

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
WORK SESSION
August 14, 2008

The State Board for Community and Junior Colleges (SBCJC) met at 6:00 p.m. at the Jackson Hilton in Jackson, Mississippi, on August 14, 2008.

The following members were present: Mr. Max Huey, Mr. Henry (Bubba) Hudspeth, Mrs. Brenda Yonge, Mr. Napoleon Moore, Mr. Bobby Steinriede, Mr. Ed Perry, and Mrs. Patricia (Pat) Dickens. The following members were absent: *Mr. Bruce Martin*, and *Mr. George Walker*.

SBCJC Staff present: Dr. Eric Clark, Dr. Debra West, Dr. Fiona Qualls, Mrs. Deborah Gilbert, and Mrs. Missy Saxton.

Mr. Bubba Hudspeth presided as Vice-Chairman. He opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. by thanking everyone for being there and invited Dr. Eric Clark to present his information.

Dr. Clark reminded the Board that the unveiling of Dr. Wayne Stonecypher's portrait would be the next day and that a resolution had been prepared for Dr. Stonecypher, as well as Dr. Randall Bradberry and Dr. Jason Pugh. Members of Dr. Stonecypher's family will be present and the SBCJC staff is invited to attend the unveiling.

Dr. Clark reported that Dr. Eddie Smith, the SBCJC representative on the Mississippi Public Broadcasting Board, would give his report at the Friday board meeting. Mr. Malcolm White, Executive Director of the Mississippi Arts Commission, has asked to present comments to the SBCJC Board on bringing Arts into Career Tech programming and Integrating Arts into education in our community colleges.

The next item that Dr. Clark discussed was the Open Meetings Act. He has had several conversations with Attorney General Chuck Rubisoff. Mr. Rubisoff brought to Dr. Clark's attention the fact that the legislature passed a law this year to toughen up the enforcement of the Open Meetings Act. If anybody thinks that a public body is violating the Open Meetings Act, all they have to do is file a complaint with the MS Ethics Commission and a hearing is held. We want to make sure we are in compliance with this law, to avoid any embarrassment to the agency. Mr. Rubisoff advises that at the end of every Friday board meeting, the time and place of the next meeting should be announced. If the Board is meeting during dinner and is talking about public affairs, then that is considered part of that meeting. Mr. Rubisoff suggested that before the close of our next meeting, we should announce the date, time and location of our Thursday and Friday meeting, both of which are both public meetings. The announcement will then be put in the minutes of the meeting, as well as, posted on our website and physically posted on a bulletin board in the building. This will be considered as having met the requirements of the Open Meetings Act.

Dr. Clark, on behalf of Dr. Larry Day, shared a report on ACT scores for the state of Mississippi and where students attend college. (Exhibit 1.)

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Dr. Debra West informed the board she would give her standard reports on Workforce and Grants at the meeting on Friday. In regard to Career Technical Education, there will be two proposals. One will be from Hinds and the other proposal from Mississippi Delta Community College.

Dr. Fiona Qualls spoke to the Board and said she will provide updates regarding the Programs Division on Friday.

Mrs. Deborah Gilbert will present the following items on Friday, in regards to Finance:

Attachment 1 is the approval request for the Education Enhancement Fund Disbursement for August 31, 2008, in the total amount of \$2,953,453. This will require action.

Attachments 2a and 2b show the Financial Statements for Fund 2291 and Special Funds as of July 31, 2008, FY 2008. No action is required.

Attachments 2c and 2d show the Financial Statements for Fund 2291 and Special Funds as of July 31, 2008, FY 2009. No action is required.

Attachment 3 shows the proposed Salary Schedule Revision. This will require action from the board.

Agenda Item 4 is the Budget Request for FY 2010. Copies of the fifteen (15) community and junior colleges' FY 2010 Budget Requests, as well as, the composite request and the SBCJC Request are available to each Board member. Mrs. Gilbert asked that board members let her know which ones they would like to have copies of and she will get that information to them.

Also, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (LBO) hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 23, 2008, at 2:30 p.m., on the 1st floor of the Woolfolk Building in Jackson, Mississippi.

This item is for information only.

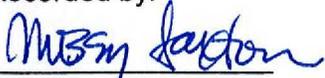
Attachment 5 is the updated mileage reimbursement rate for state officers and employees traveling on official state business in their private automobile increased effective August 1, 2008, to \$0.585 per mile from \$0.505 per mile. This is for information only.

Mrs. Gilbert concluded the Finance agenda report. Dr. Clark commended the Finance Division on their work in getting the seventeen (17) budgets ready.

There being no other business, Mr. Bubba Hudspeth adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

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Mr. George Walker, Chairman


Dr. Eric Clark, Executive Director