2021

Design Professional: McCarty Architects

General Contractor: Richard Womack Construction, LLC Total Project Budget: \$25,755,000.00

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21. **UM- IHL 207-484 – WRITER’S CABIN AND COMMUNITY**

Approval Request: Design Development Documents

Board staff approved the Design Development Documents as submitted by Marlon Blackwell Architects, P.A.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, October 27, 2025

Project Initiation Date: June 16, 2022

Design Professional: Marlon Blackwell Architects, P.A. General Contractor: N/A

Total Project Budget: \$4,000,000.00

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22. UMMC-IHL 209-579 COLONY PARK NORTH

Approval Request #1: Change Order #21

Board staff approved Change Order #21 in the amount of \$129,099.82 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Codaray Construction, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, October 15, 2025

Change Order Description: Change Order #21 includes the following: added recessed pockets into the vestibule ceiling; added a mini-split system to provide HVAC to the emergency electrical room which also fills an opening into the 2-HR fire-rated wall; credit for unused portion of signage allowance; credit for removal of three trees not required; changed one sink in each of the hot labs, and one of the two sinks in the cast room from solid surface bowls to deeper stainless steel bowls; provided additional stud bracing and stiffening plates required to reinforce the partitions supporting the OTO room microscope booms; provided a data outlet at each clock location in the Or and Procedure rooms; reduced the terrazzo cove base in all the lobbies from 6" to 4" base.

Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to errors and omissions in the plans and specifications; and user/owner requested modifications.

Approval Request #2: Change Order #22

Board staff approved Change Order #22 in the amount of \$248,442.13 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Codaray Construction, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, October 31, 2025

Change Order Description: Change Order #22 includes the following: added three linear lights in the first floor MOB lobby; added two outlets and one additional circuit for the Cryostats in the second floor MOHS lab; added a pipe bollard at the loading dock; added a new check-in area adjacent to the ASC waiting room; omitted one section of base and wall cabinets from the MOHS lab to provide room for three Cryostat machines; replaced the countertop that was prepped for a solid surface sink, to receive a stainless steel sink; added locks at the top drawer in all check-in and check-out millwork; and added an irrigation meter as the project did not include building permits, meter fees, and tap fees.

Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to errors and omissions in the plans and specifications; and user/owner requested modifications.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Twenty-two (22) change orders for a total amount of \$5,332,493.99.

Project Initiation Date: June 16, 2022

Design Professional: Cook Douglas Farr Lemons Architects + Engineers,

P.A. General Contractor: Codaray Construction, LLC

Total Project Budget: \$107,910,527.00

23. UMMC-IHL 409-006.1 – SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY (EARLY ELECTRICAL PACKAGE)

Approval Request: Change Order #1

Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$65,753.42 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Fountain Construction Company.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, November 5, 2025

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Change Order Description: Change Order #1 includes the following: Refurbishing and testing the Owner's 15KV PMH-10 Switch and 3000 KVA Transformer.

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

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: One (1) change order in the total amount of \$65,753.42.

Project Initiation Date: August 17, 2023

Design Professional: Eley Guild Hardy Architects

General Contractor: Fountain Construction

Company Phased Project Budget: \$975,541.93

Total Project Budget: \$40,000,000.00

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24. USM-IHL 208-391 – LIBRARY PLAZA/FORREST AVENUE PH 2 (MDOT)

Approval Request: Award of Construction Contract

Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of \$2,050,785.00 to the apparent low bidder, JW Chain Contractors.

Approval Status & Date: APPROVED, November 5, 2025

Project Initiation Date: April 18, 2024

Design Professional: Neel Schaffer, Inc.

General Contractor: JW Chain Contractors

Total Project Budget: 2,852,446.25

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SYSTEM - REPORT OF PAYMENTS TO OUTSIDE COUNSEL

Legal fees approved for payment to outside counsel in relation to litigation and other matters:

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware|Immigration (statement dated 10/13/25) from the funds of Alcorn State University. (This statement, in the amount of \$200.00, represents services and expenses in connection with an immigration/labor certification matter.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 200.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware|Immigration (statement dated 9/23/25) from the funds of Jackson State University. (This statement, in the amount of \$2,805.00, represents services and expenses in connection with an immigration/labor certification matter.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 2,805.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP (statement dated 10/17/25) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement, in the amount of \$68.00, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 68.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Brunini, Grower, Grantham and Hewes, PLLC (statements dated 10/15/25 and 10/15/25) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$612.50 and \$155.00, represent services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 767.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statement dated 10/14/24) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement, in the amount of \$1,725.00, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 1,725.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware|Immigration (statements dated 10/8/25 and 10/22/25) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$3,150.00 and \$561.00, represent services and expenses in connection with immigration/labor certification matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 3,711.00

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Lightfoot Franklin White, LLC (statement dated 10/13/25) from the funds of Mississippi Valley State University. (This statement, in the amount of \$3,193.00, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 3,193.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statements dated 9/25/25 and 10/14/25) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$14,125.50 and \$13,505.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 27,630.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Lightfoot Franklin White, LLC (statement dated 10/13/25) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$5,047.00, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 5,047.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mayo Mallette, PLLC (statements dated 10/9/25, 10/9/25 and 10/9/25) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$325.00, \$800.00 and \$75.00, represent services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 1,200.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware|Immigration (statements dated 9/26/25, 10/1/25, 10/1/25, 10/10/25 and 10/10/25) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$6,150.00, \$2,650.00, \$3,520.00, \$2,155.00 and \$5,150.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with immigration/labor certification matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 19,625.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Alexander Law, P.A. (statements dated 9/2/25, 9/2/25, 9/2/25, 9/2/25 and 9/2/25) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$3,181.50, \$1,015.00, \$2,314.50, \$2,467.00 and \$3,216.00, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 12,194.00

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statements dated 8/14/25, 8/14/25, 8/14/25, 8/14/25, 8/14/25, 8/14/25, 8/14/25, 8/26/25, 9/12/25, 9/12/25, 9/12/25, 9/12/25, 9/12/25 and 9/12/25) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$1,114.70, \$12,192.90, \$438.00, \$80.00, \$12,862.10, \$100.00, \$1,436.31, \$9,892.90, \$438.00, \$3,510.05, \$307.10, \$1,285.80, \$968.50 and \$9,737.70, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 54,364.06

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mayo Mallette, PLLC (statement dated 9/8/25) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (This statement, the amount of \$68.00, represents services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 68.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Page, Kruger & Holland, PA (statements dated 9/2/25, 9/2/25, 9/2/25, 9/2/25, 9/2/25 and 9/8/25) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$1,309.00, \$40.00, \$80.00, \$119.00, \$100.00 and \$2,840.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 4,488.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Steen, Dalehite & Pace, LLC (statements dated 3/31/25, 4/30/25, 5/31/25, 6/30/25 and 9/5/25) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$221.00, \$255.00, \$289.00, \$323.00 and \$918.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 2,006.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Vernis & Bowling of Mississippi, PLLC (statements dated 8/22/25, 8/22/25, 8/22/25, 8/22/25, 8/22/25, 8/22/25 and 8/22/25) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$8,070.00, \$486.00, \$1,504.65, \$2,753.30, \$1,699.00, \$3,073.00 and \$995.00, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 18,580.95

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Walker & Ungo Immigration Law Firm (statements dated 9/2/25 and 9/2/25) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$303.62 and \$316.06, represent services and expenses in connection with immigration/labor certification matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 619.68

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Watkins & Eager, PLLC (statements dated 8/18/25, 9/8/25, 9/8/25 and 9/10/25) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$4,375.00, \$8,015.00, \$14,070.00 and \$3,290.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 29,750.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by the Wise, Carter, Child & Caraway, P.A. (statement dated 8/18/25) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (This statement, in the amount of \$105.00, represents services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 105.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware|Immigration (statements dated 9/2/25, 10/1/25, 10/1/25, 10/1/25 and 10/17/25) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$975.00, \$234.09, \$234.09, \$200.00 and \$3,000.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with immigration/labor certification matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 4,643.18

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

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Conley Rose, P.C. (statement dated 10/15/25) 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 10/9/25, 10/9/25, 10/9/25, 10/9/25, 10/9/25, 10/9/25, 10/9/25, 10/10/25, 10/10/25, 10/10/25 and 10/10/25) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$1,235.68, \$316.00, \$1,973.18, \$808.00, \$237.00, \$395.00, \$4,401.50, \$2,617.00, \$237.00, \$158.00 and \$325.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 12,703.36

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Stites & Harbison, PLLC (statements dated 10/17/25, 10/17/25, 10/17/25, 10/17/25, 10/17/25, 10/17/25 and 10/17/25,) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$426.50, \$912.00,

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\$813.00, \$417.00, \$396.00, \$1,574.00 and \$695.50, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 5,234.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statements dated 7/25/25, 7/25/25, 9/25/25, 9/25/25, 9/30/25, 10/14/25, 10/14/25 and 10/14/25) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$25,000.00, \$25,000.00, \$3,634.50, \$2,920.00, \$25,000.00, \$1,496.50, \$3,102.50 and \$328.50, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 86,482.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Thomas|Horstemeyer, LLP (statements dated 9/30/25, 9/30/25, 9/30/25, 9/30/25, 9/30/25, 9/30/25, 9/30/25, 9/30/25, 9/30/25, 9/30/25, 9/30/25, 9/30/25, 9/30/25, 9/30/25, 9/30/25, 9/30/25, 9/30/25, 9/30/25 and 9/30/25,) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$1,932.00, \$162.11, \$609.00, \$2,441.00, \$558.00, \$558.00, \$2,963.00, \$996.00, \$225.00, \$655.00, \$225.00, \$1,232.00, \$232.00, \$1,423.00, \$129.00, \$470.00, \$898.00, \$863.00, \$1,037.00, \$287.00, \$745.00 and \$485.00, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 19,125.11

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Stites & Harbison, PLLC (statements dated 8/26/25 and 8/26/25) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$96.00 and \$684.00, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 780.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Workman Nydegger (statements dated 7/22/25, 7/22/25, 8/13/25, 8/13/25, 8/13/25, 8/13/25, 8/13/25, 8/13/25 and 8/13/25) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$105.00, \$105.00, \$380.39, \$436.89, \$419.39, \$549.42, \$518.11, \$479.66 and \$70.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with intellectual property patents.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 3,063.85

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statement dated 9/25/25) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$67.50, represents services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 67.50

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mendelsohn Dunleavy, P.C. (statements dated 9/11/25, 9/11/25, 9/11/25, 9/11/25 and 9/11/25) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$350.00, \$800.00, \$140.00, \$210.00 and \$105.00, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....	\$	1,605.00
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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING
December 18, 2025**

BE IT REMEMBERED, That the Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi met in a special called meeting via Zoom at 12:00 p.m. on December 18, 2025, and pursuant to notice, to each and every member of said Board. The following members participated via Zoom: Ms. Amy Arrington, Mr. Don Clark, Dr. Steven Cunningham, Mr. Jerry L. Griffith, Mr. Jimmy Heidelberg, Ms. Teresa Hubbard, Mr. Gee Ogletree, Mr. Hal Parker, Mr. Gregg Rader, and Mr. Charlie Stephenson. Dr. Ormella Cummings and Mr. Bruce Martin were absent. The meeting was called to order by President Gee Ogletree.

To comply with Miss. Code Ann. §25-41-5, as amended, all votes taken during this Zoom meeting were recorded by name in a rollcall. As reflected in the official meeting notice, the meeting was held to act on the Jackson State University presidential search, including consideration of the leadership profile and related policies.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Trustee Arrington, seconded by Trustee Hubbard, with Trustees Cummings and Martin absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to close the meeting to determine whether to declare an Executive Session. On motion by Trustee Heidelberg, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, with Trustees Cummings and Martin absent and not voting and Trustee Heidelberg 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:

Discussion and receipt of confidential and privileged legal advice from the Board's attorney, including advice regarding a pending IHL litigation matter, the discussion of which in open session would be detrimental to IHL's interest.

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

The Board received and discussed privileged legal advice from our attorney regarding pending litigation filed against IHL. **No action was taken.**

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

Trustee Cunningham, Chair of the Jackson State University Board Search Committee, noted that Board Policy 201.0509 Institutional Executive Officer/Commissioner of Higher Education Search Process, subsection c Extended Search Process, item 4 Position Qualifications, Advertisement and Search Schedule, states that "the Board shall approve any candidate profile." A candidate profile for the Jackson State University presidential search has been drafted. The development of the profile was a cooperative effort between the JSU marketing and communications team, IHL staff, and the AGB Search consultants. It has been shared with members of JSU Search Advisory

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Constituency and has been provided to trustees for their review. On motion by Trustee Cunningham, seconded by Trustee Hubbard, with Trustees Cummings and Martin absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve the JSU candidate profile as written.

Next, Trustee Cunninham noted that Board Policy 201.0510 Application by Interim or Acting Institutional Executive Officer for Institutional Executive Officer Position states that a person serving as acting or interim president of the institution at the time the formal advertisement for presidential candidates is made may not be considered as a candidate for the permanent presidential position. On motion by Trustee Cunningham, seconded by Trustee Heidelberg, with Trustees Cummings and Martin absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to waive this portion of Policy 201.0510 for the current JSU presidential search so that the interim president of Jackson State University may be considered as a candidate for the position of president, if she chooses to apply. By waiving this policy, the Board will be permitted to consider an application submitted by JSU's interim president in addition to applications submitted by other candidates who may be recruited through the national search process for the position of JSU president.

ADJOURNMENT

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

President, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning

Commissioner, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning

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BE IT REMEMBERED, That the Health Affairs Committee met in a special called meeting via Zoom held at the Board Office in Jackson, Mississippi at approximately 12:50 p.m. on December 18, 2025, and pursuant to notice in writing, to each and every member of said Committee. The following members participated: Dr. Steven Cunningham (Chair), Mr. Don Clark, Mr. Jerry L. Griffith, Mr. Jimmy Heidelberg, Ms. Teresa Hubbard, Mr. Gee Ogletree, Mr. Gregg Rader, and Mr. Charlie Stephenson. Ms. Amy Arrington, Dr. Ormella Cummings, Mr. Bruce Martin, and Mr. Hal Parker were absent. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Cunningham.

To comply with Miss. Code Ann., §25-41-5, as amended, all votes taken during this Zoom meeting were recorded by name in a rollcall. As reflected in the official meeting notice, the meeting was held to discuss a strategic business decision related to the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Trustee Hubbard, seconded by Trustee Clark, with Trustees Arrington, Cummings, Martin, and Parker absent and not voting, all Committee members legally present and participating voted unanimously to close the meeting to determine whether to declare an Executive Session. On motion by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Hubbard, with Trustees Arrington, Cummings, Martin, and Parker absent and not voting, all Committee members legally present and participating voted unanimously **to enter Executive Session** for the reason reported to the public and stated in these minutes, as follows:

Discussion of one UMMC item involving prospective strategic business decisions of a public hospital including the expansion of medical services, and capital improvements and the discussion of confidential and privileged legal advice regarding this item, the discussion of which in open session would be detrimental to IHL's interest.

During Executive Session, the following matter was discussed:

The Committee discussed one UMMC item involving prospective strategic business decisions of a public hospital including the expansion of medical services, and capital improvements. **No action was taken.**

On motion by Trustee Hubbard, seconded by Trustee Stephenson, with Trustees Arrington, Cummings, Martin, and Parker absent and not voting, all Committee members legally present and participating voted unanimously to return to Open Session.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Trustee Ogletree, seconded by Trustee Rader, with Trustees Arrington, Cummings, Martin, and Parker absent and not voting, all Committee members 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

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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
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1. JSU – MODIFICATION OF AN EXISTING ACADEMIC DEGREE PROGRAM

Board Policy 503 states: “As part of its broad constitutional authority to govern the universities, the Board shall exercise its authority to modify programs offered by the universities generally or at various units of the universities.”

In accordance with Board policy 503, Jackson State University requests approval for the modification of an existing academic degree program.

SUSPENDING

Program title: Master of Science (MS) in Hazardous Materials Management

CIP code, sequence: 15.0507, 4445

Total credit hours: 36

Effective date: January 2026

Rationale: This degree program was triggered in the IHL Academic Productivity Review process. Due to continued decline in enrollment, this program is no longer sustainable. Among the six students currently enrolled, three are graduating in May 2025, one in May 2026, and two in May 2027.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

2. MSU – MODIFICATION OF EXISTING ACADEMIC UNITS

In accordance with Board policies 503 and 504, Mississippi State University requests approval to modify existing academic units.

REORGANIZING

Units involved in proposed reorganization: Division of Education and School of Health Professions

Location: Meridian

Organizational units to be moved from Division of Education to School of Health Professions:

 PsyD in Combined Health Service Psychology

 MSU-M Mental and Behavioral Health Clinic

As a result of reorganization, the following units will be housed in Division of Education:

 Division of Education (Meridian)

 Department of Counseling, Higher Ed, Ed Psych, and Foundations

 Department of Kinesiology

 Department of Music

 Department of Teacher Education and Leadership

 Department of Technology, Leadership, and Design

As a result of reorganization, the following units will be housed in the School of Health Professions:

 School of Health Professions (Meridian)

 Physician Assistant Studies Program

 Healthcare Administration Program

 Physical Therapy Program

 Health Service Psychology Program

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Effective date: January 2026

Cost of implementation: \$0

Total number of faculty/total number of faculty displaced: 5/5

Total number of staff/total number of staff displaced: 2/2

Rationale: The proposed realignment of the Psychology Doctorate (PsyD) in Combined Health Service Psychology and the MSU-Meridian Mental and Behavioral Health Clinic from the Division of Education to the School of Health Professions reflects both strategic and structural priorities of Mississippi State University – Meridian. This transition aligns the program and clinic with their disciplinary focus, accreditation expectations, and long-term growth potential in the health professions sector. These emphases align more closely with the mission of the School of Health Professions, which houses programs dedicated to the health and well-being of individuals and communities (e.g., Physician Assistant Studies, Healthcare Administration, and future Physical Therapy program). Relocating the program and clinic ensures disciplinary cohesion and strengthens the identity of MSU-Meridian's health professions portfolio. Transferring the program and clinic to the School of Health Professions strengthens their alignment with academic units focused on healthcare delivery and prepares graduates for practice in interprofessional, collaborative care settings. Additionally, the move positions MSU-Meridian to expand clinical services and address urgent workforce shortages in mental and behavioral health across the region, reinforcing the university's mission of service, access, and regional impact.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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1. ASU – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO RENEW A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH ELLUCIAN COMPANY, LLC

Agenda Item Request: Alcorn State University requests Board approval to renew its contract with Ellucian Company, LLC for enterprise resource planning and student information system services. The renewal operates under a Master Agreement between Ellucian and the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services (ITS), with ITS serving as contracting agent for the university.

Contractor's Legal Name: Ellucian Company, LLC

History of Contract: Alcorn State University currently operates under "Amendment Number 1" (Project #47964), which amended the original Supplement to Master Software License and Service Agreement executed October 23, 2017 between Ellucian Company, LLC and the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services as contracting agent for Alcorn State University (original Project #43900).

Specific Type of Contract: This is an amendment/modification to a software maintenance agreement.

Purpose: This renewal amendment/modification to the original software agreement supports continued maintenance of Banner software modules and Financial Aid subscription to ensure system security and reliability.

Scope of Work: 1) The agreement provides maintenance support to the Banner modules, Banner Document Management Suite and the Financial Aid subscription referred to as FM Needs Analysis.

Term of Contract: Start Date: 2/1/26 End Date: 1/31/30.

Contract Amount: The five-year renewal contract totals \$1,477,215, with payments made annually in arrears.

Funding Source for Contract: The contract will be funded by E & G funds.

Termination Options:

- **For Convenience:** Except as otherwise specified in any Subscription Order Form, Customer may terminate its use of the Services and the applicable subscription Order Form for convenience on thirty (30) days prior written notice;
- **For Cause:** Either party may terminate a Subscription Order Form effectively immediately upon written notice in the event the other party material breaches this Agreement and has failed to cure such breach or to commence commercially reasonable efforts to cure such breach within thirty (30) days following notice from the non breaching party. Customer's non-payment of fees promptly when due is

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deemed a material breach of this Agreement under this subsection.

The Agreement or Order Form may be terminated, in whole or in part, as follows:
(a) upon mutual, written agreement of the parties; and (b) ITS may terminate the Agreement in whole or in part without the assessment of any penalties upon twenty (2) calendar days written notice to Ellucian if Ellucian is declared insolvent or bankrupt by a court of competent jurisdiction, or if voluntary or involuntary petition in bankruptcy is filed in any court of competent jurisdiction against Ellucian and such petition is not dismissed within ninety (90) days after filing.

Contractor Selection Process: The software was originally selected through the Request for Proposals process and eventually a Master Agreement was negotiated by the Mississippi Department of Informational Technology Services on behalf of all Institutions of Higher Learning in Mississippi currently utilizing the software.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

2. **DSU – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO INCREASE EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY FOR SUBCONTRACT WITH DRAFT, LLC**

Agenda Item Request: Delta State University requests approval of its existing subcontract with DRAFT, LLC for the Agricultural Flight Operator Program because the total contract amount will exceed \$25,000 as a result of increased participation in the program. The subcontract establishes a per student rate of \$24,500, but it does not limit or predetermine the number of students who may participate. Two additional students have enrolled, which increases the total projected contract cost by an additional \$49,000. No amendment to the subcontract is required because the contractual pricing structure already contemplates a per student payment model without specifying a fixed quantity.

Specific Type of Contract: This is an educational and training services subcontract under a Federal grant sponsored program.

Contractor’s Legal Name: DRAFT, LLC.

History of Contract: Delta State University initially entered into a subcontract with DRAFT, LLC in November 2024 (DSU Subcontract #DSU010) to provide agricultural flight training services under the Agricultural Flight Operator (AFO) Program funded by Grant No. P116Z220016 (CFDA 84.116Z). The first agreement covered the period November 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, and included development of the Agricultural Operations Career Pathway Program with a budget of approximately \$223,300 and a per-student cost of \$20,300.

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In October 2025, DSU executed a second subcontract (DSU Subcontract #DSU011) with DRAFT, LLC to continue and expand these services for the period October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026, at an updated rate of \$24,500 per student per year. The current request seeks to add two additional students at \$24,500 each, increasing the contract by \$49,000 and bringing the total to \$294,000. The subcontract does not set a total number of students and therefore does not require amendment when program participation increases. The enrollment of two additional students increases the total contract cost above \$250,000, which requires Board approval.

Purpose: The subcontract with DRAFT, LLC supports Delta State University's federally funded Agricultural Flight Operator (AFO) Program by providing specialized agricultural aviation training. This includes developing the Agricultural Operations Career Pathway and delivering at least 50 hours of tailwheel flight time and ground instruction per student. Training covers aircraft calibration, spray systems, navigation, hazard identification, emergency procedures, and compliance with industry standards. DRAFT, LLC will also provide equipment, facilities, and qualified instructors to ensure students meet program objectives and federal grant requirements.

Scope of Work: DRAFT, LLC will deliver specialized agricultural aviation training as part of the Agricultural Operations Career Pathway Program. The scope includes at least 50 hours of tailwheel flight time and ground instruction by credentialed aerial application instructors. Training will cover aircraft calibration, spray systems, navigation with and without GPS, hazard identification, emergency procedures, and advanced tailwheel techniques. DRAFT, LLC will provide equipment, facilities, and coordination with DSU to ensure compliance with program objectives and federal grant requirements.

Term of Contract: The term of the contract is October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026.

Termination Options: Based on the contract, the termination options are as follows:

- a. Termination for Convenience – Either party may terminate the subcontract upon sixty (60) days written notice to the other party.
- b. Termination for Default – If the subcontractor defaults, DSU may terminate the subcontract at any time by giving ten (10) days written notice.
- c. Termination Due to Sponsor Action – If the federal Sponsor terminates or issues a stop-work order to DSU, DSU reserves the right to issue a termination or stop-work order to the Subcontractor pursuant to the terms of the Sponsor's action, regardless of the time frame.
- d. Post-Termination Obligations – Upon termination, DSU may require the Subcontractor to transfer and deliver partially completed reports, documentation, and programs. The Subcontractor is entitled to reimbursement for all allowable, non-cancelable obligations properly incurred through the date of termination, not to exceed the maximum amount payable under the subcontract.

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Contract Amount: The total projected expense of the contract is projected to be \$294,000.

Funding Source for Contract: Federal grant funds are the funding source for this contract.

Contractor Selection Process: This subcontract was awarded to DRAFT, LLC through a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process. The RFP process ensured fair and open competition and compliance with applicable state and federal regulations.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

3. **DSU – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND A BEVERAGE SALES AND SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT WITH PEPSICO BEVERAGE SALES, LLC**

Agenda Item Request: Delta State University provides this informational update regarding Amendment #1 to its Beverage Sales and Sponsorship Agreement with **PepsiCo Beverage Sales, LLC**. This amendment allows Pepsi to subcontract beverage vending and delivery services through Panola Vending.

Specific Type of Contract: Exclusive Beverage Sales and Sponsorship Agreement with outsourced vending and delivery services.

Contractor’s Legal Name: PepsiCo Beverage Sales, LLC.

History of Contract: Delta State University entered into a Beverage Sales and Sponsorship Agreement with Pepsi effective July 1, 2025, for an initial five-year term ending June 30, 2030, with options for two one-year renewals. Pepsi serves as the exclusive beverage supplier and sponsor for DSU, providing financial support, marketing benefits, and equipment services. Pepsi also manages beverage vending operations and delivery services, effectively outsourcing commission payments and delivery services to Panola Vending.

Purpose: Amendment #1 updates the delivery services provider for vending machine sales to Pepsi’s subcontractor.

Scope of Work: The amendment clarifies that Pepsi, through its subcontractor, will provide Delta State University with commissions based on the actual cash collected from vending machines located at campus facilities. Commissions will remain at twenty percent (20%) of net vending revenue after applicable taxes and fees. Initial vend prices for key products include \$2.50 for 20oz Pepsi, \$2.75 for 20oz Gatorade, \$3.50 for 12oz Celsius, and \$3.75 for 13.7oz Frappuccino, with additional products listed in the amendment table. Commission rates and vend prices for any new product introduced during the term will be

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mutually agreed upon by Pepsi and the University. In addition to vending operations, Pepsi is also outsourcing delivery services to the same subcontractor to ensure efficient stocking and distribution across campus facilities. All other provisions of the original agreement remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

Term of Contract: Original term: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2030 (with renewal options). Amendment effective January 1, 2026.

Termination Options: As outlined in the original agreement, termination provisions include the right for either party to terminate for default upon providing proper notice, termination for convenience by mutual agreement of the parties, and termination in circumstances where regulatory restrictions or a Force Majeure event prevents performance under the agreement.

Contract Amount: No change to the overall funding obligations. Commissions remain at 20% of vending revenue.

Funding Source for Contract: Sponsorship revenues.

Contractor Selection Process: Pepsi was selected as the exclusive beverage provider through a competitive process consistent with institutional and State procurement guidelines.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

4. **UMMC – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BOSTON SCIENTIFIC CORPORATION INC.**

Agenda Item Request: The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) requests approval to amend its confidential price agreement with **Boston Scientific Corporation** (Boston Scientific) to update the products and pricing on the agreement for the purchase of drug-eluting stents and balloon catheter products, and to extend the term. The agreement is for the purchase of coronary stent and balloon products used in interventional cardiology to secure discounted pricing from Boston. UMMC also requests approval to add or remove products covered by the Agreement without seeking prior Board approval as long as it does not increase the approved expenditure level.

Contractor’s Legal Name: Boston Scientific Corporation.

History of Contract: On May 20, 2022, UMMC received notification that the Commissioner delegated authority to UMMC to enter agreements with an aggregate total expenditure of less than \$3,500,000.00 as defined in section 707.01 of the IHL Policies

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and Bylaws, as amended. Through its delegated authority, on March 7, 2024, UMMC entered into the Confidential Price Agreement at a total cost of \$2,500,000.00. UMMC requests to increase the total cost of the agreement at this time because of product additions, volume increases, and the extension of the term. The agreement will expire on March 6, 2027, unless amended.

Specific Type of Contract: This is an amendment to the confidential price agreement.

Purpose: The purpose of the amendment is to update the products and pricing on the agreement for the purchase of coronary drug-eluting stents and balloon catheter products, and to extend the term. The agreement is for the purchase of coronary stent and balloon products used in interventional cardiology to secure discounted pricing from Boston.

Scope of Work: Under this amended agreement:

- Boston will provide access pricing for the purchase of the interventional cardiology products; and
- UMMC agrees Boston will be awarded 80% market share on drug-eluting stents and 80% market share on balloon catheters.

Term of Contract: The term of the amended agreement is forty-eight (48) months and twenty-five (25) days, from March 7, 2024, through March 31, 2028. The original agreement was for a term of thirty-six (36) months. The amendment extends the term by twelve (12) months and twenty-five (25) days.

Termination Options: The agreement may be terminated as follows:

- by either party upon thirty (30) days' written notice;
- by Boston Scientific, if UMMC issues an RFP, requests a price refresh or takes any other action not contemplated by the agreement to lower its pricing; and
- by either party, in the instance of a force majeure event that continues for more than thirty (30) continual days.

Contract Amount: The estimated total cost of the amended agreement over the forty-eight (48) months and twenty-five (25) day term is \$4,000,000.00. The original cost of the agreement was \$2,500,000.00. The amendment will add \$1,500,000.00 to the agreement.

Funding Source for Contract: The agreement will be funded by hospital patient revenue.

Contractor Selection Process: UMMC is currently contracted with Boston Scientific.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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Note: Project numbers beginning with the prefix "GS" designate projects that the Bureau of Building provides management oversight for and are funded partially or wholly with state Bureau of Building bond revenues. Project numbers beginning with the prefix "IHL" designate projects that are funded from university self-generated sources including but not limited to donations, fees, and grants.

APPROVAL OF INITIATIONS OF PROJECTS/APPOINTMENTS OF PROFESSIONALS

IHL PROJECTS

1. MSU – IHL 205-362 – RILEY CAMPUS STUDENT HOUSING

Project Request: Mississippi State University requests approval to initiate the project, Riley Campus Student Housing, and to appoint Dale Partners Architects, P.A., as the design professional.

Proposed Design Professional: Dale Partners, P.A.

General Contractor: TBD

Selection Method: The project budget is anticipated to exceed \$3,000,000, so the university utilized the RFQ method for selecting the design professional.

Insurance Coverage: The design firm carries errors and omissions coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000 per claim and \$2,000,000 aggregate.

Purpose: Mississippi State University is seeking to initiate the project and appoint the design professional as required by Board Policy so that the selected professional can proceed with the design phase of the project.

Project Scope: The scope of the project is to construct a facility to house students and provide commercial and/or academic space on the ground floor to support the Riley Campus in downtown Meridian, MS. The proposed site is directly southwest of the Riley Campus between 23rd Ave and 25th Ave. The total number of beds and/or units is to be determined, and the project may be completed in multiple phases.

Mississippi State University is seeking to initiate the project and appoint the design professional in accordance with Board Policy §904(A), Board Approval, that requires each institution to bring all new projects to the Board for the approval of the project initiation and the appointment of a design professional, as required in Board Policy §902, Initiation of Construction Projects.

Project Initiation Date: January 22, 2026

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Date of Original Construction: New Facility

Date of Last Renovation: New Facility

Project Budget: (Design Fees Only)

		<i>Estimated</i>
Construction Cost:	\$	0.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees:		800,000.00
Misc. Project Costs:		200,000.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs:		0.00
Contingency:		0.00
Total Project Budget	\$	1,000,000.00

Funding Source(s): University Designated Funds (\$1,000,000) - The project budget is for design fees through Design Development documents. A budget increase will be submitted for Board approval prior to proceeding with Construction Documents.

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

2. UM – IHL 207-525 – UNIVERSITY BUILDING DEMOLITION AND NEW PARKING

Project Request: The University of Mississippi requests approval to initiate the project, University Building Demolition and New Parking, and to appoint McCarty Architects, P.A. as the design professional.

Proposed Design Professional: McCarty Architects, P.A.

General Contractor: TBD

Selection Method: The project budget is anticipated to exceed \$3M therefore it is required that the university use the RFQ method for selection of the design professional. UM publicly advertised for RFQ submissions and received qualification submittals from four firms. All four teams interviewed with the three-member RFQ Selection Committee.

Insurance Coverage: The design firm carries errors and omissions coverage in the amount of \$2,000,000 per claim and \$2,000,000 aggregate.

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Purpose: The University of Mississippi is seeking to initiate the project and appoint the design professional as required by Board Policy so that the selected professional can proceed with the design phase of the project.

Project Scope: The project will consist of 1.) Partial demolition of the Mall Parcel 2 building located at the Jackson Avenue Center and constructing a new parking lot in its location; 2.) Demolition of the Tad Smith Coliseum and constructing a new parking lot in its location; 3.) Demolition of Married Student Housing Buildings #108, #110, #130, #132, #134, and relocating existing utilities on site to accommodate new P3 student housing.

A demolition request for Tad Smith Coliseum is awaiting approval from Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH). A future board item will be submitted to request approval to remove Tad Smith Coliseum from inventory once MDAH approval is obtained by the university.

The University of Mississippi is seeking to initiate the project and appoint the design professional in accordance with Board Policy §904(A), Board Approval, that requires each institution to bring all new projects to the Board for the approval of the project initiation and the appointment of a design professional, as required in Board Policy §902, Initiation of Construction Projects.

Project Initiation Date: January 22, 2026

Date of Original Construction: Married Student Housing (#134 – 1958, #130 / #132 – 1961, #108 / #110 / #112 – 1963); Tad Smith Coliseum - 1961; Mall Parcel #2 – 1983

History: Married Student Housing (Village Apartments) – Removal from Inventory [Interim Approval – August 4, 2025]

Date of Last Renovation: N/A

Project Budget:

		<i>Estimated</i>
Construction Cost:	\$	12,750,500.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees:		866,718.00
Misc. Project Costs:		481,042.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs:		0.00
Contingency:		2,114,740.00
Total Project Budget	\$	16,213,000.00

Funding Source(s): Internal R&R (\$16,213,000)

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Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET INCREASES AND/OR CHANGES OF SCOPE/FUNDING SOURCE(S)

BUREAU OF BUILDING PROJECTS

3. JSU – GS 103-322 – ARPA WATER COLLECTION & CONVEYANCE

Project Request: Jackson State University requests approval to increase the budget for the ARPA Water Collection & Conveyance project from \$4,994,512.07 to \$6,784,069.80 for an increase in the amount of \$1,789,557.73. The funding sources for the project will remain the same.

Current Project Phase: Construction Phase

Design Professional: Pickering Firm, Inc.

General Contractor: Hemphill Construction Company, Inc.

Insurance Coverage: The design firm carries errors and omissions coverage in the amount of \$3,000,000 per claim and \$3,000,000 aggregate.

Purpose/Justification: The purpose of this project is to identify and address deficiencies in JSU’s wastewater system, reduce infiltration/inflow (I/I), mitigate potential system failures, and minimize the risk of sanitary sewer overflows or backups.

Project Scope: The purpose of this project is to identify and address deficiencies in JSU’s wastewater system, reduce infiltration/inflow (I/I), mitigate potential system failures, and minimize the risk of sanitary sewer overflows or backups.

Project History: The ARPA Water Collection & Conveyance Project began on February 28, 2023, with an initial budget of \$750,000. After a comprehensive assessment of the wastewater collection system, the budget was increased to \$4,836,791.07 at the October 17, 2024, Board Meeting. A subsequent request, approved during the June 19, 2025, Board Meeting, raised the budget to \$4,994,512.07 to fund Change Order 1, addressing unforeseen underground conditions identified through inspections.

JSU now requests an additional \$1,789,557.73, bringing the total project budget to \$6,784,069.80, to support additional alternates #3 and #4 necessary to complete the project's full scope of wastewater system improvements.

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Project Initiation Date: February 28, 2023

Proposed Project Budget:

	Current Budget	Proposed Budget	Amount (+/-)
Construction Costs	\$ 3,669,031.00	\$ 5,020,211.65	\$ 1,351,180.65
Architectural and Engineering Fees	\$ 269,956.30	\$ 339,203.49	\$ 69,247.19
Miscellaneous Project Costs	\$ 320,000.00	\$ 407,044.19	\$ 87,044.19
Furniture & Equipment Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Contingency	\$ 735,524.77	\$ 1,017,610.47	\$ 282,085.70
Total Project Budget	\$ 4,994,512.07	\$ 6,784,069.80	\$ 1,789,557.73

Proposed Funding Source(s): SB3062, L’22 ARPA IHL (\$1,468,766.71); SB 3118, L’23 ARPA Statewide (\$2,293,024.36); SB 3164 L’24 ARPA Statewide (\$2,864,557.73)

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

4. MUW – GS 104-217 – HOGARTH STUDENT CENTER RENOVATION

Project Request: Mississippi University for Women requests approval to increase the budget for the Hogarth Student Center Renovation project from a preplan budget of \$300,000 to a preplan budget of \$370,862.28 for an increase in the amount of \$70,862.28. In addition, MUW is requests approval to add HB 1730, Laws of 2020 (\$18,712.48), HB 1649, Laws of 2018 (\$22,517.28), and MUW Funds (\$29,632.52) as funding sources to the project to allow for the budget increase.

Current Project Phase: Design Phase

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

General Contractor: TBD

Insurance Coverage: The design firm carries errors and omissions coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000 per claim and \$1,000,000 aggregate.

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Purpose/Justification: The escalation in the project budget is due to an increase in Architectural and Engineering (A/E) fees through schematic design.

Project Scope: The project is for preplanning services for the renovation of Hogarth Student Center. The project would include asbestos abatement, restoration of interior and exterior elements, interior reconfiguration, ADA improvements and major renovations of the mechanical, electrical, plumbing and life safety systems. Due to the building’s Mississippi Landmark status, coordination with the Mississippi Department of Archives and History will be required.

Project Initiation Date: February 20, 2025

Proposed Project Budget:

	Current Budget	Proposed Budget	Amount (+/-)
Construction Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 370,862.28	\$ 70,862.28
Miscellaneous Project Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Contingency	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total Project Budget	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 370,862.28	\$ 70,862.28

Proposed Funding Source(s): HB 603, Laws of 2023 (\$300,000); HB 1730 Laws of 2020 (\$18,712.48); HB 1649, Laws of 2018 (\$22,517.28); MUW Funds (\$29,632.52)

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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IHL PROJECTS

5. UM – IHL 207-393 – TRIPLETT ALUMNI CENTER ADDITION

Project Request: The University of Mississippi requests to increase the project budget from \$400,000.00 to \$2,958,000.00 for a total change in the amount of \$2,558,000.00. Changes to project scope are also included in this request.

Current Project Phase: Design Phase

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

General Contractor: TBD

Insurance Coverage: The design firm carries errors and omissions coverage in the amount of \$4,000,000 per claim and \$4,000,000 aggregate.

Purpose/Justification: An escalation in the project budget is required to include the full estimate for design fees. The scope of the project must be revised to include demolition of the existing Triplett Alumni Center building as part of the work.

Project Scope: The project scope includes construction of a new four-story building that will contain assembly, office, and service spaces to serve both the alumni association and the university's orientation and welcome center. Based on preliminary concepts, demolition of the existing Triplett Alumni Center is required to make a suitable site for the new Triplett Alumni Center across from the Grove. The Professional will assist the University in determining the overall project budget and produce design/construction documents for the scope determined.

The University will submit subsequent Board agenda items to increase the budget as required to reflect the established scope of work. Coordination with MDAH is ongoing for a future board item to remove the existing Triplett Alumni Center from inventory.

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Proposed Project Budget: (Design Fees Only)

	Current Budget	Proposed Budget	Amount (+/-)
Construction Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 2,958,000.00	\$ 2,558,000.00
Miscellaneous Project Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Contingency	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total Project Budget	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 2,958,000.00	\$ 2,558,000.00

Proposed Funding Source(s): Private Gifts (\$2,958,000)

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

6. UM – IHL 207-468 – ART, THEATRE, & FILM DEPARTMENTS FACILITIES

Project Request: The University of Mississippi requests approval to increase the project budget from \$185,000.00 to \$35,938,912.00 for an increase in the amount of \$35,753,912.00. This request also seeks to change the funding sources for the project.

Current Project Phase: Design Phase

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

General Contractor: TBD

Insurance Coverage: The design firm carries errors and omissions coverage in the amount of \$4,000,000 per claim and \$4,000,000 aggregate.

Purpose/Justification: The University is seeking to increase of the project budget and change of the project scope to construct the Phase 1 projects recommended in the completed master plan. The current budget included donor funds for the master planning effort only. The requested budget increase is based on the conceptual estimate for the Phase 1 projects. The funding source must be updated to reflect the use of UMEBC financing.

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Project Scope: The condition of facilities occupied by the Art, Theatre, & Film Departments are declining, the spaces are spread throughout Campus in several buildings, and the needs of the programs are growing at a steady pace. The previously approved Master Plan effort developed a comprehensive and cohesive plan for these Departments and recommended the following Phase 1 Projects: IHL 207-468.1A Scene Shop & Sound Stage and IHL 207-468.1B Music Hall Recording Studio.

The scope of work for IHL 207-468.1A Scene Shop & Sound Stage includes renovation of the former JCPenney space in the Jackson Avenue Center (JAC). The renovation will create new spaces for a scene shop, rehearsal studio/sound stage, rehearsal viewing area, dressing rooms, offices, conferencing areas, storage, and loading dock area. The remaining space will be renovated for university multi-purpose use. The renovation will also include upgrades to the mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire systems within the existing building.

The scope of work for IHL 207-468.1B Music Hall Recording Studio includes expansion of the existing Music Hall. The new addition will house a rehearsal space, lobby/waiting area, recording/sound booth, storage, offices, mechanical/electrical/data area, and other support spaces.

Project Initiation Date: November 19, 2020

Proposed Project Budget:

	Current Budget	Proposed Budget	Amount (+/-)
Construction Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 27,000,000.00	\$ 27,000,000.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees	\$ 185,000.00	\$ 2,283,231.00	\$ 2,098,231.00
Miscellaneous Project Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 801,562.00	\$ 801,562.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 1,500,000.00
Contingency	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,354,119.00	\$ 4,354,119.00
Total Project Budget	\$ 185,000.00	\$ 35,938,912.00	\$ 35,753,912.00

Proposed Funding Source(s): Internal R&R (\$27,500,000); Donor Funds (\$8,438,912)

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

7. UM – IHL 207-490 – RESEARCH LABORATORY MASTERPLAN AND DESIGN

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Project Request: The University of Mississippi is requesting approval to increase the project budget from \$1,250,000.00 to \$30,250,000.00 for an increase in the amount of \$29,000,000.00. The request also includes a change in project scope.

Current Project Phase: Design Phase

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

General Contractor: TBD

Insurance Coverage: The design firm carries errors and omissions coverage in the amount of \$4,000,000 per claim and \$4,000,000 aggregate.

Purpose/Justification: The University is seeking to increase of the project budget and change in project scope as required to construct the Phase 1 projects recommended in the completed Master Plan. The requested budget increase is based on the conceptual estimate for Phase 1 Projects: IHL 207-490.1A RMP- Coulter Hall Lab Renovations, IHL 207-490.1B RMP- Faser Hall Mechanical System Renovation, and IHL 207-490.1C RMP – TCRC Vivarium Renovations.

Project Scope: The previously approved Master Plan effort developed a comprehensive and cohesive plan for the use of the existing Research Facilities on Campus as well as new shared research laboratory spaces/building(s) that facilitate guidance for future growth and development; and a Phase 1 Project. The Phase 1 Project has been broken out into 3 smaller sub projects: IHL 207-490.1A RMP- Coulter Hall Lab Renovations, IHL 207-490.1B RMP- Faser Hall Mechanical System Renovation, and IHL 207-490.1C RMP – TCRC Vivarium Renovations.

The scope of work for IHL 207-490.1A RMP- Coulter Hall Lab Renovations consists of renovating roughly 25,000 square feet of former teaching labs and support spaces on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th floors of Coulter Hall and converting them to new swing/shared laboratories. This will also include upgrades to portions of the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems that accommodate those spaces.

The scope of work for IHL 207-490.1B RMP- Faser Hall Mechanical System Renovation consists of upgrading and replacing all outdated and faulty mechanical systems throughout Faser Hall. A new roof will also be installed during this project.

The scope of work for IHL 207-490.1C RMP – TCRC Vivarium Renovations will consists of renovating and updating portions of the existing vivarium space in the basement of Thad Cochran Research Center (TCRC) to accommodate the wildlife vivarium currently housed in Shoemaker Hall and the Aquatics Vivarium housed in Faser Hall. Updates will be made to the TCRC vivarium space currently in use.

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Project Initiation Date: August 18, 2022

Proposed Project Budget:

	Current Budget	Proposed Budget	Amount (+/-)
Construction Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 22,300,000.00	\$ 22,300,000.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees	\$ 1,074,336.00	\$ 2,817,795.76	\$ 1,743,459.76
Miscellaneous Project Costs	\$ 39,841.00	\$ 840,441.00	\$ 800,600.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 550,000.00	\$ 550,000.00
Contingency	\$ 135,823.00	\$ 3,741,763.24	\$ 3,605,940.24
Total Project Budget	\$ 1,250,000.00	\$ 30,250,000.00	\$ 29,000,000.00

Proposed Funding Source(s): Internal R&R (\$30,250,000)

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

8. UM – IHL 407-014 – NEW SCHOOL OF ACCOUNTANCY (JONES HALL)

Project Request: The University of Mississippi requests approval to increase the project budget from \$7,100,000.00 to \$138,000,000.00 for an increase in the amount of \$130,900,000.00. This request also seeks to change the funding sources for the project.

Current Project Phase: Design Phase

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

Owner’s Representative: Hoar Program Management, LLC

General Contractor: TBD

Insurance Coverage: The design firm carries errors and omissions coverage in the amount of \$2,000,000 per claim and \$4,000,000 aggregate.

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Purpose/Justification: To increase the funding of the project to its estimated total project budget and to change the project’s funding source.

Project Scope: The University of Mississippi Patterson School of Accountancy is one of the fastest growing schools at the University. The School of Accountancy currently resides in Connor Hall, which was built in 1961. The current space in Conner Hall does not meet the programmatic needs of the School of Accountancy. In order to maintain the high standard of quality education the University demands, the School of Accountancy will construct a new +/- 172,000 Square Foot facility to provide large classroom auditoria, classrooms, graduate student spaces, computer rooms, administrative spaces, and support spaces. The new building will be located on the east side of Grove Loop.

Project Initiation Date: March 17, 2016

Proposed Project Budget:

	Current Budget	Proposed Budget	Amount (+/-)
Construction Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 99,975,826.00	\$ 99,975,826.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees	\$ 7,100,000.00	\$ 11,722,466.00	\$ 4,622,466.00
Miscellaneous Project Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,422,715.00	\$ 4,422,715.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 11,401,964.00	\$ 11,401,964.00
Contingency	\$ 0.00	\$ 10,477,029.00	\$ 10,477,029.00
Total Project Budget	\$ 7,100,000.00	\$ 138,000,000.00	\$ 130,900,000.00

Proposed Funding Source(s): HB 1353, L'22 (\$1,000,000); HB 603, L'23 (\$14,382,500); Internal R&R (\$92,617,500); Donations (\$30,000,000)

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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9. UMMC – IHL 409-007 – FIRE PROTECTION CENTRAL CORE

Project Request: The University of Mississippi Medical Center requests approval to increase the project budget from \$8,000,000.00 to \$14,500,000.00 for an increase in the amount of \$6,500,000.00. This request also seeks to change the funding sources for the project to include FY 2026 Capital Funds.

Current Project Phase: Design Phase

Design Professional: Foil Wyatt Architects & Planners, PLLC

General Contractor: TBD

Insurance Coverage: The design firm carries errors and omissions coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000 per claim and \$1,000,000 aggregate.

Purpose/Justification: There is a requirement from CMS that goes into effect in 2028 that any health care facility taller than 75 feet are required to install automatic sprinkler systems. This project will consist of installing a fire sprinkler system in existing high-rise hospital buildings that are not currently fully protected.

Project Scope: The project entails retrofitting 11 floors of the existing hospital with a fire suppression system. Construction work shall be phased per floor to minimize disruption to patient care. It is also anticipated that the existing fire pump will be replaced as part of this project.

Project Initiation Date: June 20, 2024

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Proposed Project Budget:

	Current Budget	Proposed Budget	Amount (+/-)
Construction Costs	\$ 7,000,000.00	\$ 11,968,882.00	\$ 4,968,882.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 895,686.00	\$ 295,686.00
Miscellaneous Project Costs	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 1,036,988.00	\$ 986,988.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Contingency	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 598,444.00	\$ 248,444.00
Total Project Budget	\$ 8,000,000.00	\$ 14,500,000.00	\$ 6,500,000.00

Proposed Funding Source(s): HB 1353, L'22 (\$6,250,000); HB 603, L'23 (\$1,750,000); FY 2026 Capital Funds (\$6,500,000)

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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10. APPROVAL OF OTHER REAL ESTATE REQUESTS MSU – DEMOLISH AND DELETE FROM INVENTORY – BUILDING #030 -118 PRESIDENT’S CIRCLE

Agenda Request: Mississippi State University requests approval to demolish and delete from inventory Building #030 – Faculty House - located at 118 President’s Circle.

Justification: Building #030 was constructed in 1939 and is demolition is needed due to the location of the building in the core of campus. MSU desires future development within the core of campus which requires to removal of this faculty house.

The letter of approval has been received from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History stating Building #030 – 118 President’s Circle is not eligible for designation as a Mississippi Landmark and approval to demolition the building has been granted. All legal documentation will be kept on file in the Office of Real Estate and Facilities. Mississippi State University is acting in accordance with Board Policy §919 Prerequisites for Building Modification or Demolition, which requires Board approval prior to building modification or demolition.

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Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

11. UM – DEMOLISH AND DELETE FROM INVENTORY – E.F. YERBY CONFERENCE CENTER

Agenda Request: The University of Mississippi requests to demolish and remove E.F. Yerby Conference Center from inventory.

Justification: E.F. Yerby Conference Center must be demolished to provide a suitable site for the new School of Accountancy Building.

The letter of approval has been received from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH), stating E.F. Yerby Conference Center 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 Office of Real Estate and Facilities. The University of Mississippi is acting in accordance with Board Policy §919 Prerequisites for Building Modification or Demolition, which requires Board approval prior to building modification or demolition.

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

12. UM - APPROVAL OF A MODIFICATION AND ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN BARRETT J. CLISBY, JUSTIN B. CLISBY, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

Agenda Item Request: The University of Mississippi (the “University”) requests approval of a Modification and Assignment of Lease Agreement between Barrett J. Clisby, Justin B. Clisby, and the University.

Lessor Legal Name: University of Mississippi

Assignor Legal Name: Barrett J. Clisby

Assignee Legal Name: Justin B. Clisby

Specific Type of Contract: This is a modification and assignment of lease agreement.

History of Lease: The University entered into the Lease Agreement with Robert Hudson on April 1, 1998, for the leased premises of a 32.5’ x 45’ lot identified as Hanger Lot No. 6B at the University Airport. The Lease Agreement was subsequently assigned to High Hopes Investment LLC and then Barrett J. Clisby.

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Purpose: Barrett J. Clisby seeks approval from the University to assign the Lease Agreement to Justin B. Clisby, as provided for in Article VIII of the Lease Agreement, with Justin B. Clisby assuming and adopting the covenants, terms, and conditions in the Lease Agreement.

Scope of Work: The original lease terms need to be modified to bring the Lease Agreement into compliance with FAA Order 5190.6B. The Modification and Assignment of Lease Agreement changes the term and the rental fee escalation index to comply with FAA Order 5190.6B. It also includes the “binding successor doctrine” provision.

Term of Lease Agreement: The term ends on March 31, 2075, unless sooner terminated pursuant to the terms of the Lease Agreement. Assignor shall be released and discharged from any and all obligations for performance under the terms of the Lease Agreement as of the effective date, and Assignee shall be responsible for all rent due on July 1, 2026, and each year thereafter. Assignor shall remain legally responsible for responsible for any claims that arose prior to the effective date.

Termination Options: The term of the Modification and Assignment of Lease Agreement shall end on March 31, 2075, unless sooner terminated as provided for under the terms of the lease. The University may terminate upon assignee’s default. Further, the Other Provisions section reflects the “binding successor doctrine.”

Contract Amount: The contract amount begins at the rate of \$877.50. Rental fee is based on \$0.05 per square foot per month and is to be paid on or before April 1 of each lease year at the Office of Procurement Services, 164 Jeanette Phillips Drive, University of Mississippi, University, MS 38677. Concurrent with the beginning of each successive five-year period through the payment due on or before April 1, 2025, the rental fee shall be increased by one- and one-half percent (1½%) of the previous annual rent, for a total of seven- and one-half percent (7½%) of the annual rental fee of the previous five-year period.

Starting with the payment due in 2026 (for the period April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027) and for each subsequent year’s payment, payment shall be due July 1 and the annual rental fee shall be adjusted to an amount equal to the preceding year’s rental fee multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the Consumer Price Index (CPI) figure for May (or 2-months prior) of the adjustment year, and the denominator of which shall be the Consumer Price Index figure for May (or 2-months prior) of the preceding year. As used herein, the term “Consumer Price Index” shall mean the United States Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics’ Consumer Price Index Series CUURO000SA0, All Items, U.S. City Average, All Urban Consumers, Not Seasonally Adjusted (1982-84=100), also known as the CPI-U. For example, the rental fee due on or before July 1, 2026, would be determined using the

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following formula: $(\text{CPI-U for May 2026})/(\text{CPI-U for May 2025}) \times \text{the rental fee due in 2025}$. Continuation of this lease is conditioned upon Lessee performing all of its duties herein stipulated and not being in default in any of the terms and conditions hereof. Should any default exist Lessee shall have a reasonable opportunity to cure any default.

Staff Recommendation: Legal Staff has reviewed this item for compliance with applicable law and found it to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

13. UM - APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED AND RESTATED LEASE AGREEMENT AND AMENDED AND RESTATED SUBLEASE AGREEMENT WITH OLE MISS ATHLETIC FOUNDATION (OMAF)

Agenda Item Request: The University of Mississippi (UM) requests approval to enter into an amended and restated lease agreement and amended and restated sublease agreement with the Ole Miss Athletics Foundation (OMAF).

Lessor Legal Name: University of Mississippi (Sublessee)

Lessee Legal Name: Ole Miss Athletics Foundation (Sublessor)

Specific Type of Contract: This is an amended and restated lease agreement and amended and restated sublease agreement.

History of Lease: UM originally entered into a lease with OMAF in 2003. It has been amended and restated three times since then. This will be the fourth amended and restated lease.

Purpose: The University requests approval to enter into an amended and restated lease agreement and amended and restated sublease agreement with the Ole Miss Athletics Foundation.

Term of Lease Agreement: The term of the lease will run from the original date of May 1, 2003, to 2050 and will include a \$1 annual rent payment. The term of the sublease shall be co-terminus with the term of the Ground Lease (the "Term") but is subject to earlier termination by a successor Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning (the "IHL Board") based on the binding successor board doctrine, upon not less than sixty (60) day's prior written notice from the successor IHL Board to the Sublessor.

Termination Options: The lease is subject to early termination in the event of a default under the bond documents.

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Contract Amount: For and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) cash in hand paid and an annual lease payment of One Dollar (\$1.00) due on or before the 1st day of May of each year during the term of this Lease, and in further consideration of the covenants and agreements herein contained, Lessor does hereby lease to Lessee, and Lessee does hereby lease from Lessor, subject to all existing easements of record, the real property consisting of 8.22 acres of land in Section 29, Township 8 South, Range 3 West in Lafayette County, Mississippi,

Staff Recommendation: Legal Staff has reviewed this item for compliance with applicable law and found it to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

14. USM – APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL OCEANOGRAPHIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION (NOAA)

Agenda Item Request: The University of Southern Mississippi (USM) requests Board approval of a Lease Amendment to the Lease between USM and the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) which provides for the sublease of portions of port facilities at the Port of Gulfport.

Contractor Legal Name: National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration

Specific Type of Contract: This is a lease amendment.

History of Lease: USM and NOAA entered into a Lease with a Commencement Date of October 1, 2024.

Purpose: The lease amendment provides for adjustment of Operating Costs and Insurance Cost Allocation components of rent payable by NOAA to USM based upon the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, in accordance with provisions in the Lease.

Scope of Work: The proposed Lease Amendment will adjust the Operating Costs and Insurance Cost Allocation components of rent set forth in the Lease (Paragraph 1.04) due from NOAA to USM based upon the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. This adjustment is provided for in the Lease and occurs on an annual basis (Paragraphs 2.09 and 2.10) and will result in an increase of the Operating Costs (currently \$168,798.14) and Insurance Cost Allocation (currently \$280,163.84)

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components of the rent by 2.942280% . This adjustment will be effective as of October 1, 2025, and increase the annual rent by \$13,209.72, which results in a total annual rent due by NOAA of \$1,472,416.56 payable in monthly installments of \$122,701.38.

Term of Lease Agreement: The Lease has a Term of 20 years with 15 years Firm (after 15 years NOAA may terminate the Lease with 365 days written notice). (USM/IHL has legislative authorization under 2022 HB1247 as amended by 2023 HB877 to lease/sublease portions of the property administered by the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport for a term not to exceed forty (40) years.)

Termination Options: NOAA may terminate the Lease after 15 years with 365 days prior notice. NOAA also has the right to terminate the Lease in the event the Pier improvements are not completed within 24 months.

Contract Amount: Lease payments from NOAA for the entire term would be up to \$32,431,591.30 exclusive of adjustments for operating costs and insurance allocation.

Staff Recommendation: Legal Staff has reviewed this item for compliance with applicable law and found it to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

15. USM - APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A SUBLEASE AMENDMENT WITH INTEGER TECHNOLOGIES, LLC

Agenda Item Request: The University of Southern Mississippi (USM) requests Board approval of an Amendment to the Sublease Agreement between USM and Integer Technologies, LLC (Integer), which provides for the sublease of portions of port facilities at the Port of Gulfport.

Sublandlord Legal Name: University of Southern Mississippi

Subtenant Legal Name: Integer Technologies, LLC

Specific Type of Contract: This is an Amendment to a Sublease Agreement.

History of Lease : USM and Integer entered into a Sublease Agreement with an Effective Date of July 24, 2025. The initial Sublease Agreement was approved by IHL Commissioner in accordance with IHL Board Policy 707.01 on July 8, 2025.

Purpose: The purpose of the Sublease Agreement is to provide space for Integer's office and shop space needs for Integer's ongoing operations and facilitate collaboration with USM, government agencies and other entities, in blue economy

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related fields and activities. The Amendment will extend the term of the existing Sublease Agreement, by changing the current Sublease Expiration Date from January 31, 2026 (the last day of the sixth month following the Effective Date) to July 31, 2027.

Scope of Work: Integer subleases approximately 2,499.62 rentable area square feet for a total monthly rental rate of \$11,456.50.

Term of the Sublease Agreement: The Amendment will extend the term of the Sublease Agreement until July 31, 2027.

Termination Options: In the event of any default beyond any applicable cure period, or if the sublease premises suffers a substantial casualty loss, this Agreement may be terminated.

Sublease Amount: The Sublease provides for a total monthly rental rate of \$11,456.50 currently, or approximately \$274,944.00 for the proposed Term as amended. The rent amount is subject to certain adjustments on an annual basis in accordance with CPI as well as maintenance and insurance costs incurred by USM.

Staff Recommendation: Legal Staff has reviewed this item for compliance with applicable law and found it to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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1. **MSU – RETROACTIVE APPROVAL TO HIRE GIAN FRANCO BORIO AS OUTSIDE COUNSEL**

Mississippi State University requests approval to enter into a contract with Gian Franco Borio as outside counsel to assist the University with services that will include confirming and updating the University’s legal registration in Italy, including its registered address and designated legal representative, and handling any required changes with the Rome Ministries. He will also assist with the formalization and registration of new academic premises, including preparing and filing resolutions, sworn translations, apostilles, and notices with Italian authorities. In addition, the firm will advise on property matters and employment and labor obligations as necessary to ensure compliance with Italian law. The term of the agreement is two years beginning November 21, 2025 through November 20, 2027. The rates are \$8,500: address/representative changes (all-inclusive) (flat fee); \$5,500: registering new academic premises (all-inclusive)(flat fee); and hourly rates in the amounts of \$300 (in-office) and \$600 (out-of-office). The maximum amount payable under the term of the agreement is \$50,000. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of € 2 million per year. This contract has been approved by the Attorney General of Mississippi.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board Staff recommends approval of this item.

2. **ASU – RETROACTIVE APPROVAL OF AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH THE ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION, INC.**

Alcorn State University requests retroactive Board approval of an affiliation agreement between the University and the Alcorn State University Foundation, Inc. The term of the agreement is five years effective July 1, 2025. The affiliation agreement meets the requirements of Board Policy 301.0806 University Foundation/Affiliated Entity Activities.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: The Attorney General’s Office has reviewed the agreement and found same to be compliant with applicable law and Board policy. Board Staff recommends approval of this item.

3. **UMMC – APPROVAL OF AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH THE FRIENDS OF CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL**

The University of Mississippi Medical Center requests Board approval of an affiliation agreement between the University and the Friends of Children’s Hospital. The term of the agreement is five years effective February 1, 2026. The affiliation agreement meets the requirements of Board Policy 301.0806 University Foundation/Affiliated Entity Activities.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: The Attorney General’s Office has reviewed the agreement and found same to be compliant with applicable law and Board policy. Board Staff recommends approval of this item.

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APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ACTION REQUEST

1. **Employment**

Alcorn State University

Tracey Gregory; Dean, School of Education and Psychology; salary \$140,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; effective January 1, 2026

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1. SYSTEM – REQUEST FINAL APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BOARD POLICY 518 ADULT DEGREE COMPLETION PROGRAM

Rationale for changes: The systemwide re-engagement initiative for adult learners with some college but no degree, Complete 2 Compete, has ended. Individual institutions would like to retain the components of the initiative that were created by Board Policy so that they can administer their own re-engagement initiatives for adult learners with some college but no degree.

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A. General Policy

The ~~Complete 2 Compete (C2C) Initiative statewide program~~ Adult Degree Completion Program was developed to encourage Mississippi adults who have completed some college, but earned no degree, to return to college and finish what they started. ~~The Adult Degree Completion Program~~ This program provides adult learners with a flexible path to a bachelor's degree and is one option for returning students to obtain degree completion ~~through the C2C Initiative~~. The Adult Degree Completion Program is intended to serve adult learners who have earned at least 90 credit hours but have not completed a baccalaureate degree and have not attended a postsecondary institution in the past twenty-four months based on last date of attendance. The curriculum may be individualized for each adult learner based on coursework completed and career goals. IHL institutions may exercise discretion regarding the hours earned and the length of non-enrollment in a postsecondary institution while maintaining the original intent of this degree program to help students, who have stopped out, earn degrees.

1) Adult Degree Completion Program

Each IHL institution may offer the Adult Degree Completion Program ~~as an emphasis under an existing baccalaureate program or~~ as a new baccalaureate program called University Studies. An IHL institution may choose to list discipline-specific concentrations for the programs under the Adult Degree Completion Program on the adult learner's final transcript.

A student may not be enrolled in the Adult Degree Completion Program and another baccalaureate degree program simultaneously. Admission to the Adult Degree Completion Program does not provide for admission to other baccalaureate degree programs at the IHL institutions; however, an institution may choose to allow a transfer path from the Adult Degree Completion Program to another baccalaureate degree program within their institution.

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2) Admission to Adult Degree Completion Program

A student is eligible for admission to the Adult Degree Completion Program if he/she has earned at least 90 credit hours but has not completed a baccalaureate degree and has not attended a postsecondary institution in the past twenty-four months based on last date of attendance. IHL institutions may exercise discretion regarding the hours earned and the length of non-enrollment in a postsecondary institution while maintaining the original intent of this degree program to help students, who have stopped out, earn degrees.

All earned credit for college-level academic credit-bearing work that was earned before admission into ~~the C2C Initiative~~ Adult Degree Completion Program may be accepted to satisfy the Adult Degree Completion Program's degree requirements. Transfer coursework for which a student earned a grade of "D" may be accepted to satisfy the Adult Degree Completion Program degree requirements. All failing grades (e.g., "F" grades) received before admission to the Adult Degree Completion Program may be disregarded but should count in credit hours attempted to determine financial aid eligibility. Additional requirements may be established by the admitting institution.

3) Institutional Policies

- a. Adult learners returning to postsecondary education ~~through the C2C Initiative~~ may choose the Adult Degree Completion Program and only the requirements set forth in this policy may apply. For the Adult Degree Completion Program, additional degree requirements, catalog year requirements, and academic residency requirements may be waived by an institution.
- b. An adult returning to postsecondary education ~~through the C2C Initiative~~ may choose a baccalaureate degree program other than the Adult Degree Completion Program, and institutional policies and degree requirements will apply. Institutional readmission policies will apply to adult learners who choose a baccalaureate program other than the Adult Degree Completion Program.

4) Minimum Adult Degree Completion Program Requirements

- a. The minimum number of hours required in the Adult Degree Completion Program is 120 credit hours. Credits earned through prior learning assessment, competency-based education, or regionally accredited Career Technical programs may be included as part of the 120 hours.
- b. A program grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 must be earned. This may be the only GPA requirement that an adult learner in the Adult Degree Completion Program must satisfy to

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meet graduation requirements from an IHL institution. Only the credit hours required for the degree will be used to calculate the program GPA.

- c. Of the 120 credit hours required for the Adult Degree Completion Program, minimum requirements are as follows:

General Education Core Curriculum	30 credit hours
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(IHL Policy 512 Core Curriculum)

Credit in residence at the awarding institution	30 credit hours
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Upper-Division Credit	30 credit hours
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5) Financial Holds

Adult learners with previous financial holds returning through the ~~C2C Initiative~~ Adult Degree Completion Program must establish a repayment plan with the admitting institution prior to enrolling and registering for classes.

6) Tuition and Fees

Tuition and fees for enrollment in courses will be assessed according to the established tuition and fee schedule at each IHL institution.

7) Delivery Format

The format (e.g., online, accelerated, hybrid, face-to-face) of the courses offered in the Adult Degree Completion Program may be determined by the admitting institution.

8) Repeated Courses

Grades of “F” earned while enrolled in the Adult Degree Completion Program may be repeated to earn a grade that satisfies the Adult Degree Completion Program degree requirements. The highest grade may stand as the official grade, and in that case, only the highest grade earned may be calculated in the Adult Degree Completion Program GPA.

~~9) Prior Learning Assessment and Competency-Based Education~~

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~~The Adult Degree Completion Program may integrate prior learning assessment (PLA) and competency-based education (CBE) into university coursework. PLA and CBE credits may apply toward the Adult Degree Completion Program degree requirements.~~

~~a. PLA credit may include individualized student portfolios, evaluation of corporate and military training, program evaluations, challenge exams, and standardized exams. Credit earned through PLA may count as lower-division or upper-division credit. Credit earned through PLA shall not count toward the 25 percent residency requirement for the degree-awarding institution. The types of PLA accepted may be determined by the IHL institution.~~

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

(BT Minutes, 8/2017; 10/2021; X/2025)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends final approval of this item.

2. **SYSTEM – REQUEST FINAL APPROVAL OF PROPOSED NEW BOARD POLICY
CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING**

Rationale for creating new policy: Credit for prior learning currently exists as part of the Adult Degree Completion Program policy. The request for a new policy is to create a stand-alone policy so that all degree programs may integrate prior learning assessment and competency-based education into university coursework and degree programs at the discretion of the IHL institution.

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

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- a. PLA credit may include individualized student portfolios, evaluation of corporate and military training, program evaluations, challenge exams, and standardized exams. Credit earned through PLA may count as lower-division or upper-division credit. Credit earned through PLA shall not count toward the 25 percent residency requirement for the degree-awarding institution. The types of PLA accepted may be determined by the IHL institution.

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

(BT Minutes, X/2025)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends final approval of this item.

3. **MSU – REQUEST TO ADD A NEW CENTER**

In accordance with Board policy 502 and the approved Academic Guidelines for establishing and modifying institutes and centers, Mississippi State University requests approval for the creation of a new center.

***Center title:* Research Business and Operations Center**

Center location: Starkville campus, Office of Research and Economic Development

Scope: Limited Scope and Outreach

Type: Type 1 (Academic, Teaching, or Research)

Effective date: October 2025

Total number of current faculty/ Total number of new faculty: 0/0

Total number of current staff/ Total number of new staff: 1/19

Anticipated annual cost: \$1,100,000

Funding source: Education and General supports and Collaboratory Retainage (overhead)

Purpose: The Research Business and Operations Center (RBOC) will provide comprehensive business, financial, and administrative support services to the center within the Applied Research Collaboratory (ARC) and other multidisciplinary research initiatives assigned by the Office of Research and Economic Development (ORED). The RBOC formalizes the administrative and

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operational support functions of the ARC and ORED initiatives, providing transparency, clear structure, and expert, cost-efficient shared services.

By implementing a cost-efficient shared services model, the RBOC reduces duplication of effort, maximizes use of resources, and provides faculty access to specialized expertise that individual departments could not sustain independently. This approach ensures compliance, financial integrity, and operational excellence, while freeing faculty to focus on research and innovation.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

4. **MSU – REQUEST TO ADD NEW ACADEMIC DEGREE PROGRAMS**

Board Policy 502: New Academic Programs and Units states: “*Requests to establish new degree programs, colleges, schools, departments, institutes, and centers will be considered by the Board on a schedule and in accordance with guidelines and procedures to be determined by the Commissioner after consultation with the Institutional Executive Officers.*”

In accordance with Board Policy 502, Mississippi State University requests approval to establish new academic degree programs.

A. Master of Applied Science (MAS) in Industrial Technology

CIP code: 15.0612

Total credit hours: 30

Effective date: August 2026

Incremental, five-year cost of implementation: minimal

Potential new, five-year revenue: \$808,584

Unit where academic program will be housed: Department of Industrial Technology, Instructional Design, and Community College Leadership

Number of students expected to enroll in first five years: 50

Number of students expected to graduate in first five years: 35

Program description: The Master of Applied Science in Industrial Technology degree program has three specializations: Industrial Management, Community College Leadership for Technical Programs, and Instructional Design for Technical Programs. This program will provide students with advanced technological skills based on topics such as data science, business analytics, smart manufacturing, systems integration, and predictive maintenance, along with traditional manufacturing knowledge of production control and lean six sigma. The program will develop students' managerial skills to effectively manage U.S. technology-intensive corporations. The Community College Leadership for Technical Programs will gain knowledge that will not only assist them in their careers but also help them transform secondary and post-secondary students into future Industrial Technologists. The Instructional

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Design for Technical Programs concentration will give students the knowledge to develop and critique effective learning, goal, objective, outcome development, and technologies used to benefit the learning process.

The Master of Applied Science in Industrial Technology is unique and the only one in the State of Mississippi. Moreover, in nearby states of Alabama, Arkansas, and Louisiana no such master's degree exists with advanced manufacturing, Business analytics and data science skills to enable future leaders in technology to better equip themselves to serve the needs of America's modern age industries. The current enrollment in Industrial Technology stands upwards of 250 students and many of our undergraduate students and alumni have inquired about the master's program start date. Some of these graduates have decided to go for MBA instead because a master's degree is not available in-state. Also, since this program has five concentrations, we anticipate a good number of applicants from secondary and post-secondary teachers for the Community College Leadership in Technical Programs and the Instructional Design for Technical Programs concentrations. Further, since this degree is offered completely online, looking at the growing popularity of the B.S. Industrial Technology in the State of Mississippi and surrounding States, we predict a good number of applicants from the entire country.

Institution(s) offering similar program(s): None

National and state supply and demand: A Query for Mississippi jobs with Engineering manager skills turned up 339+ jobs, with above 68,500+ listed nationwide. 6,400+ Quality Manager jobs nationwide. Maintenance Manager 143+ jobs in Mississippi and 16,200+ nationwide according to Glassdoor. Production Manager 125+ jobs in Mississippi and 15,300+ jobs nationwide. Thus, there is a huge demand for managerial skills in the industry. Graduates from this program will have advanced manufacturing skills topped with data analytics and project management to better equip themselves to serve the needs of America's modern age industries. The expected median salary of a graduate with a Master of Applied Industrial Technology is \$115,000 with an 8% projected job growth 2022-2032.

B. Master of Science (MS) in One Health

CIP code: 30.1501

Total credit hours: 30

Effective date: August 2026

Incremental, five-year cost of implementation: \$749,942.94

Potential new, five-year revenue: \$912,727.15

Unit where academic program will be housed: College of Veterinary Medicine

Number of students expected to enroll in first five years: 67

Number of students expected to graduate in first five years: 47

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Program description: The proposed expansion of graduate training in One Health at Mississippi State University aims to equip students with the knowledge and skills to plan for, address, and overcome complex challenges impacting the health and welfare of animals, humans, and the environment. Both a non-thesis and thesis track are proposed for this Master of Science in One Health program. Core coursework includes foundations of data science and epidemiology, applied systems thinking, policy and leadership, disease management, and the fundamentals of One Health approaches. Students can choose from a wide array of elective courses and may opt to concentrate on those courses in rural and community health, safety and resilience, or policy and governance. To maximize workplace readiness, students will engage in a final capstone project (non-thesis track) or research proposal (thesis track) highlighting the One Health approach in action. Upon completion of the program, graduates will be well-prepared for careers in public health, environmental management, agriculture, veterinary medicine, and research and development. The 30 credit-hour Master of Science program is designed to be completed in one calendar year but is offered in a flexible format with face-to-face and asynchronous online options that accommodate both full-time students and working professionals. Together, the expanded graduate programming in One Health will foster and extend the land-grant mission of Mississippi State by training future leaders to have the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to take care of what matters across animal, human, and environmental health.

Institution(s) offering similar program(s): None

National and state supply and demand: Graduates from the One Health degree program can pursue an array of careers in public health, epidemiology, environmental health, animal health, consumer safety, and research and development. In addition, this degree program is designed considering career progression of individuals in the armed forces as well as academic progression for individuals working towards entry to veterinary school and other professional health programs. The demand for several of these career paths is expected to grow in the years ahead. The Bureau of Labor and Statistics highlights epidemiologists and veterinarians as two of the fast-growing careers in the US, with a 19% growth rate predicted between 2023-2033. It also predicts marked growth for occupational health and safety technicians (14%), community health workers (13%), medical scientists (11%), agriculture and food scientists (8%), environmental scientists and engineers (7%), health education specialists (7%), forest fire prevention specialists and fire inspectors (6%), and conservation specialists (5%). The Occupation Information Network (O*NET) denotes each of these careers as having faster growth than average and lists the median annual salary in 2024 across these occupations at \$80,060. Additional training in the One Health paradigm would enhance their prospects for employment and enhance their effectiveness in related roles.

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The Mississippi Department of Employment Security also predicts growth in these occupational categories between 2022-2032. In fact, several of them have higher growth rates in Mississippi than the national predictions: epidemiologists (30%), veterinarians (21%), occupational health and safety technicians (17%) and specialists (19%), community health workers (18%), medical scientists (17%), health and safety engineers (11%), and forest fire prevention specialists and fire inspectors (11%). Growth in wildlife biologists (9%) and health service managers (28%) is also expected in Mississippi. Therefore, we believe this program will provide highly skilled graduates who are ready to step into One Health careers that are growing across the nation and within Mississippi.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of these items.

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1. **UMMC – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND A REAGENT RENTAL AGREEMENT WITH BECKMAN COULTER, INC.**

Agenda Item Request: The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) requests approval to amend a reagent rental agreement with **Beckman Coulter, Inc.** (Beckman) to extend the term of the agreement, update instruments and service, and revise reagent discounts. The agreement provides for the rental and service of flow cytometry equipment, and purchase of reagents, used by UMMC’s pathology and transplant departments for a variety of clinical applications such as leukemia/lymphoma panels, monitoring of HIV, leukemia and lymphoma therapies, and organ transplant cross matching. UMMC also requests approval to amend the agreement as needed to revise terms related to volumes, commitments, and/or pricing due to a decrease in testing volumes, as well as to add or remove products under the agreement, without seeking prior Board approval as long as it does not increase the approved expenditure level.

Contractor’s Legal Name: Beckman Coulter, Inc.

History of Contract: On December 17, 2020, the Board approved a sixty-one (61) month reagent rental agreement with Beckman with a total estimated cost of \$2,825,000.00. The current agreement will expire on January 31, 2026.

Specific Type of Contract: This is an amendment to the Reagent Rental Agreement.

Purpose: The purpose of the amendment is to extend the term, update instruments and service, and revise reagent discounts. The purpose of the agreement is to rent flow cytometry equipment used by UMMC’s pathology and transplant departments for a variety of clinical applications such as leukemia/lymphoma panels, monitoring of HIV, leukemia and lymphoma therapies, and organ transplant cross matching.

Scope of Work: Under this amended agreement:

- Beckman will provide two (2) new TQ-Prep Workstation instruments with associated accessory kits and prep workstations, UMMC will retain the (2) Navios instruments with associated accessory kits and prep workstations, each with service.
- UMMC will no longer have a commitment to purchase a monthly minimum required volume of related reagents. UMMC will return to Beckman a Prep Plus 2, a TQ-Prep Workstation, a second TQ-Prep Workstation after installation of the new equipment, and clarifies the previous return of the two (2) Aquios instruments.

Term of Contract: The term of the amended agreement is eighty-five (85) months. The original term of the agreement was sixty-one (61) months, beginning January 1, 2021. The term is being extended twenty-four months through January 31, 2028.

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Termination Options: The agreement may be terminated as follows:

- by UMMC, upon thirty days written notice to Beckman, if the federal and state health care programs and insurers cease or substantially decrease reimbursement for substantially all the tests performed with the Equipment provided under this Agreement its laboratory (or flow cytometry laboratory) as a result;
- in the event of a reduction in funds;
- the non-defaulting party may terminate the agreement with notice upon default of the other party;
- by UMMC, if Beckman is unable to provide products required hereunder for a period of thirty (30) consecutive days as a result of a continuing force majeure event.

Contract Amount: The total estimated cost of the amended agreement remains \$2,825,000.00 over the eighty-five (85) month term.

Funding Source for Contract: The agreement is funded by hospital patient revenue.

Contractor Selection Process: Beckman is currently a contracted vendor with UMMC.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

2. **UMMC – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND AN AGREEMENT WITH ABIOMED, INC.**

Agenda Item Request: The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) requests approval to amend its Agreement with **ABIOMED, Inc.** (ABIOMED) to extend the term and update the agreement products and pricing. The agreement is for the purchase of Impella Circulatory Support Catheters and accessories. The Impella devices are used in high-risk coronary interventions, as well as myocardial infarction patients, as a means of emergency cardiac recovery. UMMC also requests approval to add or remove products under the agreement without seeking prior Board approval as long as it does not increase the approved expenditure level.

Contractor's Legal Name: ABIOMED, Inc.

History of Contract: On March 18, 2021, the Board approved a three (3) year agreement with ABIOMED for a total cost of \$3,525,000. On October 19, 2023, the Board approved an amendment to the agreement to extend the agreement two (2) years through March 31, 2026, for a total cost of \$7,125,000. The agreement will expire on March 31, 2026, unless amended.

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Specific Type of Contract: This is the second amendment to the agreement.

Purpose: The purpose of the amendment is to extend the term and update the products and pricing on the agreement. The agreement is for the purchase of Impella Circulatory Support Catheters and accessories. The Impella devices are used in high-risk coronary interventions, as well as myocardial infarction patients, as a means of emergency cardiac recovery.

Scope of Work: Under the amended agreement, UMMC will continue to purchase Impella Circulatory Support Catheters and accessories from ABIOMED.

Term of Contract: The amended term of the agreement is seven (7) years beginning April 1, 2021, through March 31, 2028. The original term of the agreement was three (3) years beginning April 1, 2021, and the first amendment extended the term by two (2) years. This second amendment extends the term by an additional two (2) years.

Termination Options: UMMC may terminate the agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to ABIOMED.

Contract Amount: The total estimated cost of the amended agreement over the seven (7) year term is \$10,465,000. The original estimated cost of the agreement was \$3,525,000. The first amendment added an additional \$3,600,000 to the agreement. The second amendment will add an additional \$3,340,000 to the agreement.

Funding Source for Contract: The Agreement will be funded by hospital patient revenue.

Contractor Selection Process: UMMC is currently contracted with ABIOMED.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

3. JSU – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BROWN BOTTLING GROUP, INC.

Agenda Item Request: Jackson State University (JSU) requests approval to enter into a beverage sales and sponsorship agreement with Brown Bottling Group, Inc. (Brown Bottling) for exclusive pouring rights, vending services, sponsorship activation, and equipment services at all university-owned or operated facilities. JSU also seeks approval of a retroactive contract start date of January 1, 2026.

Contractor's Legal Name: Brown Bottling Group, Inc.

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History of Contract: IHL approved JSU's request to enter a ten-year agreement with Brown Bottling Group, Inc at its June 2008 Board Meeting. The initial term of the contract began on August 1, 2008 and expired July 31, 2018. IHL approved a 5-year extension of the agreement which began August 1, 2018 and expired July 31, 2023. Starting in 2023, JSU entered into two (2) separate one-year renewal agreements, the last of which expired July 31, 2025.

Specific Type of Contract: Beverage pouring rights and sponsorship agreement.

Purpose: The purpose of this ten (10) year contract is to grant exclusive beverage pouring and marketing rights to Brown Bottling, while generating funding and commission-based revenue.

Scope of Work: Brown Bottling will continue to be the exclusive beverage sponsor of JSU, with Campus-wide beverage availability rights and, on and off-Campus marketing rights. The vendor will also have the exclusive right to operate full-service beverage vending on campus. In return, JSU will promote Brown Bottling as its exclusive beverage partner by providing brand visibility through signage, event tickets, and marketing support. Brown Bottling will provide vending and fountain equipment to JSU, handle all servicing and maintenance, and pay commissions to JSU based on vending sales.

Additionally, Brown Bottling will provide annual funding to support marketing efforts, athletic sponsorships, and supply free promotional products to JSU.

Term of Contract: Start Date: 1/1/2026 End Date: 12/31/2035.

Termination Options: The agreement may be terminated as follows:

- JSU may terminate the agreement (1) For convenience with written notice; if, (2) Brown Bottling doesn't pay as promised, (3) Brown Bottling breaches the terms of the agreement and fails to cure the breach within forty-five (45) days of receiving written notice of the breach, (4) Brown Bottling becomes insolvent or bankrupt, (5) Failure of Legislature to Appropriate, or (6) Force Majeure.
- Brown Bottling may terminate the agreement if (1) JSU breaches the terms of the agreement, (2) JSU becomes insolvent or bankrupt, (3) JSU's authority to convey any of the rights in the agreement expires or is revoked, in whole or in part, provided it gives JSU forty-five (45) days written notice (4) if JSU closes for a period of more than thirty (30) consecutive days outside of the regularly scheduled breaks provided it gives JSU forty-five (45) days written notice, (5) if the Campus or any material component of the Campus is closed for more than thirty (30) consecutive calendar days, but less than ninety (90) consecutive calendar days, and such closure results in a material loss to Company of Product sales or marketing opportunities under this Agreement, Company will have the

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right, at its sole option, to extend the Term of this Agreement for a corresponding period for no additional fees, or (6) Athletics activities cease.

Contract Amount: Under this agreement, JSU estimates to receive \$6,311,166 over the term of the agreement. Below is the financial proposal under this agreement:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Total
One-Time Upfront Payment*	\$275,000										\$275,000
Partnership Fund*	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$1,500,000
Product Royalties/ Rebates**	\$10,668	\$10,612	\$10,557	\$10,502	\$10,447	\$10,393	\$10,340	\$10,287	\$10,234	\$10,183	\$104,223
Vending Commission 35%/20% **	\$147,465	\$150,370	\$167,455	\$165,781	\$167,438	\$169,113	\$189,765	\$191,662	\$193,579	\$195,515	\$1,738,143
Marketing Support Fund***	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$500,000
Product Donation Fund***	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$300,000
Gatorade Support Fund***	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$200,000
Gatorade Product Allotment ***	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$100,000
Concession Trailer Support***	\$20,000				\$5,000						\$25,000
Tiger Mart Re-Design	\$15,000 *	Support Time TBD									\$15,000

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Total Estimate d Funding	\$728,133	\$420,982	\$438,012	\$436,283	\$442,885	\$439,506	\$460,105	\$461,949	\$463,813	\$465,698	\$4,757,366
Can Panel****	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$150,000
Campus Ambassador	\$6,400	\$6,400	\$6,400	\$6,400	\$6,400	\$6,400	\$6,400	\$6,400	\$6,400	\$6,400	\$64,000
Marketing Assistant	\$15,480	\$15,480	\$15,480	\$15,480	\$15,480	\$15,480	\$15,480	\$15,480	\$15,480	\$15,480	\$154,800
Gatorade Summer Camp	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$160,000
Athletic Golf Sponsorship	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$25,000
Equipment and Service Value	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$1,000,000
Pepsi Estimated Value Adds Contributions	\$155,380	\$155,380	\$155,380	\$155,380	\$155,380	\$155,380	\$155,380	\$155,380	\$155,380	\$155,380	\$1,553,800
Total Pepsi Investment Cash Contribution & Value Adds	\$883,513	\$576,362	\$593,392	\$591,663	\$598,265	\$594,886	\$615,485	\$617,329	\$619,193	\$621,078	\$6,311,166

- *Cash payments are to be used at the discretion of Jackson State University.
- **Estimated based on forecast volume/mix projections-actual results may vary.
- ***Amount is the value held by Pepsi/Brown Bottling to execute in partnership with JSU.
- **** Value-added Investments are non-cash contributions and Value-Adds to the University.

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Funding Source of Contract: The contract will generate revenue for JSU and does not require institutional expenditures. It will support auxiliary operations and athletic sponsorship.

Contractor Selection Process: A Request for Proposals (RFP#25-13) for beverage services was issued by JSU on April 23, 2025, with a proposal submission deadline of May 27, 2025. Two complete and timely responses were received from Clark Beverage Group and Brown Bottling Group, Inc. An evaluation committee consisting of ten university faculty and staff reviewed each submission using a standardized scorecard based on predefined criteria. The judging criteria included the following: projected financial return; corporate structure; credentials and prior experience; operations and plan to perform; and product preference, efficiencies, and sustainability.

The proposal submitted by Brown Bottling Group, Inc. offered a total projected sponsorship package of \$6,314,766 over 10 years. Brown Bottling Group's projected annual commissions, support, and marketing contributions resulted in significantly higher financial benefits to JSU over the competing proposal.

Based on the comprehensive scoring and overall value, Brown Bottling Group., Inc. received the highest total evaluation score and was selected as the recommended vendor.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

4. **UMMC – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING LEASE WITH MADISON HMA, LLC. (CLINIC SPACE)**

Agenda Item Request: The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) requests approval to enter into a Medical Office Building Lease with **Madison HMA, LLC** (Madison HMA) in Canton, Mississippi, adjacent to UMMC Madison. The lease will be for 5,457 square feet of space located in the Medical Office Building located adjacent to UMMC Madison's campus. The space will be used for clinic and office space for UMMC providers and staff and will be used to support the primary care needs of patients in the surrounding areas. *Pursuant to IHL policy 707.03 Approval of Prepayment for Goods and Services, UMMC also requests a waiver to allow prepayment of the rent in advance each month.*

Contractor's Legal Name: Madison HMA, LLC

History of Contract: On May 15, 2025, the Board approved a one year lease for the rental of clinic space from Madison HMA in the amount of \$183,846.33. At that time, UMMC also acquired the assets of the medical practice that had previously occupied the clinic space. The current lease expires on May 31, 2026.

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Specific Type of Contract: This is a new Medical Office Building Lease.

Purpose: The purpose of the agreement is to lease approximately 5,457 square feet of medical office space in the Medical Office Building located adjacent to UMMC Madison's campus, for UMMC providers and staff.

Scope of Work: Under the lease, Madison HMA will provide:

- 5,457 square feet of medical office space;
- Utilities, janitorial/housekeeping services, maintenance, real property insurance, medical waste disposal, landscaping, cable television and Ad Valorem Taxes;
- Non-exclusive use of all common areas; and
- Repair and renovation of the premises pursuant to UMMC's specifications.

Term of Contract: The term of the agreement is five (5) years, beginning June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2031.

Termination Options: The agreement may be terminated as follows:

- by UMMC in the event Madison HMA causes any utility service interruption lasting longer than 30 consecutive days;
- by either party in the event of a partial destruction of the premises and Madison HMA does not elect to make repairs or if the repairs cannot be made timely;
- by either party in the event of a total destruction of the building;
- automatically if the whole of the premises or building or so much thereof as to render the balance unusable by UMMC shall be taken under power of eminent domain, condemnation or by deed in lieu of foreclosure or otherwise;
- by either party in the event of a partial taking under power of eminent domain, by giving the other written notice within 30 days after receipt of written notice of such partial taking;
- by either party in the event the other party commits an act of default under the lease, by giving the defaulting party at least ten (10) days' prior written notice;
- by either party in the event any legislation, regulation or government policy is passed or adopted, the effect of which would cause either party to be in violation of such laws due to the existence of any provision of the lease, and the parties fail to agree upon modified terms within 90 days;
- by either party immediately upon breach of any of the following ongoing representations and warranties that it:
 - is not currently excluded, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in any federal health care programs or any state healthcare programs;
 - has not been convicted of a criminal offense related to the provision of healthcare items or services and have not been excluded, debarred, or otherwise declared ineligible to participate in the Federal Healthcare Programs or any state healthcare programs; and

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- is not under investigation or otherwise aware of any circumstances which may result in the party being excluded from participation in the Federal Healthcare Programs or any state healthcare programs;
- by either party in the event of an adverse change in IHL policy that causes this lease to not be in compliance with IHL policy, and the parties fail to agree upon modified terms within 90 days;
- by either party in the event of a reduction in funds of UMMC;
- by either party upon written notice in the event any provision of the lease is held to be invalid;
- by either party in the event of an adverse change in law and the parties fail to agree upon modified terms within 60 days; and
- by either party after the first year of the lease upon ninety (90) days' prior written notice.

Contract Amount: The estimated total cost of the lease is \$980,000 over the five (5) year term. UMMC's base rent is \$34.36 per square foot with an annual increase of two percent (2%) increase beginning in year 2.

Funding Source for Contract: The agreement will be funded by patient revenue.

Contractor Selection Process: Madison HMA, LLC, is the lessor of all of the clinic and office space in the Medical Office Building adjacent to UMMC Madison. UMMC has determined this location to be the most optimum location for its operations for both patient care and educational training.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

5. **UMMC – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING LEASE WITH MADISON HMA, LLC. (SURGERY PROVIDERS SPACE)**

Agenda Item Request: The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) requests approval to enter into a Medical Office Building Lease with **Madison HMA, LCC** (Madison HMA) in Canton, Mississippi. The lease will be for approximately 6,169 square feet of clinical and office space located in the Medical Office Building located adjacent to UMMC's Madison campus, and will be used for UMMC surgery providers and staff to support the care needs of patients in the surrounding areas. *Pursuant to IHL Policy 707.03 Approval of Prepayment of Goods and Services, UMMC also requests a waiver to allow for the prepayment of the monthly rent in advance each month.*

Contractor: Madison HMA, LLC

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History of Contract: On November 19, 2020, the Board approved a five-year lease for the rental of 6,169 square feet of clinic and office space from Madison HMA in the amount of \$1,031,941.62. The current agreement will expire on January 31, 2026.

Specific Type of Contract: This is a new Medical Office Building lease.

Purpose: The purpose of this lease agreement is to lease approximately 6,169 square feet of medical office space in the Medical Office Building located on UMMC's Madison campus, for UMMC surgery providers and staff.

Scope of Work: Under the lease agreement, Madison HMA will provide:

- 6,169 square feet of medical office space;
- utilities, janitorial/housekeeping services, maintenance, real property insurance, medical waste disposal, landscaping and Ad Valorem taxes;
- use of furniture and equipment currently housed in the space and belonging to Madison HMA; and
- non-exclusive use of all common areas.

Term of Contract: The term of this lease agreement shall be for 5 years, beginning on February 1, 2026 and will expire on January 31, 2031.

Termination Options:

- By UMMC in the event Madison HMA causes any utility service interruption lasting longer than 30 consecutive days;
- by either party upon no less than 365-day written notice to the other party;
- by either party in the event of total destruction of the building;
- by either party in the event of a partial destruction of the premises and Madison HMA does not elect to make repairs or if the repairs cannot be made timely;
- automatically if the whole of the premises or building is rendered unusable by UMMC shall be taken under the power of eminent domain, condemnation or by deed in lieu of foreclosure or otherwise;
- by either party in the event of a partial taking under power of eminent domain, by giving the other party written notice within 30 days after receipt of notice of partial taking;
- by either party in the event of a reduction in funds of UMMC;
- by either party in the event the other party commits an act of default under the lease by giving the defaulting party at least ten (10) days prior written notice;
- by either party in the event any legislation, regulation or government policy is passed or adopted, the effect of which would cause either party to be in violation of such laws due to the existence of any provision of the lease, and the parties fail to agree upon modified terms within 90 days;
- by either party immediately upon breach of any of the following ongoing representations and warranties that it:

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- is not currently excluded, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in any federal health care programs or any state healthcare programs;
- has not been convicted of a criminal offense related to the provision of healthcare items or services and have not been excluded, debarred, or otherwise declared ineligible to participate in the Federal Healthcare Programs or any state healthcare programs; and
- is not under investigation or otherwise aware of any circumstances which may result in the party being excluded from participating in the Federal Healthcare Programs or any state healthcare programs.
- by either party in the event of an adverse change in IHL policy that causes this lease to not be in compliance with IHL policy, and the parties fail to agree upon modified terms within 90 days;
- by either party upon written notice in the event any provision of the lease is held to be invalid; and
- by either party in the event of an adverse change in law and the parties fail to agree upon modified terms within 60 days.

Contract Amount: The estimated total cost of the lease is \$1,135,000 over the five (5) year term. UMMC's initial base rent is \$33.69 per square foot with an annual increase of two-percent (2%) beginning in year 2. Additionally, UMMC will rent the existing furniture and equipment for \$879.00 per month.

Funding Source for Contract: The agreement will be funded by patient revenue.

Contractor Selection Process: Madison HMA, LLC, is the lessor of all of the clinic and office space in the Medical Office Building adjacent to UMMC Madison. UMMC has determined this location to be the most optimum location for its operations for both patient care and educational training.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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Note: Project numbers beginning with the prefix "GS" designate projects that the Bureau of Building provides management oversight for and are funded partially or wholly with state Bureau of Building bond revenues. Project numbers beginning with the prefix "IHL" designate projects that are funded from university self-generated sources including but not limited to donations, fees, and grants.

APPROVAL OF OTHER REAL ESTATE REQUESTS

1. JSU – APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ENGINEERING RESOURCE GROUP (ERG)

Agenda Item Request: Jackson State University (JSU) requests approval to enter into a professional consulting services agreement with Engineering Resource Group (ERG). The contract will provide mechanical and energy engineering consulting services that support JSU’s infrastructure, preventive maintenance, energy efficiency, and compliance goals. JSU also seeks approval of a retroactive start date of January 1, 2026.

Contractor’s Legal Name: Engineering Resource Group, Inc.

History of Contract: This is a new agreement with ERG. However, since 2023, JSU and ERG have worked together via an independent contractor agreement to develop campus mechanical planning frameworks, assess existing infrastructure, and improve energy performance. JSU recently selected ERG to provide consulting services on this project. This new agreement requires Board approval pursuant to IHL Bylaw 707.1.

Specific Type of Contract: Professional Consulting Services Agreement.

Purpose: To provide ongoing mechanical and energy engineering consulting support to JSU. This agreement supports JSU’s efforts to extend the life of mechanical assets, implement preventive maintenance strategies, improve energy efficiency, and maintain compliance with state energy reporting and planning requirements.

Scope of Work: ERG will provide ongoing mechanical and energy engineering support to advance JSU’s facility operations, energy management, and mechanical system sustainability goals. ERG’s services include: evaluating and optimizing existing mechanical systems; developing preventive maintenance strategies; identifying energy-efficiency improvements; ensuring compliance with state energy planning and reporting requirements; assisting with preparation of the State of Mississippi Five-Year Energy Plan; resolving utility billing issues; reviewing monthly HVAC procurement requests for alignment with University standards; supporting energy-cost-saving efforts through effective use of the Energy Management System; and assisting with campus-wide HVAC equipment inventory and tagging as required by IHL.

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Term of Contract: Start Date: 1/1/2026 End Date: 12/31/2026. The contract may be renewed for two (2) consecutive one-year periods upon written agreement of the parties, for a total of three (3) years if all renewals are exercised.

Termination Options: The agreement may be terminated under the following conditions:

- Termination for Convenience;
- Termination for Breach with thirty (30) days written notice to the breaching party;
- Failure of Legislative Appropriation;
- Force Majeure; and
- Conflict of Interest.

Contract Amount: The total contract value is \$450,000. It is estimated that the annual contract amount shall not exceed \$150,000.00.

Funding Source for Contract: Education and General funds.

Contractor Selection Process: JSU conducted a qualifications-based selection process for Mechanical Engineering and Energy Management Consulting Services under GS# JSU-001. The University identified three (3) eligible firms for consideration: Engineering Resource Group (ERG), SINERGI Integrated Building Sciences, LLC, and Dewberry Engineers, Inc.

Each firm received a formal letter inviting them to submit their qualifications in accordance with JSU's professional services selection procedures. The firms were evaluated based on technical qualifications, relevant experience with higher education facilities, proposed personnel, and the ability to deliver the comprehensive scope of mechanical and energy engineering services required by JSU.

Following review of the submissions, ERG was selected based on its demonstrated expertise in mechanical system assessments, preventive maintenance planning, energy auditing, and support for institutional energy compliance. ERG's history of successful performance with JSU, combined with their understanding of campus infrastructure needs, made them the most qualified firm for the scope of work.

Staff Recommendation: Legal Staff has reviewed this item for compliance with applicable law and found it to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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BUREAU OF BUILDING PROJECTS

**2. ASU – GS 101-342B – JOC HVAC IMPROVEMENTS – HEERF – ROBINSON
HALL**

Project Request: Alcorn State University requests approval to increase the budget for the JOC HVAC Improvement – HEERF – Robinson Hall project from \$3,995,186.03 to \$4,194,945.33 for an increase in the amount of \$199,759.30.

Current Project Phase: Construction Phase

Design Professional: Dewberry Engineers, Inc.

General Contractor: Paul Jackson & Son, Inc.

Insurance Coverage: The design firm carries errors and omissions coverage in the amount of \$5,000,000 per claim and \$5,000,000 aggregate.

Purpose/Justification: The budget increase is needed primarily to establish an adequate contingency within the project.

Project Scope: The scope will include replacing the three existing multizone air handling units, related supply duct, and all building exhaust fans. The new system will include two dedicated outside air units ducted to each building space to address the code required outside air requirements. Space cooling will be handled with horizontal fan coil units in the dorm rooms and corridors and a blower coil unit for the entry/lobby. Each fan coil unit and blower coil unit will be connected to the new four pipe system installed from the new boilers and chillers. The existing building energy management system will be replaced with a new DDC building control system connected to the existing campus front end. As part of these HVAC Improvements the corridor ceilings will be removed and replaced.

Project Initiation Date: August 17, 2023

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Proposed Project Budget:

	Current Budget	Proposed Budget	Amount (+/-)
Construction Costs	\$ 3,620,000.00	\$ 3,620,000.00	\$ 0.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees	\$ 266,586.00	\$ 266,586.00	\$ 0.00
Miscellaneous Project Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Contingency	\$ 108,600.00	\$ 308,359.30	\$ 199,759.30
Total Project Budget	\$ 3,995,186.03	\$ 4,194,945.33	\$ 199,759.30

Proposed Funding Source(s): Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF)
Award # P425J200096 approved through the US. Department of Education

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

3. ASU – GS 101-343B – JOC HVAC IMPROVEMENTS – HEERF – BURRUS HALL

Project Request: Alcorn State University requests approval to increase the budget for the JOC HVAC Improvement – HEERF – Burrus Hall project from \$5,521,600.00 to \$5,797,680.00 for an increase in the amount of \$276,080.00. In addition, ASU requests to modify the funding sources of the project to include university funds as an additional funding source to accommodate the budget increase. ASU seeks to clarify the funding sources will now include HEERF funds as well as university funds in this project.

Current Project Phase: Construction Phase

Design Professional: Dewberry Engineers, Inc.

General Contractor: Paul Jackson & Son, Inc.

Insurance Coverage: The design firm carries errors and omissions coverage in the amount of \$5,000,000 per claim and \$5,000,000 aggregate.

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Purpose/Justification: The budget increase is needed primarily to establish an adequate contingency within the project. ASU is also seeking to clarify the funding sources of the project to include university funds.

Project Scope: The scope will include replacing the six existing multizone air handling units, one single zone air handling unit, related supply duct, and all building exhaust fans. The new system will include two dedicated outside air units ducted to each building space to address the code required outside air requirements. Space cooling will be handled with horizontal fan coil units in the dorm rooms and corridors and a blower coil unit for the entry/lobby. Each fan coil unit and blower coil unit will be connected to the new four pipe system installed from the new boilers and chillers. The existing building energy management system will be replaced with a new DDC building control system connected to the existing campus front end. As part of these HVAC Improvements, the corridor ceilings will be removed and reinstalled.

Project Initiation Date: August 17, 2023

Proposed Project Budget:

	Current Budget	Proposed Budget	Amount (+/-)
Construction Costs	\$ 4,930,000.00	\$ 4,930,000.00	\$ 0.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees	\$ 443,700.00	\$ 443,700.00	\$ 0.00
Miscellaneous Project Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Contingency	\$ 147,900.00	\$ 423,980.00	\$ 276,080.00
Total Project Budget	\$ 5,521,600.00	\$ 5,797,680.00	\$ 276,080.00

Proposed Funding Source(s): Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) Award # P425J200096 approved through the US. Department of Education (\$3,916,544.04); University Funds (\$1,881,135.96)

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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4. ASU – GS 101-341 – JOC HVAC IMPROVEMENTS – HEERF – MATH AND SCIENCE BUILDING

Project Request: Alcorn State University requests approval to increase the budget for the JOC HVAC Improvement – HEERF – Math and Science Building project from \$5,311,718.74 to \$5,577,304.68 for an increase in the amount of \$265,585.94.

Current Project Phase: Construction Phase

Design Professional: Engineering Resource Group (ERG)

General Contractor: Brown & Root Industrial Services, LLC

Insurance Coverage: The design firm carries errors and omissions coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000 per claim and \$1,000,000 aggregate.

Purpose/Justification: The budget increase is needed primarily to establish an adequate contingency within the project.

Project Scope: The project scope of work includes selective replacement of the HVAC system. The following HVAC equipment and systems are to be replaced.

- New Air-cooled chiller CH-3
- New Hot water boilers B-1, B-2 & B-3
- New Chilled water pumps CHWP-1, CHWP-2, CHWP-3, CHWP-4, CHWP-5 & CHWP-6
- New Hot water pumps HWP-1, HWP-2, HWP-3, HWP-4 & HWP-5
- New Air handling units AHU-1, AHU-5 & AHU-7
- Building Automation System (BAS)

Additionally, the HVAC systems will be tested, adjusted, and balanced, as well as the BAS and LCS will be commissioned.

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Proposed Project Budget:

	Current Budget	Proposed Budget	Amount (+/-)
Construction Costs	\$ 4,735,277.00	\$ 4,735,277.00	\$ 0.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees	\$ 426,174.93	\$ 426,174.93	\$ 0.00
Miscellaneous Project Costs	\$ 8,208.50	\$ 8,208.50	\$ 0.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Contingency	\$ 142,058.31	\$ 407,644.25	\$ 265,585.94
Total Project Budget	\$ 5,311,718.74	\$ 5,577,304.68	\$ 265,585.94

Proposed Funding Source(s): Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) Award # P425J200096 approved through the US. Department of Education.

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

5. ASU – GS 101-344A – JOC HVAC IMPROVEMENTS – HEERF – WALTER WASHINGTON

Project Request: Alcorn State University requests approval to increase the budget for the JOC HVAC Improvements – HEERF – Walter Washington project from \$1,175,066.80 to \$1,200,066.80 for an increase in the amount of \$25,000.00.

Current Project Phase: Construction Phase

Design Professional: Dewberry Engineers, Inc.

General Contractor: Brown & Root Industrial Services, LLC

Insurance Coverage: The design firm carries errors and omissions coverage in the amount of \$5,000,000 per claim and \$5,000,000 aggregate.

Purpose/Justification: The budget increase is needed primarily to establish an adequate contingency within the project.

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Project Scope: The scope will include replacing the existing R22 air cooled chiller, existing chilled water pump and all chilled water piping within the mechanical room.

Project Initiation Date: August 17, 2023

Proposed Project Budget:

	Current Budget	Proposed Budget	Amount (+/-)
Construction Costs	\$ 1,054,857.00	\$ 1,054,857.00	\$ 0.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees	\$ 94,937.13	\$ 94,937.13	\$ 0.00
Miscellaneous Project Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Contingency	\$ 25,272.67	\$ 50,272.67	\$ 25,000.00
Total Project Budget	\$ 1,175,066.80	\$ 1,200,066.80	\$ 25,000.00

Proposed Funding Source(s): Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) Award # P425J200096 approved through the US. Department of Education

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

6. ASU – GS 101-344B – JOC HVAC IMPROVEMENTS – HEERF – WALTER WASHINGTON

Project Request: Alcorn State University requests approval to increase the budget for the JOC HVAC Improvement – HEERF – Walter Washington project from \$5,594,615.04 to \$5,874,345.79 for an increase in the amount of \$279,730.75.

Current Project Phase: Construction Phase

Design Professional: Dewberry Engineers, Inc.

General Contractor: Brown & Root Industrial Services, LLC

Insurance Coverage: The design firm carries errors and omissions coverage in the amount of \$5,000,000 per claim and \$5,000,000 aggregate.

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Purpose/Justification: The budget increase is needed primarily to establish an adequate contingency within the project.

Project Scope: The scope will include replacing the six existing air handling units, variable air volume boxes, and all building exhaust fans. The new system will include a dedicated outside air unit located in the penthouse ducted to the new air handling unit on each floor to handle the code required outside air requirements. Space cooling will be handled with new variable flow air handling units on each floor duct to zone variable air volume boxes with reheat coils for space control. The existing building energy management system will be replaced with a new DDC building control system connected to the existing campus front end. As part of these HVAC Improvements portions of the corridor ceilings will be removed and reinstalled.

Project Initiation Date: August 17, 2023

Proposed Project Budget:

	Current Budget	Proposed Budget	Amount (+/-)
Construction Costs	\$ 4,995,192.00	\$ 4,995,192.00	\$ 0.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees	\$ 449,567.28	\$ 449,567.28	\$ 0.00
Miscellaneous Project Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Contingency	\$ 149,855.76	\$ 429,586.51	\$ 279,730.75
Total Project Budget	\$ 5,594,615.04	\$ 5,874,345.79	\$ 279,730.75

Proposed Funding Source(s): Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) Award # P425J200096 approved through the US. Department of Education

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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IHL PROJECTS

7. UM – IHL 407-011 – UM EARLY LEARNING AND EVALUATION CENTER

Project Request: The University of Mississippi requests approval to increase the budget for the UM Early Learning and Evaluation Center project from \$32,775,000 to \$39,275,000 for an increase in the amount of \$6,500,000. In addition, UM is requesting to modify the scope of the project to include renovating space within the South Oxford Center (SOC) for the Early Learning Center Dining and Kitchen as well as Infilling the new 2nd floor shell space with classrooms, offices, and lounge space.

Current Project Phase: Construction Phase

Design Professional: McCarty Architects, P.A.

General Contractor: Innovative Construction Management (ICM)

Insurance Coverage: The design firm carries errors and omissions coverage in the amount of \$2,000,000 per claim and \$2,000,000 aggregate.

Purpose/Justification: An escalation in the project budget is required to expand the project scope to include additional work via change order.

Project Scope: The project consists of the development of a comprehensive 54,000 GSF state-of-the-art early learning and evaluation center where clinical and educational services are integrated for all children ages birth to 6 years old. The new center is being constructed at the south side of the University’s South Oxford Center (SOC) and will utilize existing spaces within the SOC to serve additional needs for the center.

The University is requesting approval to add scope to the current project. This additional scope includes renovating space within the existing SOC building for the **Early Learning Dining and Kitchen** and **Infilling the New 2nd Floor Shell Space** with classrooms, offices, and lounge space.

Early Learning Dining and Kitchen Added Scope. The additional scope includes renovation of existing space within the SOC Building for the Early Learning Center Dining and Kitchen. The University has determined that the inclusion of this work as a change order to the original contract is necessary and would better serve the purpose of the project and academic mission of the University for the following reasons:

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- The kitchen and dining space/work is physically connected to the new preschool. Completion of this scope of work prior to the building being in use by children ages 0 – 6 provides the safest, most secure, and least disruptive environment for the children. Otherwise, there will be co-mingling of children and construction workers and construction activities within a functioning childcare setting.
- This space is directly related to the Health Department requirement for the Preschool to provide balanced meals to the children being served by the childcare facility.
- Inclusion of this work ensures that the dining and kitchen construction is complete when the ELEC is complete.
- Inclusion of this work provides the most commercially reasonable cost model for the work. Due to safety, security, and logistical concerns of working within an active childcare facility, it is anticipated that the cost to renovate the space as a separate project by a separate contractor will be an excessive burden to the University.

Infilling New 2nd Floor Shell Space. The additional scope includes the infill (or build-out) of shelled space currently being constructed as part of the ELEC original scope of work. The space will be infilled to provide much needed additional classrooms, offices, and student space. The University has determined that the inclusion of this work as a change order to the original contract is necessary and would better serve the purpose of the project and academic mission of the University for the following reasons:

- The space to be infilled is directly over (2nd Floor) the preschool portion of the ELEC. Completion of this scope of work prior to the building being in use by children ages 0 – 6 provides the safest, most secure, and least disruptive environment for the children. Otherwise, there will be co-mingling of children and construction workers and construction activities occurring on top of a functioning childcare facility.
- This additional space is directly required for the University to serve its growing enrollment needs.
- Inclusion of this work provides the most commercially reasonable cost model for the work. Due to safety, security, and logistical concerns of working on top of and within an active childcare facility, it is anticipated that the cost to renovate the space as a separate project by a separate contractor will be an excessive burden on the University.

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Proposed Project Budget:

	Current Budget	Proposed Budget	Amount (+/-)
Construction Costs	\$ 23,147,000.00	\$ 29,564,396.89	\$ 6,417,396.89
Architectural and Engineering Fees	\$ 1,435,107.22	\$ 2,127,064.32	\$ 691,957.10
Miscellaneous Project Costs	\$ 920,500.00	\$ 1,069,899.00	\$ 149,399.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs	\$ 2,350,000.00	\$ 3,737,500.00	\$ 1,387,500.00
Contingency	\$ 4,922,392.78	\$ 2,776,139.79	\$ (2,146,252.99)
Total Project Budget	\$ 32,775,000.00	\$ 39,275,000.00	\$ 6,500,000.00

Proposed Funding Source(s): SB 3002, Regular Session 2022 (\$10,000,000); Internal R&R (\$27,915,000); US Department of Education Award #S215K230087 (\$1,360,000)

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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1. **MSU – INTENT TO OFFER A CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**

Certificate program title: **One Health**
Responsible academic unit: College of Veterinary Medicine
Level: post-baccalaureate
Total credit hours: 12
CIP code: 30.1501
Effective date: August 2026

2. **DSU – INTENT TO OFFER AN EXISTING DEGREE PROGRAM BY DISTANCE LEARNING**

Board Policy 509 states: “*All distance learning courses and programs shall be in accord with Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) Principles of Accreditation and Council of Regional Accrediting Commissions Interregional Guidelines for the Evaluation of Distance Education.*”

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

In accordance with Board policy, the Delta State University submits the intent to offer already approved degree programs by distance learning to the Board for information.

Degree program title: **Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Psychology**
Total credit hours: 120
CIP Code, Sequence: 42.0101, 5094
Cost to offer by distance learning: \$0
Effective date: August 2026

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends these items be accepted as information.

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1. UMMC – MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES (ITS), AS A CONTRACTING AGENT FOR UMMC, ENTERED INTO AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH EXPERIAN HEALTH, INC.

Agenda Item Request: On November 18, 2025, ITS as the contracting agent for UMMC, entered into Amendment 7 under the current Amended and Restated Master Customer Agreement with **Experian Health, Inc.** (Experian Health). Amendment 7 revises the pricing structure to a flat, monthly fee for multiple claims-based software subscriptions and adds multiple UMMC facilities to the Amended and Restated Master Customer Agreement.

Contractor’s Legal Name: Experian Health, Inc.

Specific Type of Contract: This is an amendment to the current Amended and Restated Master Agreement.

Purpose: The purpose of Amendment 7 is to revise the current pricing structure to a flat, monthly fee for multiple claims-based software subscriptions and add additional UMMC facilities to the current agreement.

Scope of Work: Experian Health will provide the claims-based products and services for the management of healthcare claims and eligibility verification under the agreement to UMMC’s facilities.

Term of Contract: The term of Amendment 7 is November 18, 2025 to May 8, 2027. The amended term of the Amended and Restated Master Agreement shall be February 27, 2017 through May 8, 2027.

Contract Amount: The total estimated cost of the amended agreement over the term is \$4,992,883.69.

2. UMMC – MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES (ITS), AS A CONTRACTING AGENT FOR UMMC, ENTERED INTO AN AMENDMENT TO THE MASTER AGREEMENT WITH OPTUMINSIGHT, INC.

Agenda Item Request:

- On October 7, 2022, ITS as the contracting agent for UMMC, entered into Amendment 17 under the current Master Services and License Agreement (Agreement) with OptumInsight, Inc. (Optum) Amendment 17 extended the subscription term for RevenueCyclePro.com, EncoderPro.com Expert, and EncoderPro.com Standard for one additional month to have all software subscriptions under the agreement to expire simultaneously;

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- On December 1, 2022, ITS as the contracting agent for UMMC, entered into Amendment 18 under the Agreement with Optum. Amendment 18 extends the term for specific services provided by Optum;
- On December 7, 2022, ITS as the contracting agent for UMMC, entered into Amendment 19 under the Agreement with Optum to extend the term for Optum Transaction Testing Classic Product Schedule and Claims Manager Professional subscriptions. Amendment 19 also revised the Oracle Sublicense Fees for Year 1 that was added under Amendment 16;
- On April 3, 2023, ITS as the contracting agent for UMMC, entered into Amendment 20 under the current Agreement with Optum to renew the license for ASCII Files for an additional five (5) term, beginning December 1, 2022 and expiring November 30, 2027;
- On August 27, 2025, ITS as the contracting agent for UMMC, entered into Amendment 21 under the current Agreement with Optum to extend the term of the Optum Transaction Testing Classic Product Schedule for an additional two (2) years and extend the term of the Claims Manager Professional subscription term for an additional two (2) years;
- On November 17, 2025, ITS as the contracting agent for UMMC, entered into Amendment 22 under the current Agreement with Optum to add one Epic LCD Part A for WPS Part A J5 Jurisdiction Many States Claims Manager Professional database license as well as add a new UMMC location under the Agreement.

Contractor's Legal Name: OptumInsight, Inc.

Specific Type of Contract: These six (6) amendments are to the current Master Services and License Agreement.

Purpose: The purpose of each amendment is as follows:

- Amendment 17 extends the subscription term for RevenueCyclePro.com, EncoderPro.com Expert, and EncoderPro.com Standard for one additional month to have all software subscriptions under the agreement to expire simultaneously;
- Amendment 18 extends the term of certain services for an additional five years. These specific services will now expire November 30, 2027;
- Amendment 19 extends the term of the Optum Transaction Testing Classic Product Schedule subscription for an additional three (3) years; extend the term of the Claims Manager Professional subscription for an additional five (5) years; and revise the Oracle Sublicense Fees for Year 1 to \$8,613.00;
- Amendment 20 renews the ASCII Files License for an additional five (5) year term, beginning December 1, 2022 and expiring November 30, 2027;

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- Amendment 21 extends the term for the Optum Transaction Testing Classic Product Schedule and the Claims Manager Professional subscription for an additional two years each. Both subscriptions will now expire November 30, 2027;
- Amendment 22 adds on Epic LCD Part A for WPS Part A J5 Jurisdiction Many States Claims Manager Professional database license for two (2) years. The amendment also adds the new UMMC Madison location under the agreement.

Scope of Work: Under this amended agreement, Optum will provide the software license and services as outlined in each amendment for claims scrubbing and claims clearinghouse services.

Term of Contract: The term of the amended agreement is thirteen (13) years and six (6) months.

Contract Amount: The total cost for each amendment is as follows:

- Amendment 17 is \$15,395.00
- Amendment 18 is \$639,685.00
- Amendment 19 is \$1,131,899.30
- Amendment 20 is \$489,525.00
- Amendment 21 is \$878,745.78
- Amendment 22 is \$65,120.00
- The total cost of the Master Services and License Agreement is \$11,878,031.23.

Funding Source for Contract: This agreement is funded by general funds.

Contractor Selection Process: UMMC is currently contracted with OptumInsight, Inc.

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SYSTEM: REAL ESTATE ITEMS APPROVED SUBSEQUENT TO THE
NOVEMBER 20, 2025, 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 #5

Board staff approved Change Order #5 in the amount of \$21,104.00 and twelve (12) additional days as submitted by Paul Jackson & Sons, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, November 11, 2025

Change Order Description: Change Order #5 includes the following: providing material, labor supervision, overhead and profit to replace damaged conduit found concealed in the existing slab; providing a credit to the owner for removing Alternate 1 from the scope of work; provide materials, labor, overhead and profit to include Alternate 2 in the scope of work; including Alternate 3 in the scope of work; including Alternate 4 in the scope of work; providing materials, labor, overhead and profit to install EDF to the first floor.

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

Approval Request 2: Change Order #6

Board Staff approved Change Order #6 in the amount of \$7,140.00 and five (5) additional days as submitted by Paul Jackson & Sons, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, November 11, 2025

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Change Order Description: Change Order #6 includes the following: removing existing graffiti from interior brick and staining the exterior brick to match the new exterior brick.

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

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Six (6) total change orders in the amount of \$1,048,119.00.

Project Initiation Date: June 15, 2023

Design Professional: Burris/Wagnon Architects

General Contractor: Paul Jackson & Sons, Inc.

Total Project Budget: \$7,280,000.00

2. ASU-GS 101-334 – ARPA WASTE COLLECTION & CONVEYANCE

Approval Request 1: Change Order #1

Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$25,821.37 and two hundred ten (210) additional days as submitted by Hemphill Construction Company, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, December 17, 2025

Change Order Description: Change Order #1 includes the following: furnishing and installation of three (3) 40 hp VFD's, addition of main line point repair in the street between Dumas Dormitory and the Alumni House, replacement of 400 linear feet of 4" service line in the front and side of Lanier Dormitory, and a credit for under-runs due to being unable to located work items shown in the plans.

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) total change orders in the amount of \$1,048,119.00.

Project Initiation Date: August 17, 2023

Design Professional: Pickering Firm

General Contractor: Hemphill Construction Company, Inc.

Total Project Budget: \$1,075,000.00

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3. ASU-GS 101-340 – HVAC IMPROVEMENTS HEERF DAVID WHITNEY COMPLEX

Approval Request 1: Change Order #2

Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the amount of \$5,272.00 and one hundred thirty-five (135) additional days as submitted by Brown and Root Industrial Services, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, December 17, 2025

Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following: additional threadolets for controls devices.

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

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Two (2) change orders in the amount of \$32,362.00.

Project Initiation Date: August 17, 2023

Design Professional: Dewberry Engineers, Inc.

General Contractor: Brown and Root Industrial Services, LLC

Total Project Budget: \$2,044,960.98

4. ASU-GS 101-341 – HVAC IMPROVEMENTS HEERF MATH & SCIENCE

Approval Request 1: Change Order #1

Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$32,423.00 and zero (0) additional days as submitted by Brown & Root Industrial Services, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, November 11, 2025

Change Order Description: Change Order #1 includes the following: increasing the size of VFD's and pumps for additional pressure.

Justification: This change order was necessary due to latent job site conditions.

Approval Request 2: Change Order #2

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Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the amount of \$82,738.00 and zero (0) additional days as submitted by Brown & Root Industrial Services, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, November 11, 2025

Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following: fence screen wall installation at the Pump House; slope change at the chiller/pump pad to 5:1.

Justification: This change order was necessary due to latent job site conditions.

Approval Request 3: Change Order #3 (Credit)

Board staff approved Change Order #3 credit in the amount of \$30,000.00 and zero (0) additional days as submitted by Brown and Root Industrial Services, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, December 17, 2025

Change Order Description: Change Order #3 includes the following: a credit in the amount of \$30,000.00 due to the removal of water softener, which is no longer required, from the scope of work.

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

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Three (3) change orders for a total amount of \$85,161.00.

Project Initiation Date: August 17, 2023

Design Professional: Engineering Resource Group, Inc.

General Contractor: Brown & Root Industrial Services, LLC

Total Project Budget: \$5,311,718.74

5. ASU-GS 101-342B – HVAC IMPROVEMENTS HEERF ROBINSON HALL PKG B

Approval Request: Change Order #4

Board staff approved Change Order #4 in the amount of \$3,304.00 and fourteen (14) additional days as submitted by Paul Jackson & Son, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, December 17, 2025

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Change Order Description: Change Order #4 includes the following: additional electrical work to demo and rerun feeder conduits to FCW2, FCW3, repull wire and terminate.

Justification: This change order was necessary due to latent job site conditions.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Four (4) change orders for a total amount of \$53,687.00.

Project Initiation Date: August 17, 2023

Design Professional: Dewberry Engineers, Inc.

General Contractor: Paul Jackson & Sons, Inc.

Total Project Budget: \$3,995,186.03

6. ASU-GS 101-343B – HVAC IMPROVEMENTS HEERF BURRUS HALL, PKG B

Approval Request: Change Order #3

Board staff approved Change Order #3 in the amount of \$106,432.00 and one-hundred sixty-four (164) additional days as submitted by Paul Jackson & Son, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, November 11, 2025

Change Order Description: Change Order #3 includes the following: patch and paint 150 holes where duct was removed; relocation of water lines on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd floors on the west side of Burrus Hall.

Justification: This change order was necessary due to latent job site conditions, and changes in requirements as recommended by governmental agencies.

Approval Request: Change Order #4

Board staff approved Change Order #4 in the amount of \$9,982.00 and fourteen (14) additional days as submitted by Paul Jackson and Son, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, December 17, 2025

Change Order Description: Change Order #4 includes the following: providing pumps for condensate drains; replacing existing cast iron vent stack at the mechanical room in the west wing.

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

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Four (4) change orders for a total amount of \$68,709.00.

Project Initiation Date: August 17, 2023

Design Professional: Dewberry Engineers, Inc.

General Contractor: Paul Jackson & Son, Inc.

Total Project Budget: \$5,521,600.00

**7. ASU-GS 201-264 – MATT THOMAS JR. GARDEN APARTMENTS RENOVATIONS
PHASE I**

Approval Request: Change Order #1

Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$51,290.00 and twenty-one (21) additional days as submitted by Barnard & Sons Construction, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, November 11, 2025

Change Order Description: Change Order #1 includes the following: mold remediation, including removal of doors, millwork, HVAC, furr-downs, tubs, sinks and miscellaneous items.

Justification: This change order was necessary due to latent job site conditions.

Approval Request: Change Order #2

Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the amount of \$6,148.00 and seven (7) additional days as submitted by Barnard & Sons Construction, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, December 17, 2025

Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following: locating and isolating existing domestic water supply lines serving Building C & D; removal and replacement of 8 valve boxes with new lead-free ball valves and valve boxes; and extended general conditions to the contract.

Justification: This change order was necessary due to latent job site conditions.

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Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Two (2) change orders for a total amount of \$57,438.00.

Project Initiation Date: March 21, 2024

Design Professional: Canizaro Cathwon Davis

General Contractor: Barnard & Sons Construction, LLC

Total Project Budget: \$2,750,000.00

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

Approval Request #1: Construction Documents (Re-Bid)

Board staff approved Construction Documents as submitted by Cook Douglass Farr & Lemons

Approval Status & Date: Approved, November 10, 2025

Approval Request #2: Advertise (Re-Bid)

Board staff approved request to re-advertise for receipt of bids.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, November 10, 2025

9. DSU-GS 102-271 – NURSING SCHOOL EXPANSION AND RENOVATION

Approval Request: Change Order #9

Board staff approved Change Order #9 in the amount of \$21,675.87 and seventy-six (76) additional days as submitted by Richard Womack Construction, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, December 8, 2025

Change Order Description: Change Order #1 includes the following: a credit for using the previously deleted nursing station for the reception desk, addition and fabrication of a custom floor access hatch, installation of dual and single roller window shades at all exterior windows in the existing building, installation of a ceiling access panel in the faculty kitchen, and installation of one can light and outlet.

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

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Nine (9) total change orders in the amount of \$670,847.33.

Project Initiation Date: February 18, 2021

Design Professional: Eley Guild Hardy Architects

General Contractor: Richard Womack Construction, LLC

Total Project Budget: \$12,735,962.93

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10. JSU-GS 103-315 – CAMPUS MECHANICAL IMPROVEMENTS PHASE III

Approval Request: Award of Construction Contract

Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of \$6,158,800.00 to the apparent low bidder, Fountain Construction Company, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, December 8, 2025

Project Initiation Date: April 14, 2022

Design Professional: Engineering Resource Group

General Contractor: Fountain Construction Company, Inc.

Total Project Budget: \$7,323,911.18

11. JSU- GS 103-343 – JOC T.B. ELLIS ROOFING IMPROVEMENTS

Approval Request: Initiation

Board staff approved Initiation of the JOC T.B. Ellis Roofing Improvements and appointment of Vernell Barnes Architect as the design professional.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, November 20, 2025

Project Initiation Date: November 20, 2025

Design Professional: Vernell Barnes Architect

General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$3,000,000.00

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12. JSU- GS 103-344 – JOC T.B. ELLIS INTERIOR RENOVATIONS

Approval Request: Initiation

Board staff approved Initiation of the JOC T.B. Ellis Interior Renovations and appointment of Eley Guild Hardy Architects as the design professional.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, November 20, 2025

Project Initiation Date: November 20, 2025

Design Professional: Eley Guild Hardy Architects

General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$3,000,000.00

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13. MSU-IHL 205-320C – PATTERSON ENGINEERING IDEE LAB PHASE 3

Approval Request: Schematic Design Documents (Design Fees Only)

Board staff approved the Schematic Design Documents as submitted by CDFL Architects + Engineers, P.A.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, December 17, 2025

Project Initiation Date: August 18, 2022

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

General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$5,000,000.00

14. MSU-IHL 205-336 SOUTH CAMPUS MECHANICAL PLANT, BID PACKAGE N

Approval Request: Change Order #5

Board staff approved Change Order #5 in the amount of \$92,330.89 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Upchurch Plumbing, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, January 7, 2026

Change Order Description: Change Order #5 includes the following: cost of time and

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materials for repairs made to the primary electrical service damaged during excavation for the hydronic piping between the ABE Building and the Duff Center.

Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to latent job site conditions.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Five (5) change orders for a total amount of \$595,769.53.

Project Initiation Date: June 15, 2023

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

CMA: Innovative Construction Management

General Contractor: Upchurch Plumbing, LLC

Phased Project Budget: \$15,424,969.53

Total Project Budget: \$35,000,000.00

15. MSU-IHL 205-337 – ULYSSES S. GRANT PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY

Approval Request: Schematic Design Documents

Board staff approved the Schematic Design Documents as submitted by MP Design Group + Mathes Brierre Architects (Joint Venture)

Approval Status & Date: Approved, November 24, 2025

Project Initiation Date: April 20, 2023

Design Professional: MP Design Group + Mathes Brierre Architects (Joint Venture)

General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$26,000,000.00

16. MSU-IHL 205-359B – WISE CENTER – NANCY FAIR LINK LEMINITIS RESEARCH CENTER

Approval Request: Design Development Documents

Board staff approved the Design Development Documents as submitted by Eley Guild Hardy Architects.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, November 25, 2025

Project Initiation Date: October 17, 2024

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Design Professional: Eley Guild Hardy Architects

CMA: Andercorp, LLC

General Contractor: TBD

Phased Project Budget: \$13,000,000.00

Total Project Budget: \$36,000,000.00

17. MSU-IHL 205-359C – WISE CENTER-FARM ANIMAL HOSPITAL - EARLY SITE PACKAGE

Approval Request: Award of Construction Contract

Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of \$1,121,400.00 to the apparent low bidder Byrum Construction, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, November 25, 2025

Project Initiation Date: October 17, 2024

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

CMA: AnderCorp, LLC

General Contractor: Byrum Construction, Inc.

Phased Project Budget: \$1,333,221.00

Total Project Budget: \$36,000,000.00

18. MSU-IHL 205-360 – LEO SEAL JR. FOOTBALL COMPLEX RENOVATION & ADDITION

Approval Request: Commissioning Agent

Board staff approved appointment of Sinergi Consulting, LLC as the Commissioning Agent for the project.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, November 14, 2025

Project Initiation Date: November 21, 2024

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

General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$3,000,000.00 (Design Fees Only)

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19. MSU-IHL 205-368 – GRIFFIS HALL INTERIOR REFINISH

Approval Request: Initiation

Board staff approved Initiation of Griffis Hall Interior Refinish and appointment of Shafer Zahner Zahner as the design professional.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, January 7, 2026

Project Initiation Date: January 7, 2026

Design Professional: Shafer Zahner Zahner

General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$5,000,000.00

20. MSU-IHL 213-145 – AQUATIC FOOD RESEARCH FACILITY

Approval Request: Change Order #1

Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$745,757.26 and one hundred thirty-five (135) additional days to the contract of Drace Construction Corporation.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, November 17, 2025

Change Order Description: Change Order #1 includes the following: time for the building pad settlement period, upgrading the storefront system, re-routing new sanitary sewer main, installation of a generator, installation of rubber flooring in the lab corridor, a credit for the HVAC controls allowance, and adding items which were value-engineered out of the project following receipt of bids. Since the original bids and award, MSU has increased the project budget following receipt of additional grants and funds. Therefore, MSU determined to add those items back into the scope of work.

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: One (1) change order for a total amount of \$745,757.26.

Project Initiation Date: November 19, 2020

Design Professional: McCarty Architects, P.A.

General Contractor: Drace Construction Corporation

Total Project Budget: \$9,000,000.00

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21. MSU-IHL 405-003B – HOWELL HALL ADDITIONS & RENOVATIONS

Approval Request: Change Order #1

Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$81,308.48 and five (5) additional days to the contract of West Brothers Construction, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, November 24, 2025

Change Order Description: Change Order #1 includes the following: additional asbestos abatement discovered during demolition and associated plaster ceiling removal to access abatement items, and replacement of the west-most sewer manhole in lieu of refurbishing and providing a 48” pre-cast manhole.

Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to latent job site conditions.

Approval Request: Change Order #2

Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the amount of \$270,698.15 and forty-seven (47) additional days to the contract of West Brothers Construction, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, January 7, 2026

Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following: historic oak tree root scan, pruning, soil injection and root barrier sheathing/piling, reconfigure to remove Office 1085 including MEP and furniture revisions, add door 1083 and revised storefront doors 1000A, 1000B, 1001A, 1100C, 1200B & 2178A, reduced door height and storefront elevations modified to reflect door height, fire protection revisions for kiln shop and remove dry pipe from the Addition, electrical for welders and projector locations added, added PT, wood blocking and wrap barrier for roofing details and rough-in for projection screen controls, curb removal, revisions to concrete sidewalk thickness and ADA parking bank grade revisions, provide 4” conduit for AT&T near water tower, additional mullion in vertical sloped glazing and additional flashing/blocking, added block wall repair per found conditions, interior slabs with turn down for additional slab demo, added north side storm drain HDPE, reconfigure mechanical room to add additional egress door.

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

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Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Two (2) change orders for a total amount of \$352,006.63.

Project Initiation Date: November 19, 2020

Design Professional: Belinda Stewart Architects + Wier Boerner Allin Architects

General Contractor: West Brothers Construction, Inc.

Phased Project Budget: \$26,500,000.00

Total Project Budget: \$35,732,500.00

22. MSU-IHL 413-003 – DORMAN HALL RENOVATIONS PHASE I

Approval Request: Change Order #4

Board staff approved Change Order #4 in the amount of \$90,420.76 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Codaray Construction, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, November 17, 2025

Change Order Description: Change Order #4 includes the following: addition of fire dampers in the basement, new HVAC grilles in the perimeter offices and new valves necessary for connections of chilled water lines.

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 modification.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Four (4) change orders for a total amount of \$1,777,529.93.

Project Initiation Date: February 18, 2021

Design Professional: JH&H Architects

General Contractor: Codaray Construction, LLC

Phased Project Budget: \$28,200,000.00

Total Project Budget: \$44,141,362.00

**23. TIMBER SALE 2025 TW40 41 43 66, JOHN W. STARR MEMORIAL FOREST
PAY-AS-CUT SALE**

Real Estate Chair Approval: Mississippi State University requests approval to conduct a timber sale on Mississippi State University's John W. Starr Memorial Forest, Oktibbeha

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County, Mississippi. This lump-sum sale will be conducted on 92.1 acres consisting of mainly pine sawtimber.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, November 4, 2025

Approval Authority: Approved by the Chair of Real Estate, Trustee Gregg Rader, as part of Board Policy 905(A) Real Estate Management for Timber Sales less than \$500,000.

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24. MUW-IHL 104-215 – JONES HALL RENOVATION

Approval Request: Award of Construction Contract

Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of \$8,637,680.00 to the apparent low bidder, Ethos Contracting Group, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, November 17, 2025

Project Initiation Date: March 21, 2024

Design Professional: Shafer Zahner Zahner

General Contractor: Ethos Contracting Group, LLC

Total Project Budget: \$10,078,925.00

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25. MVSU-GS 106-258 – ACADEMIC SKILLS BUILDING RENOVATIONS

Approval Request: Change Order #3

Board staff approved Change Order #3 in the amount of \$261,261.88 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Thrash Commercial Contractors, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, November 10, 2025

Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following: omitting two (2) new boilers inside the Academic Skills Building and adding two (2) larger boilers to serve the building; additional floor leveling which was required following demolition of some walls.

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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: Three (3) change orders for a total amount of \$293,850.72.

Project Initiation Date: October 15, 2015
Design Professional: Architecture South, P.A.
General Contractor: Thrash Commercial Contractors, Inc.
Total Project Budget: \$8,939,632.82

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**26. UM-IHL 207-473.4 BID PACKAGE P – OLE MISS SOFTBALL COMPLEX
ADDITION & RENOVATION**

Approval Request: Change Order #3

Board staff approved Change Order #3 in the amount of \$11,849.66 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Tull Brothers, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, December 17, 2025

Change Order Description: Change Order #3 includes the following: adding two (2) ticket window units with pass-through and speaker-through equipment.

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

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Three (3) change orders for a total amount of \$34,116.22.

Project Initiation Date: October 21, 2021
Design Professional: McCarty Architects, P.A.
CMA: Innovative Construction Management, LLC
General Contractor: Tull Brothers, Inc.
Phased Project Budget: \$19,092,659.04
Total Project Budget: \$32,250,000.00

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**27. UM-IHL 207-473.4 BID PACKAGE X – OLE MISS SOFTBALL COMPLEX
ADDITION & RENOVATION**

Approval Request: Change Order #8

Board staff approved Change Order #8 in the amount of \$22,045.02 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Advance Electric Company, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, November 19, 2025

Change Order Description: Change Order #8 includes the following: providing power to motorized window shades at the Media Lounge, Conference Room, and Head Coach Office, providing power to lighted wall sign in the lobby, and providing power to lighted wall sign at Champions Corridor and conference room.

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 \$231,695.62.

Project Initiation Date: October 21, 2021

Design Professional: McCarty Architects, P.A.

CMA: Innovative Construction Management, LLC

General Contractor: Advance Electric Company, Inc.

Phased Project Budget: \$19,092,659.04

Total Project Budget: \$32,250,000.00

**28. UM-IHL 207-473.4 BID PACKAGE X – OLE MISS SOFTBALL COMPLEX
ADDITION & RENOVATION**

Approval Request: Change Order #9

Board staff approved Change Order #9 in the amount of \$3,456.45 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Advance Electric Company, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, December 17, 2025

Change Order Description: Change Order #9 includes the following: adding power to serve the speak-through equipment at the new ticketing window and relocation of existing fire alarm device to make way for the ticket window.

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

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Nine (9) change orders for a total amount of \$235,152.07.

Project Initiation Date: October 21, 2021

Design Professional: McCarty Architects, P.A.

CMA: Innovative Construction Management, LLC

General Contractor: Advance Electric Company, Inc.

Phased Project Budget: \$19,092,659.04

Total Project Budget: \$32,250,000.00

29. UM-IHL 207-502, BID PACKAGE H (ELECTRICAL) – NEW PARKING STRUCTURE

Approval Request: Change Order #2

Board staff approved time-only Change Order #2 in the amount of \$9,421.50 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Advance Electric Company, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, December 8, 2025

Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following: installation of lightning protection on CCTV poles and recertify the whole system on the existing parking garage.

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

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Six (6) total change orders in the amount of \$240,830.81.

Project Initiation Date: January 31, 2023

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

CMA: Innovative Construction Management, LLC (ICM)

General Contractor: Advance Electric Company, Inc.

Total Project Budget: \$56,000,000.00

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30. UM- IHL 407-008.2 NW MECHANICAL PLANT (ELEC. PH II) 13KV ELEC. DIST. IMPROVEMENTS – PART B

Approval Request: Schematic Design Documents

Board staff approved the Schematic Design Documents as submitted by Atwell & Gent, P.A.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, November 10, 2025

Project Initiation Date: January 6, 2023

Design Professional: Atwell & Gent, P.A.

General Contractor: N/A

Phased Project Budget: \$1,785,000.00

Total Project Budget: \$25,200,000.00

31. UM-IHL 407-003 – PHASE II UPGRADE HVAC CONTROLS – NATURAL PRODUCTS & FASER

Approval Request: Change Order #5 (Time Only)

Board staff approved time-only Change Order #5 in the amount of \$0.00 and eighty-eight (88) additional days to the contract of Upchurch Services, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, November 19, 2025

Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following: additional time of eighty-eight (88) days due to the inability of the contractor to work in the space due to sensitive research in the Natural Products Vivarium.

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 \$150,962.48.

Project Initiation Date: February 17,2022

Design Professional: DBES, LLC

General Contractor: Upchurch Services, LLC

Total Project Budget: \$5,300,000.00

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32. UM-IHL 407-011 – EARLY LEARNING AND EVALUATION CENTER

Approval Request: Change Order #1

Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$1,035,363.16 and twenty-eight (28) additional days to the contract of Innovative Construction Management (ICM).

Approval Status & Date: Approved, November 25, 2025

Change Order Description: Change Order #1 includes the following: removal of over eighty (80) deep foundations, asphalt parking, shoring, undercutting and replacement of soils, and a credit for previously planned rammed aggregate piers.

Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to latent job site conditions.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: One (1) change order for a total amount of \$1,035,363.16.

Project Initiation Date: June 16, 2022

Design Professional: McCarty Architects, P.A.

General Contractor: Innovative Construction Management (ICM)

Phased Project Budget: \$25,038,688.99

Total Project Budget: \$32,775,000.00

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33. UMMC-IHL 209-579B.3 – COLONY PARK NORTH LANDSCAPING AND IRRIGATION

Approval Request: Award of Construction Contract

Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of \$655,000.00 to the apparent low bidder, Gulf Breeze Landscaping, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, December 8, 2025

Project Initiation Date: April 20, 2023

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

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General Contractor: Gulf Breeze Landscaping, LLC
Phased Project Budget: \$3,089,966.13
Total Project Budget: \$5,897,737.00

34. UMMC-IHL 209-579B.3 – COLONY PARK NORTH LANDSCAPING AND IRRIGATION

Approval Request: Change Order #1

Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$33,500.00 and ten (10) additional days to the contract of Gulf Breeze Landscaping, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, December 8, 2025

Change Order Description: Change Order #1 includes the following: additional herbicide, clearing, and bed preparation for the building area and parking islands.

Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to latent job site conditions.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: One (1) change order for a total amount of \$33,500.00.

Project Initiation Date: April 20, 2023
Design Professional: CDFL Architects + Engineers, P.A.
General Contractor: Gulf Breeze Landscaping, LLC
Phased Project Budget: \$3,089,966.13
Total Project Budget: \$5,897,737.00

35. UMMC-IHL 209-587 – MIND CENTER GERIATRIC CLINIC

Approval Request: Award of Construction Contract

Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of \$9,631,000.00 to the apparent low-bidder Fountain Construction Company.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, November 25, 2025

Project Initiation Date: April 18, 2024
Design Professional: Foil Wyatt Architects & Planners, PLLC
General Contractor: Fountain Construction Company

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Total Project Budget: \$10,900,000.00

36. UMMC-IHL 409-006 – SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

Approval Request: Award of Construction Contracts

Board staff approved the Award 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, November 14, 2025

Project Initiation Date: August 17, 2023

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

CMA: Innovative Construction Management (ICM)

Total Project Budget: \$40,000,000.00

General Contractor: Fondren Construction, LLC (Package A)

Phased Project Budget: \$2,489,159.31

General Contractor: Abbey Bridges Construction Company, LLC (Package B)

Phased Project Budget: \$4,295,144.14

General Contractor: Bush Masonry, LLC (Package C)

Phased Project Budget: \$2,460,435.16

General Contractor: Slay Steel, Inc. (Package D)

Phased Project Budget: \$3,473,854.71

General Contractor: McNeil Cabinet and Millwork, Inc. (Package E)

Phased Project Budget: \$746,967.78

General Contractor: Independent Roofing Systems, Inc. (Package F)

Phased Project Budget: \$425,966.82

General Contractor: Capital Glass Company, Inc. (Package G)

Phased Project Budget: \$1,262,241.39

General Contractor: BlueWater Architectural Products, LLC (Package H)

Phased Project Budget: \$453,488.08

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General Contractor: Southern Drywall, LLC (Package I)
Phased Project Budget: \$4,068,936.71

General Contractor: Byrd & Cook (Package J)
Phased Project Budget: \$580,400.76

General Contractor: J.E. Stevens Construction Group, LLC (Package K)
Phased Project Budget: \$663,745.29

General Contractor: Fireline, Inc. (Package L)
Phased Project Budget: \$466,147.56

General Contractor: Upchurch Plumbing, LLC (Package M)
Phased Project Budget: \$7,617,596.27

General Contractor: Shivers Construction, LLC (Package N)
Phased Project Budget: \$4,297,242.19

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37. USM- IHL 208-301 REED-GREEN COLISEUM RENOVATION

Approval Request: Design Development Documents

Board staff approved the Design Development Documents as submitted by Weir Boerner Allin Architecture, LLC. Future Board submissions will include modifications to the exterior rendering, as well as approval of design modifications from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, December 16, 2025

Project Initiation Date: January 20, 2022
Design Professional: Weir Boerner Allin Architecture, LLC
CMA: Codaray Construction, LLC
General Contractor: TBD
Total Project Budget: \$43,170,506.50

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38. USM – GS 114-033 EXECUTIVE EDUCATION CENTER

Approval Request #1: Construction Documents

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

Approval Status & Date: Approved, January 7, 2026

Approval Request #2: Advertise

Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, January 7, 2026

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1. SYSTEM - REPORT OF PAYMENTS TO OUTSIDE COUNSEL

Legal fees approved for payment to outside counsel in relation to litigation and other matters:

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Reed Smith, LLP (statement dated 11/10/25) from the funds of the IHL System Office. (This statement, in the amount of \$32,361.00, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 32,361.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware|Immigration (statements dated 8/28/25, 8/28/25, 9/25/25 and 10/28/25) from the funds of Jackson State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$67.50, \$651.00, \$67.50 and \$705.50, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with an immigration/labor certification matter.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 1,491.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Brunini, Grower, Grantham and Hewes, PLLC (statements dated 8/14/25, 11/19/25, 11/19/25, 12/11/25 and 12/16/25) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$350.00, \$175.00, \$5,075.00, \$175.00 and \$4,462.50, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 10,237.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statement dated 10/14/25) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement, in the amount of \$1,725.00, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 1,725.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Copeland Cook Taylor & Bush, PA (statement dated 11/24/25) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement, in the amount of \$391.00, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 391.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware|Immigration (statements dated 9/2/25, 11/1/25, 11/11/25, 11/11/25, 11/18/25 and 12/11/25) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$150.00, \$2,650.00, \$11,485.00, \$11,485.00, \$585.00 and \$2,650.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with immigration/labor certification matters.)

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TOTAL DUE.....\$ 29,005.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by The Winfield Law Firm, P.A. (statement dated 12/15/25) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement, in the amount of \$3,275.00, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 3,275.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Lightfoot Franklin White, LLC (statement dated 11/18/25) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement, in the amount of \$3,296.00, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 3,296.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Lightfoot Franklin White, LLC (statements dated 12/11/25) from the funds of Mississippi Valley State University. (This statement, in the amount of \$2,008.50, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 2,008.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Kaplan Kirsch (statements dated 11/20/25 and 12/8/25) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$570.00 and \$665.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 1,235.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Lightfoot Franklin White, LLC (statements dated 11/18/25 and 12/11/25) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$11,693.40 and \$5,613.50, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 17,306.90

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mayo Mallette, PLLC (statements dated 11/7/25, 11/7/25, 12/10/25, 12/10/25 and 12/10/25) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$1,675.00, \$275.00, \$275.00, \$700.00 and \$200.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 3,125.00

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware|Immigration (statements dated 10/27/25, 11/1/25, 11/3/25, 11/18/25 and 12/1/25) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$2,650.00, \$2,650.00, \$8,150.00, \$2,650.00 and \$29.83, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with immigration/labor certification matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 16,129.83

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Alexander Law, P.A. (statements dated 10/6/25, 10/6/25, 10/6/25, 10/6/25, 10/6/26, 11/5/25, 11/5/25, 11/5/25, 11/5/25, 12/5/25, 12/5/25, 12/5/25 and 12/5/25) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$340.00, \$1,104.00, \$760.50, \$3,042.50, \$3,274.50, \$7,061.00, \$1,259.00, \$336.00, \$251.00, \$13,221.00, \$15.00, \$293.00 and \$49.00, respectively represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 31,006.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statements dated 8/29/25, 9/12/25, 9/12/25, 9/12/25, 9/15/25, 9/15/25, 10/10/25, 10/10/25, 10/15/25, 10/15/25, 10/15/25, 10/15/25, 10/15/25, 10/15/25, 10/15/25, 10/15/25, 10/15/25, 10/28/25, 11/6/25, 11/19/25, 11/19/25, 11/19/25, 11/19/25, 11/19/25, 11/19/25, 11/19/25, 11/20/25, 11/20/25, 11/20/25, 11/24/25, 12/12/25, 12/12/25, 12/12/25, 12/12/25, 12/12/25, 12/12/25, 12/12/25, 12/12/25, 12/12/25, 12/12/25 and 12/12/25) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$2,964.30, \$165.00, \$657.00, \$73.00, \$702.00, \$13,573.30, \$511.00, \$365.00, \$27,669.60, \$60.00, \$49.50, \$11,245.70, \$3,469.30, \$376.70, \$6,800.05, \$2,008.10, \$85.00, \$40.50, \$511.00, \$9,052.15, \$6,200.35, \$1,766.90, \$2,621.50, \$5,473.10, \$1,788.50, \$216.00, \$1,064.80, \$236.00, \$27,694.60, \$2,372.50, \$1,460.00, \$28,837.70, \$474.50, \$15,562.50, \$148.50, \$42.50, \$1,377.55, \$449.00 and \$26,134.85, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 204,299.55

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Currie Johnson & Myers, P.A. (statement dated 9/19/25, 10/10/25, 10/10/25, 10/10/25, 10/10/25, 10/10/25 and 10/31/25) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$3,000.00, \$60.00, \$2,380.00, \$165.00, \$628.03, \$49.50 and \$180.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 6,462.53

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Forman Wakins & Krutz, LLP (statements dated 9/30/25, 10/23/25 and 11/17/25) from the funds of the University of

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Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$13,161.50, \$13,573.35 and \$22,088.30, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 48,823.15

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Fragomen Del Ray, Bersen & Loewy, LLP (statement dated 11/17/25) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (This statement, in the amount of \$2,000.00, represents services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

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

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Gore, Kilpatrick & Dambrino, PLLC (statements dated 8/26/25, 8/26/25, 9/25/25, 9/25/25, 10/28/25, 10/28/25, 11/24/25 and 11/24/25) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$820.00, \$80.00, \$240.00, \$280.00, \$20.00, \$580.00, \$160.00 and \$680.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 2,860.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Hall, Render, Killian Heath & Lyman (statements dated 11/19/25 and 11/19/25) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$738.64 and \$43.18, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 781.82

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Hogan Lovells, US, LLP (statements dated 8/27/25, 9/17/25, 10/31/25, 10/31/25, 11/25/25, 11/25/25 and 11/25/25) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$9,417.00, \$1,752.00, \$11,059.50, \$22,995.00, \$6,022.50, \$3,723.00 and \$2,299.50, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 57,268.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mayo Mallette, PLLC (statements dated 9/10/25, 10/6/25 and 11/10/25) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$6,440.67, \$12,277.91, \$1,875.00 and \$690.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 21,283.58

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Page, Kruger & Holland, PA (statements dated 10/2/25, 10/2/25, 10/2/25, 10/2/25, 10/2/25, 10/2/25, 10/2/25 11/3/25, 11/3/25, 11/3/25, 11/3/25, 11/26/25, 11/26/25, 11/26/25, 12/1/25, 12/1/25, 12/1/25 and 12/1/25) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$3,182.50, \$34.00, \$60.00, \$120.00, \$1,038.00, \$85.00, \$760.00, \$2,820.20, \$80.00, \$20.00, \$100.00 and \$121.80. respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 8,421.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Steen, Dalehite & Pace, LLC (statements dated 8/31/25, 8/31/25, 8/31/25, 9/10/25, 9/19/25 and 10/21/25) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$920.00, \$276.00, \$147.50, \$1,533.00, \$4,647.00 and \$50.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 7,573.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Vernis & Bowling of Mississippi, PLLC (statements dated 9/23/25, 9/23/25, 9/23/25, 9/23/25, 9/23/25, 9/23/25, 9/23/25, 10/24/25, 10/24/25, 10/24/25, 10/24/25 and 10/24/25,) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$453.00, \$4,836.50, \$282.00, \$4,708.50, \$3,904.01, \$845.00, \$741.57, \$3,844.50, \$258.43, \$1,901.30, \$1,572.31 and \$4,769.80, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 28,116.92

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by the Walker & Ungo Immigration Law Firm (statements dated 9/5/25, 9/5/25, 9/10/25, 9/12/25, 9/15/25, 10/6/25, 10/13/25, 10/22/25, 10/23/25, 10/31/25, 11/7/25, 11/18/25 and 12/2/25) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$3,000.00, \$3,000.00, \$2,000.00, \$252.59, \$3,000.00, \$2,000.00, \$4,500.00, \$2,000.00, \$2,000.00, \$3,000.00, \$2,366.46, \$3,000.00 and \$2,000.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 32,119.05

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Watkins & Eager, PLLC (statements dated 6/5/25, 9/16/25, 10/3/25, 10/3/25, 10/6/25, 10/6/25, 10/6/25, 10/6/25, 10/6/25, 10/9/25, 10/21/25, 11/4/25, 11/6/25, 11/6/25, 11/6/25, 11/6/25, 11/10/25, 11/10/25, 11/10/25, 11/13/25, 11/14/25, 12/3/25, 12/2/25, 12/4/25, 12/4/25, 12/5/25 and 12/8/25) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$951.00, \$1,715.00, \$4,095.00, \$14,772.85, \$4,867.50, \$175.85, \$8,274.75, \$1,944.50, \$525.00,

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\$12,019.23 and \$16,604.15, \$3,206.50, \$1,700.50, \$1,750.00, \$315.00, \$9,453.00, \$363.00, \$30.00, \$3,815.00, \$435.00, \$1,244.90, \$3,885.00, \$15,260.00, \$2,100.00, \$700.00, \$140.00, and \$8,901.00, respectively represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 11,924.73

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Wise Carter Child & Caraway, PA (statements dated 9/23/25, 10/1/25, 10/17/25, 10/17/25, 11/24/25, 12/15/25 and 12/15/25) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$1,610.00, \$350.00, \$2,205.00, \$7,140.00, \$1,356.50, \$1,062.72 and \$315.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 14,039.22

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Bryan, Nelson, Schroeder, Castigliola & Banahan, PLLC (statement dated 11/4/25) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$429.00, represents services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 429.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Copeland Cook Taylor & Bush, PA (statements dated 10/10/25 and 11/12/25) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$720.00 and \$408.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 1,128.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Richard & Thomas, PLLC (statement dated 11/11/25) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$1,027.00, represents services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 1,027.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware|Immigration (statements dated 10/27/25, 11/1/25, 11/3/25 and 11/3/25) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$2,650.00, \$2,650.00, \$8,150.00 and \$2,650.00, represents services and expenses in connection with immigration/labor certification matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 16,100.00

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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 (statements dated 8/28/25, 8/28/25, 9/25/25 and 10/28/25) from the funds of Jackson State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$67.50, \$651.00, \$67.50 and \$705.50, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with patent or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 1,491.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statement dated 10/14/25) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement, in the amount of \$103.50, represents services and expenses in connection with a patents or intellectual property matter.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 103.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Conley Rose, P.C. (statements dated 11/5/25 and 12/3/25) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$290.00 and \$665.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 955.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mendelsohn Dunleavy, P.C. (statements dated 9/11/25, 9/11/25, 9/11/25, 11/6/25, 12/8/25, 12/8/25, 12/8/25, 12/8/25 and 12/8/25) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$1,888.50, \$434.50, \$616.00, \$79.00, \$3,686.00, \$1,518.50, \$474.00, \$568.00 and \$711.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 9,975.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Stites & Harbison, PLLC (statements dated 11/13/25, 12/12/25, 12/12/25, 12/12/25 and 12/12/25) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$705.00, \$3,736.00, \$484.50, \$215.50 and \$998.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 6,139.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statements dated 11/25/25, 11/25/25 and 11/25/25) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These

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statements, in the amounts of \$435.00, \$65.00 and \$730.00, represent services and expenses in connection with a patent or intellectual property matter.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 1,230.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Thomas|Horstemeyer (statements dated 3/31/25, 3/31/25, 3/31/25, 3/31/25, 3/31/25, 10/31/25, 10/31/25, 10/31/25, 10/31/25, 10/31/25, 10/31/25, 10/31/25 and 10/31/25) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$1,020.00, \$608.00, \$7,573.45, \$2,109.54, \$4,025.00, \$250.00, \$720.00, \$721.00, \$313.00, \$344.00, \$945.00, \$2,310.16, \$970.06 and \$220.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 22,129.21

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Stites & Harbison, PLLC (statements dated 8/26/25, 8/28/25, 8/28/25, 9/22/25, 9/22/25, 9/22/25, 9/22/25, 9/22/25, 9/22/25, 9/29/25, 10/10/25, 10/10/25, 10/10/25, 10/10/25, 10/10/25, 10/10/25, 10/10/25, 10/10/25, 10/17/25, 10/17/25, 10/17/25, 10/17/25, 11/12/25, 11/12/25, 11/12/25, 11/12/25, 11/12/25, 11/12/25, 11/12/25, 11/14/25, 12/15/25 and 12/15/25) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$1,634.00, \$1,900.00, \$5,700.00, \$1,786.00, \$1,824.00, \$722.00, \$2,964.00, \$342.00, \$342.00, \$980.00, \$108.00, \$507.00, \$674.00, \$2,578.00, \$522.00, \$1,477.00, \$543.00, \$740.00, \$2,446.00, \$1,606.00, \$1,216.00, \$466.00, \$3,382.00, \$3,174.00, \$1,048.00, \$943.00, \$577.00, \$523.00, \$557.00, \$3,116.00, \$228.00 and \$760.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 45,385.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Workman Nydegger (statements dated 7/17/24, 6/11/25, 9/5/25, 9/10/25, 9/10/25, 9/10/25, 9/10/25, 9/10/25, 9/10/25, 9/10/25, 9/10/25, 10/6/25, 10/6/25, 10/6/25, 11/12/25, 11/12/25, 11/12/25, 11/12/25, 11/12/25, 12/12/25 and 12/12/25) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$3,952.50, \$1,055.00, \$700.00, \$906.09, \$906.09, \$906.09, \$906.09, \$906.09, \$1,355.01, \$404.00, \$8,379.94, \$2,200.00, \$200.00, \$150.00, \$154.00, \$1,820.33, \$408.00, \$604.00, \$250.00, \$254.00 and \$200.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with intellectual property patents.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 26,617.23

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statements dated 6/16/25, 6/16/25, 10/28/25, 10/28/25, 11/25/25, 11/25/25, 11/25/25, 11/25/25 and 11/25/25) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of

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\$3,754.50, \$1,467.50, \$310.50, \$1,968.00, \$7,461.00, \$4,084.00, \$817.50, \$270.00 and \$337.50, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 20,470.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mendelsohn Dunleavy, P.C. (statements dated 11/6/25, 11/6/25, 11/6/25, 12/8/25, 12/8/25, 12/8/25, 12/8/25, 12/8/25, 12/8/25, 12/8/25, 12/8/25 and 12/8/25) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$210.00, \$1,800.00, \$560.00, \$1,490.00, \$1,013.00, \$250.00, \$400.00, \$210.00, \$8,020.00, \$4,500.00, \$140.00 and \$1,730.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 20,323.00

2. IHL – EMERGENCY APPROVAL TO HIRE JONES WALKER, LLP AS OUTSIDE COUNSEL

Pursuant to IHL Policy 1102.04, Trustee Jimmy Heidelberg, as Board Legal Committee Chair, approved on behalf of the Board the IHL System Office’s request to hire the law firm of Jones Walker, LLP as outside counsel to provide legal counsel related to federal tax and employment laws relevant to the contractual relationship between the University of Mississippi Medical Center and Healthier Mississippi People, LLC. The term of the contract is one year effective upon approval and signing. Services are provided at the following hourly rates: Lead attorney, Alex Glaser: \$500; and associate attorneys under the supervision of lead attorney: \$375. The maximum amount payable under the term of this agreement is \$40,000. 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.

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1. SYSTEM – COMMISSIONER’S NOTICE OF APPROVAL

The following items have been approved by the Commissioner on behalf of the Board and are available for review in the Board Office.

- a. **MSU** – On November 24, 2025, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Park Place Development, LLC for approximately 1,600 square feet of space to be used as a Resource and Referral center, which is operated by the University in accordance with the terms of a grant awarded to the University by the Mississippi Department of Human Services. This is a one-year lease effective January 1, 2026, with an option to extend for one additional year by agreement of all parties. The total cost of the first year is \$24,960 payable in twelve monthly installments of \$2,080 each, due on the first day 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.
- b. **MSU** – On December 3, 2025, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Meridian Community College for suites 385 and 390 in the College Park Building located on the campus of Meridian Community College 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 one year effective March 1, 2026 through February 28, 2027. The total cost of the lease is \$54,900 payable in 12 monthly installments of \$4,575 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.
- c. **MSU** – On December 3, 2025, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Bell Creek Hunting Club for 2,817.76 acres of the Wolf River Coastal Forest Research and Education Center operated by the MSU Forest and Wildlife Research Center. This is a revenue generating lease with a term of one year from June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026. Lessor will pay the university \$31,760.92 for this one-year term. 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 December 3, 2025, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Hobo Hunting Club for 960.22 acres of the Wolf River Coastal Forest Research and Education Center operated by the MSU Forest and Wildlife Research Center. This is a revenue generating lease with a term of one year from June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026.

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Lessor will pay the university \$10,687.25 for this one-year term. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.

- e. **MSU** – On December 3, 2025, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Affordmaxx Storage Solutions, LLC for approximately 1,600 square feet of space located at 114 W. Washington Street in Houston, 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 one year effective March 1, 2026 through February 28, 2027. The total cost of the lease is \$34,200 payable in 12 monthly installments of \$2,850 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 December 3, 2025, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and John Rob Hunting Club for 2,563.94 acres of the Wolf River Coastal Forest Research and Education Center operated by the MSU Forest and Wildlife Research Center. This is a revenue generating lease with a term of one year from June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026. Lessor will pay the university \$29,793.02 for this one-year term. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.
- g. **MSU** – On December 3, 2025, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Wolf River Outdoor Club for 3,213.23 acres of the Wolf River Coastal Forest Research and Education Center operated by the MSU Forest and Wildlife Research Center. This is a revenue generating lease with a term of one year from June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026. Lessor will pay the University \$36,895.30 for this one-year term. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.
- h. **MSU** – On December 3, 2025, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Wolf Creek Recreation Club for 729.25 acres of the Wolf River Coastal Forest Research and Education Center operated by the Mississippi State University Forest and Wildlife Research Center. This is a revenue generating lease with a term of one year from June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026. Lessor will pay the University \$6,862.25 for this one-year term. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01

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- i. **MSU** – On December 19, 2025, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Gulfport School District for approximately 4000 square feet of space located at 1715 20th Street, Gulfport, 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 January 1, 2026, with an option for two additional one-year renewals by mutual agreement of the parties. The total cost of this one-year agreement is \$22,800 payable in 12 monthly installments of \$1,900 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.
- j. **MVSU** – On December 3, 2025, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Oracle Database licensing contract renewal with Mythics, Inc. Mississippi Valley State University’s original agreement with Mythics had a term of three years from December 1, 2018 through November 30, 2021. A new agreement was approved by the Board on November 18, 2021 with a term of three years effective December 1, 2021 through November 30, 2024. The total cost of the previous 3-year agreement was \$358,166.54. Mississippi Valley State University then sought and received Commissioner approval to renew that agreement for a period of 10 months effective December 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, at a total cost of \$74,757.00, which was less than 110% of the original contract cost. Mississippi Valley State University now seeks retroactive approval to renew that agreement for an additional nine (9) months at a total cost of \$74,999.99, less than 110% of the original contract approved by the Board. The term of this agreement is (9) months effective October 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. 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.
- k. **UM** – On November 24, 2025, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between the University of Mississippi and Holmes Community College, Grenada Campus for 9,897 square feet of classroom space and 652 square feet of dedicated office space in which to operate UM’s Grenada Campus during FY 2026 and 2027. The term of the lease is 18 months beginning January 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 at a total cost of \$27,000 payable in three installments of \$9,000 each due on January 1, 2026, July 1, 2026, and January 1, 2027. 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.

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1. **UM** – On December 15, 2025, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Access Easement Agreement between the University of Mississippi and PRG – Oxford Properties, LLC for pedestrian and vehicular ingress and egress over and across Rebel Drive from Jackson Avenue to Student Union Drive and west on Ridge Loop along the site being leased by PRG – Oxford Properties for the development of a new student housing facility. This easement is necessary for the financing of the project. 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.

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PERSONNEL ACTION REPORT

1. Sabbatical

Mississippi State University

FROM: Stacy H. Haynes; Professor of Sociology; *from* salary of \$110,268.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G & Designated Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary of \$55,134.00 for sabbatical period; E&G & Designated Funds; effective January 1, 2026, to May 15, 2026; professional development

[Originally approved by IHL Board March 20, 2025]

CORRECTED: Stacy H. Haynes; Professor of Sociology; *from* salary of \$110,268.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G & Designated Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary of \$55,134.00 for sabbatical period; E&G & Designated Funds; effective January 1, 2026, to May 15, 2026; and January 1, 2027, to May 15, 2027; professional development