

MINUTES  
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES  
JANUARY 19, 1995

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held on Thursday, January 19, 1995, at 9:00 a.m., in room 507 of the Education and Research Center, Jackson, Mississippi.

**Members present:** Alton Bankston, Paul Breazeale, Amos Bridges, Patricia Puckett, Perrin Purvis, Barbara Ricks, Nell Rogers, William Seal, and Hazel Terry.

**Member absent:** George Walker.

**Staff in attendance:** Dr. Olon Ray, Executive Director, Becky Cade, Dr. Larry Day, Deborah Gilbert, Sandra Lucas, Mac McClellan, and Ray Smith.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Nell Rogers at 9:15 a.m.

**PRELIMINARIES**

The invocation was given by Dr. Olon Ray.

**Acknowledgments/Introductions**

Nell Rogers recognized and welcomed the following visitors: Dr. Jeanne Forrester representing the Governor's Office and Mrs. Nancy Alley representing the State Department of Education.

**Approval of Minutes**

On a motion by Alton Bankston, seconded by Patricia Puckett, the Board approved the minutes of the December 15, 1994, meeting with an amendment approving travel authorization and per diem for George Walker's attendance at State Workforce Council meetings on October 26, and November 30, 1994. Motion carried unanimously.

**Review of Agenda**

On a motion by Alton Bankston, seconded by Patricia Puckett, the Board unanimously adopted the agenda.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Dr. Ray reported on the marketing strategy that will be used for the Work Force Education Program. He presented Board members with a media itinerary of January and February meetings with editorial boards and TV stations to acquaint the public with the Workforce and Education Act of 1994, its progress, and how to obtain services offered. Also involved in each meeting will be the president and state workforce council member from the community/junior college district as well as Dr. Ray and members of the State Board staff.

\* \* Amos Bridges, entered the meeting.

Executive Director's Travel Schedule:

January 30, 1995 - Stennis Space Center

February 16, 1995 - SBCJC meeting, East Central Community College

Dr. Ray reminded Board members of the joint luncheon meeting with IHL and the State Department of Education at noon today. The luncheon will be held at the Ramada Plaza.

Dr. Ray introduced Dr. Jeanne Forrester, liaison to state agencies with the Governor's Office. Dr. Forrester addressed questions her office had received in the areas of AD nursing, and technical training. She asked the Board for their input and insight in helping her deal with areas of concern in connection with these two issues. An open discussion ensued, during which the Board shared with Dr. Forrester responses to these concerns.

Mrs. Hazel Terry reported to the Board on nursing issues she is researching. Mr. Amos Bridges also voiced concerns in the area of waiting periods involved for applicants who have finished their core curriculum and wish to enter AD nursing programs. He urged the Board to work toward solving many of the concerns discussed.

## **REPORTS/ACTION**

### **MACJC REPORT**

Dr. Ray informed SBCJC members that Dr. David Haraway was not able to attend today's meeting because of a conflict with the Northwest Community College Board meeting. In his absence, Robert L. McClellan reported on matters discussed at the last MACJC meeting held in November, 1994 (The Presidents' Association does not meet in December):

The 1995 MACJC Legislative Appreciation luncheon will be held on February 21, 1995, at the Ramada Coliseum, in Jackson. Mr. McClellan presented all Board members present with an invitation and urged them to attend if their schedule permits.

The Association has hired Mr. Dennis Miller as their Legislative Liaison. He will give the presidents a weekly update on legislative activity. Also, a calendar has been approved assigning each of the fifteen community/junior colleges a one week term to cover the Legislative Session.

The Association approved an insert containing the community/junior college legislative program to be included in the Rural Electric News, and the reprinting of the publication "Heartbeat."

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Patricia Puckett presented the following Finance Committee agenda items for Board approval.

Mrs. Puckett presented a report on the Allocation of FY 1995 appropriations based upon new fall 1994 Mississippi resident enrollment figures. No action was required. (Exhibit A)

Upon finance committee recommendation, a motion by Patricia Puckett, and a second by Nell Rogers, the Board voted unanimously to approve the February disbursements from Fund 2298 in the total amount of \$5,318,153. (Exhibit B)

Upon finance committee recommendation, a motion by Patricia Puckett, and a second by Perrin Purvis, the Board voted unanimously to approve a revision to the SBCJC Salary Schedule to include a new position, Special Projects Officer. (Exhibit C)

Mrs. Puckett presented a report on the January 1995 Education Enhancement Fund Disbursement for January in the amount of \$3,305,358.50. No action was required. (Exhibit D)

Mrs. Puckett presented for the Board's information, financial statements for funds 2291, 3291, and 4300. No action was required. (Exhibit E)

In other business, Mrs. Puckett reported to Board members that on January 1, 1995, the rate of reimbursement on travel mileage increased from \$.25 to \$.30 per mile. Also, Board members were presented with a printout of their travel and per diem for calendar year 1994. Board members who received per diem and taxable meals in excess of \$600. should receive an IRS Form 1099 on or before January 31, 1995.

#### DEVELOPMENT OF MIS

Dr. Ray introduced Ray Smith, SBCJC MIS Specialist, who gave Board members handouts of a draft plan listing goals and a brief synopsis of a proposed MIS system for the SBCJC. (Exhibit F) Mr. Smith covered the proposal with Board members and answered questions pertaining to the system and possible costs. The MIS system will also be presented to the DP officers and computer center directors of the community/junior colleges for their input before the system is finalized.

\* \*Paul Breazeale entered the meeting.

#### PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Mr. Amos Bridges called on Dr. Olon Ray to cover items listed on the Program Committee agenda.

Upon staff recommendation, a motion by Amos Bridges, and a second by Alton Bankston, the Board voted unanimously to approve a program in Machine Technology/Machine Shop for Meridian Community College.

#### WORK FORCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Paul Breazeale took charge of the meeting.

Dr. Ray presented the Work Force Education Committee Report. He distributed to Board members copies of recommendations for proposed policies related to the operation of the Skill/Tech program originating from the State Workforce Council and SBCJC staff on how

monies will be expended. Upon staff recommendation, a motion by Alton Bankston, and a second by Amos Bridges, the Board voted unanimously to adopt specific policies related to the operation of the Skill/Tech program. (Exhibit G)

Upon staff recommendation, a motion by Alton Bankston, and a second by William Seal, the Board voted unanimously to approve recommendations to present to the State Job Training Coordinating Council to align JTPA policies with priorities established by the State Workforce Development Council. (Exhibit H)

Dr. Ray then presented to the Board a proposal to establish a technology class to at the University of Southern Mississippi. Upon staff recommendation, a motion by Alton Bankston, and a second by Nell Rogers, the Board voted unanimously to endorse a proposal to request that a technology class be taught at the University of Southern Mississippi.

#### TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY STUDY REPORT

Mrs. Becky Cade presented for Board members's review a copy of the Evans and Associates telecommunications report. This report was sponsored by the SBCJC, MACJC, and the Mississippi Library Commission. Mrs. Cade covered the highlights of the executive report with Board members. The report cites the CCN as one of the biggest telecommunications strengths for the state as well as being the most under-utilized resource. The report suggest that a stable funding source be found for the network. A final report will be issued later in January with more specific recommendations.

#### AUTHORIZATION AND FUNDING OF THE STATE DEAF PROGRAM

Dr. Ray gave Board members an update on the request for funding of an Office of Deafness and Hard of Hearing. Since the last Board action the Department of Rehabilitation Services has offered to assume this responsibility.

#### COMMISSION ON PROPRIETARY SCHOOLS AND COLLEGE REGISTRATION REPORT

Mrs. Becky Cade gave a brief overview of CPSCR activities. The Commission has met three times since the last report in October, 1994. Thirty-two applications have been reviewed, ten of these dealt with school licenses (seven permanent and three temporary), three revisions to programs of study were approved and twelve agents' licenses approved. A total of seventy-five schools are currently licensed. The Commission has also been approached by industry to place the cosmetology and barbering schools under the CPSCR, to expand the Commission to include an additional member to representative those interests, and to establish a state fund for the purpose of dealing with student tuition refunds in the event of a school closure.

#### EDNET REPORT - No Report

#### BOARD MEMBERS' STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST

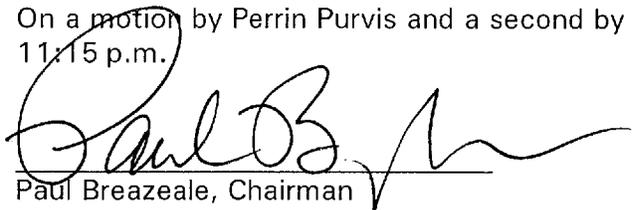
Dr. Ray reminded Board members that they must file a Statement of Economic Interest, and return it to the State Ethics Commission on or before the May 1, 1995, deadline.

TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

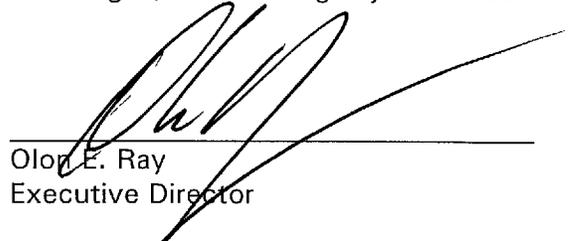
Paul Breazeale asked for requests for travel reimbursements other than regular Board meetings. On a motion by Perrin Purvis, seconded by Nell Rogers, the Board unanimously approved a request for travel expense reimbursement for George Walker, who attended a Focus group on January 5, 1995, and a State Workforce Council meeting on January 11, 1995.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Perrin Purvis and a second by Amos Bridges, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.



Paul Breazeale, Chairman



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Executive Director