

MINUTES  
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES  
December 12, 1991

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, December 12, 1991, in Conference Facility Room 107, John C. Stennis Space Center, Mississippi. Members present were: Alton Bankston, Bob Breeden, Amos Bridges, Jeannet Boston, Lanny Monroe, Dr. Barbara Ricks, Nell Rogers, and Perrin Purvis. Member absent: Paul Breazeale.

Staff in attendance: Dr. Olon Ray, Executive Director, Dr. Larry Day, Deborah Gilbert, Robert McClellan, Carolyn Shorter, and Frankie Walton White.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Barbara Ricks, chairman.

PRELIMINARIES

The invocation was given by Dr. Starkey Morgan.

Acknowledgments/Introductions

The Chairman recognized the following guests: Dr. Ted Alexander, Pat Brown, Charles Chrestman, Dr. Tommy Davis, Dr. J. T. Hall, Cathy Hayden, Dr. Starkey Morgan, Dr. Clyde Muse, Vivian Presley, Kay Rayburn, Dr. Clarence Roberts, Dr. Eddie Smith, and George Stockman.

Resolutions of Commendations

Based on the recommendation of the Executive Director, and on a motion by Bob Breeden, seconded by Nell Rogers, the Board unanimously adopted a resolution commending appropriate persons making a contribution to the completion of the Articulation Agreement Between The Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning and the Mississippi State Board for Community and Junior College. (Exhibit 1)

The Chairman expressed appreciation to Dr. Ted Alexander and the Pearl River Community College staff for hosting the November Board meeting and assisting in making arrangements for the December meeting. On behalf of the Board, Dr. Ricks commended Dr. Alexander for the fine work he and PRCC staff are doing. Dr. Ricks also expressed appreciation to Dr. Roy Estes, Executive Director, John C. Stennis Space Center and Dr. Olon Ray for the invitation to visit and hold the December Board meeting at the Stennis facility.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Perrin Purvis, seconded by Nell Rogers, the Board approved the minutes of November 21, 1991, with the following amendment to the minutes of the Finance Committee. Strike: Dr. Olon Ray distributed a letter and a report on budget concerns by Dr. J. T. Hall as of November 11, 1991, and replace with the committee considered and discussed a report on Coahoma Community College financial matters. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Agenda

On a motion by Lanny Monroe, seconded by Nell Rogers, the Board unanimously adopted the agenda and the recommendation to consider Item C under Reports - EdNet Contract Approval as soon as the presenters arrived for the meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Executive Director announced that a follow-up meeting to determine the next step for the Board in working with NASA officials had already been scheduled. Dr. Ray also announced that the office of the SBCJC would be closed December 25, 26, and January 1 for the holidays.

REPORTS/ACTION

Mississippi Association of Community/Junior Colleges

Dr. Eddie Smith expressed appreciation for the opportunity to be a participant in the Board meeting and the activities at the Stennis Space Center. Dr. Smith reported on the following high points of the Presidents' Association meeting of November 26.

01. A representative of Magnolia Enterprises, a company established by the Mississippi Legislature to manage the prison industries program, provided information about products and services.
02. The Association reviewed plans for the presidents' retreat.
03. Mr. Jimmy Heidel, newly appointed Executive Director of the Board of Economic Development, assured the Association of positive interaction between the Board of Economic Development and community colleges.
04. The Association considered a Community College and Junior College Guarantee For Academic Credit Transfer and Job Competency. If the proposal is adopted by local boards, the community and junior colleges of Mississippi will guarantee academic graduates and other students the transferability of course credits to any Mississippi college or university which

04. cooperates in the development of community/junior college selection guidelines. Dr. Smith provided the Board additional information on this matter.

Bob Breeden commended the Presidents' Association for taking a forward step in this proposal.

Financial Matters:

East Mississippi Community College Report

Dr. Tommy Davis, president of East Mississippi Community College, gave a progress report on the financial capabilities of the college as required by Section 37-29-65. (Documentation of this report is made part of these minutes by Exhibit 2.

The Executive Director recommended that the Board commend Dr. Tommy Davis and the East Mississippi Community College Board of Trustees for the excellent work and progress achieved in dealing with financial and governance needs of the college, and endorse the continuing operation of East Mississippi Community College, and recommend to the Legislature its endorsement and full support of East Mississippi Community College. On a motion by Bob Breeden, seconded by Jeannet Boston, the Board unanimously adopted the Executive Director's recommendation.

Coahoma Community College Report

Initially, Dr. J. T. Hall, consultant for Coahoma Community College, defined his role at Coahoma Community College.

(Amos Bridges entered the meeting at this point).

Dr. Hall reported that Coahoma Community College would have a balanced budget for FY 92, and substantiated this statement with documents and information which is made a part of these minutes as Exhibit 3. At the conclusion of this report, the Chairman announced that Dr. McKinley Martin would be invited to have an exit interview with the Chairman and Executive Director and a follow-up report would be made to the Board.

January Disbursement - Fund 2292

Deborah Gilbert, Finance Director, presented the January disbursement of \$4,716,521 from Fund 2292, Senate Bill 3127 appropriation for approval. A motion to approve the January disbursement by Jeannet Boston, seconded by Nell Rogers, carried unanimously. (Exhibit 4)

Audit Results Report

The finance director also provided information concerning audit results from 1988 to 1990 in Mississippi's community/junior college system. This matter did not require action of the Board. (Exhibit 5)

Bimonthly Report on Capital Improvements

Dr. Larry Day presented budget amendments to S. B. 3192 Bond Projects for Board action. (Exhibit 6) A motion to approve budget amendments by Perrin Purvis, seconded by Nell Rogers, carried unanimously.

Other Financial Matters

The Executive Director presented financial information concerning SBCJC budget for per diem for FY 92. After a discussion on this matter, a motion to table action of this matter was made by Perrin Purvis, seconded by Nell Rogers, carried unanimously.

Dr. Ray also presented a proposal for salary changes in two secretarial positions to be effective January 1, 1992. Based on the recommendation of the Executive Director and a motion to approve salary increments, was made by Bob Breeden, seconded by Nell Rogers, carried unanimously. (Exhibit 7)

Deborah Gilbert presented a financial statement for SBCJC administration for November, 1991. This report did not require Board action. (Exhibit 8)

EdNet Report

The Executive Director addressed a letter from Assistant Attorney General Frank Spencer (Exhibit 9). The letter referred to a resolution for the Board to endorse the EdNet/MAX agreement/contract. Dr. Ray pointed out that the Assistant Attorney General supported the resolution both practically and legally and considered the resolution to contain no pitfalls. At this time, Dr. Ray requested Mr. Jody Jaegers, president and CEO of Mississippi EdNet Institute, to present the resolution.

Mr. Jaegers reported that EdNet had concluded contract negotiations with a private partner to build and operate a statewide ITFS telecommunications system. He stated that it marked the end of a three-year process of planning and evaluation involving all of the state's education agencies, the oversight of the legislature, the Attorney General's office, the Governor's Office, and the Federal Communications Commission. Mr. Jaegers assured the Board that the contract with MAX Communications would provide the success of EdNet's educational goals.

Upon the request of the Executive Director, Mr. Jaegers provided the following names of individuals who have reviewed the agreement between MAX and EdNET, and based on that review have endorsed that agreement:

Mr. Theodore Steinke, Chairman  
National ITFS Association

Mr. Albert S. Tedesco, President  
MEDIANEX Incorporated

Mr. Larry Dickerson  
Wisconsin Educational Television Network

After a discussion on this matter, Bob Breeden offered a motion that the Board adopt and endorse the proposed resolution. Motion, seconded by Alton Bankston, carried unanimously. (Exhibit 10)

Travel Authorization

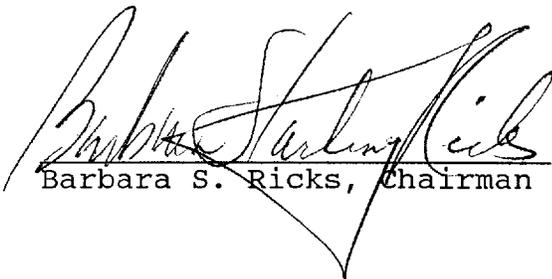
The Executive Director asked for requests for travel reimbursements other than regular Board meetings. No requests were made.

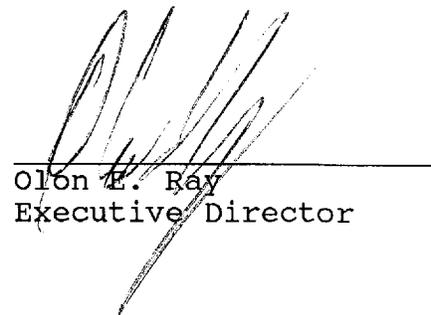
Other Business

No other business was considered.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Perrin Purvis, seconded by Nell Rogers, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

  
Barbara S. Ricks, Chairman

  
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Executive Director