

**MINUTES**  
**MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD**  
**Friday, March 21, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Community College Board was held at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, March 21, 2014, 3825 Ridgewood Road, Room 507 of the Education and Research Center in Jackson, Mississippi.

**Members present:** Mr. Chip Crane, Chairman; Mr. Lee Bush; Mr. Tom Gresham; Mr. Todd Hairston; Mr. Bubba Hudspeth; Mrs. Dolly Marascalco; and Mrs. Sue Stedman. Mr. Bruce Martin and Mrs. Cheryl Thurmond participated via teleconference.

**MCCB Staff in attendance:** Dr. Eric Clark, Mr. Jason Carter, Mrs. Deborah Gilbert, Dr. Debra West, Dr. Shawn Mackey, Mr. Ray Smith, Ms. Audra Kimble, Mr. Raul Fletes, Mr. Kell Smith, and Mrs. Cynthia Jiles.

**Guests in attendance:** Mr. Chuck Rubisoff, Office of the Attorney General; Mrs. Hannah Robinson, College Savings Board; and Mr. Dee Polk, Mississippi Economic Policy Center.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Crane called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and read the meeting notice for the April 11, 2014, MCCB board meeting.

**MEETING NOTICE**

The regular monthly meeting of the Mississippi Community College Board will be held at 9:00 a.m., Friday, April 11, at the Mississippi Community College Board, 3825 Ridgewood Road, Room 507 of the Education and Research Center in Jackson, Mississippi. This meeting may be conducted as a teleconference meeting.

**PRELIMINARIES**

Chairman Crane welcomed all board members and visitors and then asked Mr. Lee Bush to provide the invocation.

**Approval of February 21, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

In a motion made by Mr. Tom Gresham and seconded by Mrs. Sue Stedman, the MCCB Board **voted unanimously** to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2014 MCCB Board meeting.

**Approval of Agenda**

In a motion made by Mr. Bubba Hudspeth and seconded by Mr. Tom Gresham, the MCCB Board **voted unanimously** to approve the March agenda.

**REPORTS/ACTIONS**

**Executive Director's Report**

Dr. Eric Clark began his report by welcoming all board members and guests to the board meeting.

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Dr. Clark reported on EDNET. He reported that a company has been hired to lease the remaining un-leased channels for potential long-range financial gain to MCCB, and commended Mr. Bruce Martin for pursuing this goal over several years.

Dr. Clark called on Mr. Lewis Whitfield, Senior Vice-President of the Create Foundation, to give his report on the tuition guarantee program currently northeast Mississippi. Board members discussed the potential benefits of a statewide tuition-gap program such as was considered by the Legislature this year.

Dr. Clark continued his report as follows:

Dr. Clark reported that, with two weeks left, he remains focused on the Legislature. He referenced the bill tracking document and the upcoming legislative deadlines.

Dr. Clark reported that Sunday, April 6 is *sine die*.

The following bills have been finalized with the Governor's signature: HB 426, HB 460, and SB 2563.

Dr. Clark attended a luncheon hosted by the Governor to address SB 2563, which sets up a task force to combat unintended pregnancies on college campuses. Senator Sally Doty authored this bill. MCCB and IHL will work to develop a plan to formulate and implement preventative measures. This report must be submitted to the Legislature by November 4, 2014.

Dr. Clark reported on the following bills: HB 424, HB 460, SB 2087, HB 426, SB 2370, HB 1523, and SB 2958.

Dr. Clark reported on SB 2958, the SWIB board bill. There was a discussion on the pros and cons of his bill.

The Senate has passed a measure to provide \$22 million in bonds to the community colleges; the House version provides \$25 million.

Dr. Clark reported that the Senate has included \$8 million more in appropriations in state support, an additional \$1.5 million for drop-out recovery, and \$6.5 million to the funding formula. The Senate passed a budget for the MCCB with a proposed cut of \$31,055.00 compared to FY 2014. The House proposed the same cut to the MCCB budget, but added \$1.4 million for workforce training and \$4,600.00 to cover additional health insurance premiums. The House version of appropriations provides \$8.6 million for the colleges and specifies the \$1.5 million to increase dropout recovery to \$3 million. The House proposed \$7.1 million in salary increases for instructional staff at the colleges and \$638,000.00 to cover additional health insurance premiums.

Dr. Clark reported that the Senate confirmation hearings for Mr. Lee Bush and Mr. Todd Hairston are scheduled to occur at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, March 27.

Dr. Clark reported 100% success for the agency staff's recitation of our Vision, Mission, and Core Values.

Dr. Clark reported that preliminary documents have been filed to finalize the paperwork for the MCCB land deed, and the completion to this process is forthcoming.

Dr. Clark reported that there is a possibility that the College Savings Board will vote at the upcoming meeting to reopen the MPACT college tuition program.

Dr. Clark requested approval of the MCCB board to re-appoint Mr. Bob Walker, from Itawamba Community College, as the MCCB appointee to the Mississippi Post-Secondary Education Financial Aid Assistance Board, to serve a term from April 2014 to March 2018.

In a motion by Mrs. Dolly Marascalco and seconded by Mr. Lee Bush, the MCCB Board **voted unanimously** to approve the re-appointment of Mr. Bob Walker, from Itawamba Community College, as the MCCB appointee to the Mississippi Post-Secondary Education Financial Aid Assistance Board, to serve a term from April 2014 to March 2018.

Dr. Clark reported on several recent events on his calendar: on Thursday, February 27, he served on a panel for the Mississippi Community College Leadership Academy (MCCLA); on February 28, he gave welcome remarks to the MCCLA's 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary reunion class; on March 5, Dr. Clark spoke at the Phi Theta Kappa luncheon; on March 6, he spoke at the Creating Futures Conference in Biloxi; and on March 20, he spoke at East Central Community College's GED graduation.

Dr. Clark reported that on April 3, he plans to attend the Business and Industry luncheon at Copiah Lincoln Community College; on April 7, he plans to speak at Copiah Lincoln Community College's College Completion Day; and on April 10, he plans to attend the annual Mississippi Economic Council luncheon.

Dr. Clark reported that the April board meeting will be held, as approved at the February 2014 board meeting, on April 11.

Dr. Clark concluded his report.

Chairman Crane recessed the meeting at 10:00 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

### **Career and Technical Education and Workforce Training Report**

Dr. Shawn Mackey presented **Exhibits A1, A2, A3, A4, and A5.**

**Exhibit A1** is a program termination request for the Computer Programming Technology program from East Central Community College. This is for informational purposes only and does not require approval.

**Exhibit A2** is a new location request from Holmes Community College to offer the Welding and Cutting Technology Program at the Grenada and Ridgeland campuses.

In a motion made by Mr. Lee Bush and seconded by Mrs. Sue Stedman, the MCCB Board **voted unanimously** to approve the new location request from Holmes Community College to offer the Welding and Cutting Technology Program at the Grenada and Ridgeland campuses.

**Exhibit A3** is a new program request from Meridian Community College to offer a certificate in the Electrical Technology program.

In a motion made by Mr. Tom Gresham and seconded by Mr. Lee Bush, the MCCB Board **voted unanimously** to approve the new program request from Meridian Community College to offer a certificate in the Electrical Technology program.

**Exhibit A4** is new location and option request from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College to offer an AAS degree, technical certificate, and a career certificate in Maritime Technology: Pipefitting Emphasis at the Haley Barbour Maritime Training Academy.

In a motion made by Mr. Tom Gresham and seconded by Mr. Bubba Hudspeth, the MCCB Board **voted unanimously** to approve the new location and option request from Mississippi Gulf Coast

Community College to offer an AAS degree, technical certificate, and a career certificate in Maritime Technology: Pipefitting Emphasis at the Haley Barbour Maritime Training Academy.

**Exhibit A5** is an early adoption request from East Central Community College for 30/45/60 SCH stackable credentials options for their 17 career programs.

In a motion made by Mr. Lee Bush and seconded by Mrs. Sue Stedman, the MCCB Board **voted unanimously** to approve the early adoption request from East Central Community College for 30/45/60 SCH stackable credentials options for their 17 career programs.

Dr. Mackey concluded his report.

### **Technology Report**

Mr. Ray Smith reported that the Creating Futures Conference held in Biloxi, MS, March 5-7 was a tremendous success. With the approximately 460 registrants and an outstanding keynote speaker, the conference proved to be an exceptional learning tool. Mr. Smith invited the board members to attend future conferences.

Mr. Smith reported that all electronic pathways remained intact as they moved the data equipment further into the expanded data center. They have rotated the equipment racks 90 degrees and await the flooring installation as the next phase in this data center expansion process.

Mr. Smith concluded his report.

### **Research and Planning Report**

Mr. Raul Fletes reported on the electronic enrollment data collection *Tableau* software (dynamic data) and provided a demonstration of how the data will be available on the MCCB website.

Mr. Fletes concluded his report.

### **Programs and Accountability Report**

Dr. Debra West reported that MCCB, through the Resource Development division, (Mr. Kenneth Wheatley, Resource Director) has been awarded a \$150,000.00 planning grant from the Kellogg Foundation. The purpose of this grant is to develop a statewide program for the 15 community colleges to integrate basic skills with workforce development pathways.

Dr. West concluded her report.

### **Deputy Executive Director Report, Finance and Administration**

Mrs. Deborah Gilbert presented the Finance report, as follows:

**Attachment 1** is the approval request for the April 2014 General Fund Disbursements out of Fund 2298; Formula: \$12,752,849.00 and A.D.N & Allied Health: \$1,278,461.00 – for a total of \$14,031,310.00.

In a motion made by Mr. Bubba Hudspeth and seconded by Mr. Lee Bush, the MCCB Board **voted unanimously** to approve **Attachment 1**: the April 2014 General Fund Disbursements out of Fund 2298; Formula: \$12,752,849.00 and A.D.N & Allied Health: \$1,278,461.00 – for a total of \$14,031,310.00.

**Attachment 2** is the approval request for the Education Enhancement Fund Disbursements out

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of Fund 4080 in the amount of \$3,251,455.00, and Fund 4110 in the amount of \$82,112.00, totaling \$3,333,567.00, effective March 31, 2014.

In a motion made by Mr. Tom Gresham and seconded by Mr. Bubba Hudspeth, the MCCB Board **voted unanimously** to approve **Attachment 2:** the Education Enhancement Fund Disbursements out of Fund 4080 in the amount of \$3,251,455.00, and Fund 4110 in the amount of \$82,112.00, totaling \$3,333,567.00, effective March 31, 2014.

Next, Mrs. Gilbert reported on:

**Attachment 3: Financial Statements:**

These are the Financial Statements for Funds 2291 and Special Funds as of February 28, 2014.

This is for informational purposes only and does not require approval.

Next, Mrs. Gilbert reported on:

**Attachment 4: House vs. Senate Action on Appropriation Bills.**

This is for informational purposes only and does not require approval.

**Attachment 5: Funding Formula Booklet or FY 2014.**

This is for informational purposes only and does not require approval.

Mrs. Gilbert reported that the agency (Mrs. Sherriel Moore, Purchasing Officer) completed the state inventory audit with 100% accounting of MCCB inventory. This is for informational purposes only and does not require approval.

Mrs. Gilbert concluded her report.

**TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS**

In a motion by Mrs. Sue Stedman and seconded by Mr. Todd Hairston, the board **voted unanimously** to approve Mr. Bubba Hudspeth's and Mr. Lee Bush's travel to attend East Central Community College's event hosting Coach Tony Dungy on March 28, 2014 and travel for any interested board member to attend the annual Mississippi Economic Council meeting on April 10, 2014.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Chairman Crane reminded the Board that the April board meeting was moved from April 18, 2014 to April 11, 2014.

**ADJOURNMENT**

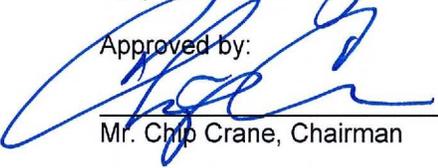
In a motion by Mr. Bubba Hudspeth and in the absence of any further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

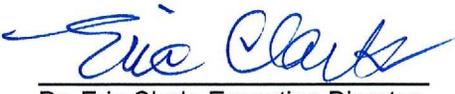
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Recorded by:

  
Cynthia Jiles, Executive Assistant

Approved by:

  
Mr. Chip Crane, Chairman

  
Dr. Eric Clark, Executive Director

**Exhibits:**

Career and Technical Education

Career Readiness Certificate

Workforce Report

WET Fund Reports

Programs and Accountability

Finance Report

Dr. Clark's Handouts & News Articles

Exhibits A1, A2, A3, A4,  
and A5

Exhibit B

Exhibit C

Exhibit D

No Exhibit

Separate Agenda