

MINUTES  
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES  
FEBRUARY 20, 1992

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 20, 1992, in Room 507, Paul B. Johnson, Jr. Building, Education and Research Center, 3825 Ridgewood Road, Jackson.

Members present: Alton Bankston, Jeannet Boston, Paul Breazeale, Bob Breeden, Lanny Monroe, Perrin Purvis, Dr. Barbara Ricks, and George Walker. Members absent: Amos Bridges and Nell Rogers.

Staff present: Dr. Olon Ray, Executive Director, Bill Bunch, Dr. Larry Day, Deborah Gilbert, Mac McClellan, and Carolyn Shorter.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Barbara Ricks, chairman, called the meeting to order.

**PRELIMINARIES**

Paul Breazeale gave the invocation.

**Acknowledgment/Introductions**

The chairman recognized the following guest: Dr. Worth Haynes, Berniece Wiley, Cathy Hayden, Dr. Eddie Smith, Frankie White, and Denton Gibbs.

**Approval of Minutes**

On a motion by Alton Bankston, seconded by George Walker, the Board approved the minutes of January 16, 1992. Motion carried unanimously.

**Follow-Up Business**

On a motion by Perrin Purvis, seconded by Jeannet Boston, the Board elected the Chairman of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges as the official representative on the Strategic and Long Range Planning Steering Committee of the Public Education Forum. Motion carried unanimously.

In compliance with Section 37-101-3, the Chairman appointed Alton Bankston as the Board representative to attend Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning meetings.

**Review of Agenda**

On a motion by Alton Bankston, seconded by George Walker, the Board adopted the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.



MACJC Report (Continued)

04. Dr. Olon Ray reported on various items.
05. The Association accepted an invitation from Delta State University to host the Community and Junior College Basketball All-Star Classic Game on April 8.
06. Dr. Clyde Muse, legislative chairman, presented a legislative report. The Association agreed to a weekly schedule for each president and other college personnel to help in lobbying efforts.
07. The presidents reaffirmed their position on vocational-technical education functions in the state. (Dr. Smith read from the position statement which is made part of these minutes as Attachment 1).
08. The Association considered hosting and soliciting private funds for an annual educational symposium.
09. The Association also considered using the heartbeat theme in advertisements of the Mississippi Business Journal and Electric Power Association.

The Chairman requested the staff to write a letter of congratulation to the new officers of the Association.

Planning Committee

In the absence of Nell Rogers, the Executive Director reported on the following items from the Planning Committee.

01. The Board meeting on March 16 will be hosted by the President and staff of Southwest Mississippi Community College in Summit. Reservations have been made for all board members on Wednesday, March 15, at the Ramada Inn in McComb. Southwest will host a dinner at the college on Wednesday evening.
02. A second draft of the Policy and Procedures Manual could possibly be ready for the March meeting.
03. Concepts are being brought together for the implementation of the Phil Hardin Planning Grant. Following completion of the plan, the Board will work to secure funding for the establishment and operation of a leadership academy.

On a motion by Perrin Purvis, seconded by George Walker, the Board approved the Planning Committee Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Finance Committee Report

Jeannet Boston reported that the Finance Committee reviewed statistical information on projected revenues and expenditures for FY 92 from Coahoma Community College and the report indicated that Coahoma was moving in the right direction. Ms. Boston also reported that the Finance Committee requested the staff to followup on financial situation at Northwest Community College.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the following Board actions were taken on finance matters:

01. On a motion by Jeannet Boston, seconded by Bob Breeden, the Board approved adjustments in bond projects for Hinds, Jones, Northwest, and Mississippi Delta. Motion carried unanimously. (Attachment 2)
02. On a motion by Jeannet Boston, seconded by Lanny Monroe, the Board approved revised budgets reflecting the mandated 5% cut for administration (\$15,296) and support (\$3,453,883) for FY 92. Motion carried unanimously.
03. On a motion by Jeannet Boston, seconded by Bob Breeden, the Board approved revised Department of Finance and Administration Form Z-1 reflecting a 5% reduction. Motion carried unanimously.
04. On a motion by Jeannet Boston, seconded by Perrin Purvis, the Board approved revised February and March disbursements reflecting a 5% reduction for Funds 2290, 2292, 2293, and 2294. Motion carried unanimously.
05. Ms. Boston reported that the staff's request for approval of data processing equipment had been postponed because of budget cuts.
06. The Board received a financial statement for SBCJC administration for January 1992. (No Board action required).
07. The committee reviewed the revised FY 1993 Legislative Budget Recommendation and supports the recommendation of the staff to hold the base dollar amount constant rather than maintaining the base percentage. On a motion by Jeannet Boston, seconded by Bob Breeden, the Board approved the staff recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.
08. On a motion by Alton Bankston, seconded by Bob Breeden, the Board approved the Finance Committee Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Program Committee Report

Bob Breeden, chairman of the Program Committee requested Bill Bunch to report on a request for approval of curriculum changes.

Bill Bunch reported that a request for approval of a number of curriculum changes for Hinds Community College was received in December 1991. The Board staff and the staff of Vocational-Technical Education reviewed the changes and denied approval on several programs. After requesting additional information, the curriculum changes were approved. (No action by the Board was required on this matter).

Mr. Bunch explained that the Board approved an application in September 1989 from Hinds to operate a Paralegal Technology Program at the Raymond Campus. Hinds' Executive Council planned that the program be approved at Raymond and Jackson campuses. However, there was an error in the application and it only requested approval at the Raymond campus. The Program Committee recommends that approval be extended to Jackson campus.

On a motion by Bob Breeden, seconded by Alton Bankston, the Board approved the staff's recommendation to approve a correction to the application and approve the Paralegal Technology Program to operate at Hinds Community College, Jackson Campus. Motion carried unanimously.

Bob Breeden reported that the Program Committee reviewed a list of fall 1991 programs with low enrollment (Attachment 3) and discussed the matter at length. On recommendation of the committee, Bob Breeden moved, Jeannet Boston seconded, that the Board approve granting probationary status to these programs for 1992-93. Motion carried unanimously.

After a discussion on the transfer of Hancock Vocational-Technical Center to the Hancock County Schools, and on the recommendation of the Program Committee, Bob Breeden moved that the Board approve the termination of Pearl River Community College's vocational-technical center in Bay St. Louis. Motion, seconded by Alton Bankston, carried unanimously.

After a discussion on the matter of amendments to the Mississippi State Plan for Adult Education - 1990-91-92-93, and on the recommendation of the Program Committee, Bob Breeden moved that the Board approve the plan as amended. Motion, seconded by Paul Breazeale, carried unanimously.

Legislative Report

Bob Breeden, chairman of the Legislative Committee, gave an update on legislative bills that the Board had already taken a position.

Mr. Breeden cited the Legislative Committee's position on bills recently introduced:

H. B. 13	No Position	S. B. 2130	Reject
H. B. 65	Support	S. B. 2163	Support
H. B. 120	Reject	S. B. 2165	No Position
H. B. 121	Reject	S. B. 2186	Support
H. B. 204	Reject	S. B. 2191	No Position
H. B. 272	Reject	S. B. 2368	Reject
H. B. 372	Reject	S. B. 2408	Support
H. B. 541	Reject	S. B. 2448	Support
H. B. 583	Support	S. B. 2449	Support
H. B. 847	Support	S. B. 2518	Support
H. B. 2009	Support	S. B. 2545	Support

On the recommendation of the Legislative Committee and on a motion by Bob Breeden, seconded by Paul Breazeale, the Board approved the Legislative Committee's position as the Board's position. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Breeden reported that the Legislative Committee considered two positions on S. B. 2498, a bill to establish a Commission on Consolidation of Mississippi Universities and Community/Junior Colleges, no position or reject.

At this time, Bob Breeden offered a motion, seconded by Paul Breazeale, that the Board take no position on S. B. 2498. After lengthy discussion on the intent of bill, George Walker offered a substitute motion that the Board reject S. B. 2498. Motion, seconded by Jeannet Boston, carried on a 6 to 2 vote. The vote is recorded as Paul Breazeale and Perrin Purvis in opposition.

As the last legislative matter, Bob Breeden offered the following recommendation from the committee as a motion:

"The Legislative Committee recommends that the Board endorse legislative changes which would bring about a division of the state level administration of vocational-technical education by reassigning a part of that administrative responsibility along with the appropriate funding and the appropriation authority to the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges and that we further support the designation of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges as the presumptive deliverer of Adult Literacy to the state."

Mr. Breeden stated that as a portion of this recommendation or motion that the goals are noted as follows:

1. Significantly reduce the cost of state administration.
2. Dramatically reduce bureaucracy.
3. Increase the efficiency of service to state businesses including agri-business and the industrial community, and
4. Guarantee meaningful accountability of the use of state funds.

Motion, seconded by George Walker, carried unanimously.

#### EdNet Report

The chairman expressed appreciation to Paul Breazeale for all of the hard work and detail attention that he has given to the work of EdNet.

Paul Breazeale reported on the following actions of the EdNet Board meeting on February 14.

01. Amended EdNet Bylaws to add the Governor and Attorney General to the Board with the option of adding an additional member.
02. EdNet filed an application for the last four frequencies on February 14. (The following day FCC voted to discontinue receiving application on ITFS channels).
03. Amended the bylaws to allow the distribution of excess funds only by a unanimous vote.
04. Amended the bylaws to say that no person can be removed from the EdNet Board without the consent of that agency.
05. Decided to establish an Advisory Committee. (Mr. Breazeale stated that the composition and function of the committee would be decided later and he requested input from the Board).

At this point, the Executive Director, asked two questions. (1) Does EdNet propose to make decisions about curriculum delivery? (2) Can funds that are available now or soon be available be used by the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges to employ a consultant to start to work on the delivery system.

After lengthy discussion on this matter, Mr. Breazeale stated that EdNet does not intend to make any decisions about curriculum delivery and no funds were available for employing a consultant.

EdNet Report (Continued)

Continuing the discussion on EdNet matters, Paul Breazeale stated that he needed an Ad Hoc Committee comprised of a community college president, dean, faculty member, and Dr. Ray to attend EdNet Board meetings and to initiate ideas.

On a motion by George Walker, seconded by Bob Breeden, the Board directed the Executive Director to make a recommendation at the next Board meeting of four individuals to serve on an EdNet Ad Hoc Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Travel Authorization

Based on the recommendation of the Executive Director and on a motion by George Walker, seconded by Alton Bankston, the Board approved travel reimbursement to Paul Breazeale for an EdNet meeting on February 14, 1992. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

Chairman Ricks stated that she would entertain a proper motion for a closed determination as to whether or not the Board should declare an executive session. On a motion by George Walker, seconded by Bob Breeden, the Board voted 8 to 0 to have a closed determination on the issue of whether or not to declare an executive session. Voting in favor of the motion: Breeden, Walker, Boston, Monroe, Breazeale, Ricks, Purvis and Bankston.

The meeting was then closed for a determination of the necessity for executive session. Others present were: Dr. Olon E. Ray, Executive Director, State Board for Community and Junior Colleges and Frankie Walton White, Assistant Attorney General. On a motion by George Walker, seconded by Jeannet Boston, the Board voted 8 to 0 to hold an executive session for the purpose of discussing financial and personnel matters regarding a community or junior college. Voting in favor of the motion: Breeden, Walker, Boston, Monroe, Breazeale, Ricks, Purvis, and Bankston.

Chairman Ricks announced to guests that the Board was going into executive session for the purpose of discussing financial and personnel matters regarding a community or junior college. Ms. Cathy Hayden asked the Chairman to be more specific as to the reasons for the executive session. Chairman Ricks responded that the Board could not be more specific without revealing facts of the sensitive matters that they wished to hear in executive session. Ms. Hayden stated that she was lodging "a legal protest" against the Board. Ms. Hayden then left the room stating that she was calling her newspaper.

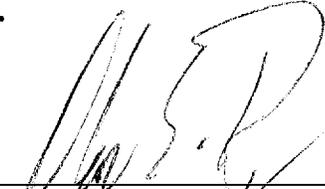
The Board then continued the closed determination as to whether to go into executive session based on Ms. Hayden's legal protest. Legal counsel was requested to address the merits of her protest regarding the issue of personnel matters and the information of a financial nature. After due consideration of the legal protest lodged by Ms. Hayden, on a motion by George Walker and seconded by Bob Breeden, the Board voted 7 to 1 to rescind its decision to go into executive session. Voting in favor of the motion: Ricks, Breeden, Boston, Walker, Purvis, Monroe, and Bankston. Voting against the motion: Breazeale.

All guests, including Ms. Hayden, returned to the room. Chairman Ricks announced that after reconsideration of the nature of the matters proposed to be discussed in an executive session, the Board had voted to rescind its decision to hold an executive session and no executive session would take place.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Bob Breeden, seconded by Jeannet Boston, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

  
Barbara S. Ricks, Chairman

  
Oton E. Ray  
Executive Director