

**EVENING MEETING
BOARD WORK SESSION
SEPTEMBER 13, 2000
MINUTES**

The State Board for Community and Junior Colleges (SBCJC) met for dinner at 6:00 p.m. in The Edison Walthall Hotel, 225 East Capitol Street, Jackson, Mississippi, on September 13, 2000. Following dinner, those present moved to Ballroom II on the 2nd floor in the Hotel.

Mr. George Walker, SBCJC Chair, officially called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. The following members were present: Yvonne Brown, Sara Fox, Joanna Heidel, Veldore Heidelberg, Henry "Bubba" Hudspeth, John Junkin, Jimmy Murphy and George Walker. Brenda Collins and Lawrence Warren were absent. State Board for Community and Junior Colleges (SBCJC) staff present included Randall Bradberry, Becky Cade, Larry Day, Deborah Gilbert, Olon E. Ray, Wayne Stonecypher, Evelyn Webb and Frankie Walton White.

Mr. Walker started the meeting by officially welcoming Ms. Veldore Heidelberg and Mr. Jimmy Murphy, new SBCJC members present for the first time since they were appointed. He expressed his appreciation for their willingness to serve and for coming to the meeting since both were in the early stages of recovering from recent surgeries. He then asked those present to introduce themselves and to identify where they were from.

Next Mr. Walker called on Ms. Sara Fox to lead the discussion as a committee of the whole on the finance agenda items as follows:

- 1.) October, November and December General Fund Disbursements for Fund 2298
- 2.) Education Enhancements Fund Disbursements for September 30, 2000
- 3.) FY 2000 General Fund Lapses and Special Fund Carry Forwards

Ms. Fox called on Ms. Deborah Gilbert to provide members with an explanation of the two items under other business on the finance agenda. Ms. Gilbert explained that two different handouts were included for member use and information. The first spreadsheet includes a variety of information about the community and junior colleges' support. The second handout provides a brief history of the community and junior college state appropriations since 1990.

Mr. Walker then called on Ms. Joanna Heidel to share any program agenda items. Ms. Heidel asked Dr. Wayne Stonecypher to distribute a handout that was recently compiled providing information on the vocational-technical programs currently operated through the colleges. Dr. Stonecypher explained that the booklet indexed programs two ways. The first listed programs by college, and the second by the CIP, Classification of Instructional Programs, code. Discussion ensued and the suggestion was made that this information be mailed to members of the Legislative Budget Office, to the Governor and possibly to Mr. J. C. Burns, Director of the Mississippi Development Authority. It was also suggested that consideration be given to some type of press report on this information. Mr. Walker suggested that the information be shared with State Workforce Development Council members as well.

Next, Mr. Walker called on Dr. Stonecypher to provide an update on the Advantage Mississippi Bill that was passed during the special legislative session. (Refer to Attachment A.)

Mr. Walker called on Ms. Deborah Gilbert who proceeded to discuss the next two agenda items, a review of how to complete state travel reimbursement forms and the potential impact of possible H.B. 400 funds on the operation of the SBCJC. (Refer to Attachments B and C.)

Mr. Walker then called on Dr. Ray who offered some general discussion on the lawsuit regarding the IHL/USM attempt to create a campus on the Gulf Coast and the fact that nothing new has taken place since the last board meeting. He then invited members to discuss any topics they so desired. Sara Fox asked that they briefly discuss the possible change in board meeting dates. There was consensus that discussion and the possibility of changing the meeting be postponed to the December board meeting due to facts as follows: (1) Mr. Warren and Ms. Collins were absent from the meeting; (2) an invitation from Dr. Howell Garner to meet at Copiah-Lincoln Community College in December; and (3) the holidays coming up in November and December.

Mr. Junkin asked about the State Workforce Development Council's (SWDC) responsibility to the School to Work Project/Grant. It was explained that the SWDC serves in an advisory capacity to the grant and that the program is actually administered through the Mississippi Department of Education.

Ms. Brown asked for an update on the appeal from Northwest Mississippi Community College in regards to their recruiting violation of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges' (MACJC) rules. Dr. Ray and Dr. Bradberry explained that the MACJC heard their appeal during their August meeting. The sanctions applied to Northwest Mississippi Community College's athletic program were briefly discussed as well.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.