

MINUTES
MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD
Friday, January 16, 2015

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Community College Board was held at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, January 16, 2015, at the Mississippi Community College Board, 3825 Ridgewood Road, Room 507 of the Education and Research Center in Jackson, Mississippi.

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

MCCB Staff in attendance: Dr. Eric Clark, Mrs. Deborah Gilbert, Dr. Debra West, Dr. Shawn Mackey, Mr. Ray Smith, Dr. Joan Haynes, Ms. Audra Kimble, Mr. Kell Smith, Ms. Valeria Williams, Ms. Angela Bryan, and Mrs. Cynthia Jiles.

Guests in attendance: Mr. Jeff Amy, Associated Press; Ms. Hannah Robinson, Office of the State Treasurer; Mr. Dee Polk, Center for Economic Policy; and Mr. Chuck Rubisoff, Office of the Attorney General.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and read the meeting notice for the February 20, 2015, MCCB board meeting.

MEETING NOTICE

The next monthly Board Meeting will be held on Friday, February 20, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 507 of the Education & Research Building, located at 3825 Ridgewood Road, Jackson. This meeting may be conducted as a teleconference meeting.

PRELIMINARIES

Chairman Martin welcomed all board members and visitors and then asked Mr. Bubba Hudspeth to provide the invocation.

Approval of December 19, 2014 Meeting Minutes and the January 16, 2015 Agenda

In a motion made by Mr. Chip Crane and seconded by Mrs. Sue Stedman, the MCCB Board **voted unanimously** to approve the minutes of December 19, 2014 and the January 16, 2015 agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Director Search

Mr. Todd Hairston moved that the meeting be closed to determine the need for executive session. Mr. Chip Crane seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting room was closed.

Mr. Crane moved to go into executive session to discuss candidates for the executive director's position. Mr. Hairston seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

The meeting room was temporarily reopened for the following public announcement:

"The Board has voted to go into executive session to discuss candidates for the executive director's position."

The meeting room was closed again for executive session discussion of candidates for the executive director's position.

Mr. Crane moved to reopen the search by advertisement and to retain the qualifications used previously. Mr. Hairston seconded the motion. Following discussion, five members voted in favor of the motion: Mr. Chip Crane, Mr. Tom Gresham, Mr. Todd Hairston, Mrs. Dolly Marascalco, and Mr. Bruce Martin. Five members voted against the motion: Mr. Lee Bush, Mr. Bubba Hudspeth, Mr. John Pigott, Mrs. Sue Stedman, and Mrs. Cheryl Thurmond. The motion failed.

Mr. Gresham terminated his participation by telephone in order to attend a funeral.

Following additional discussion, Mr. Hairston moved to reopen the meeting. Mr. Crane seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote of the remaining nine members.

The meeting room was reopened to the public.

The meeting continued as follows:

REPORTS/ACTIONS

Executive Director's Report

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

Dr. Clark introduced the two newest staff members to the Board: Ms. Angela Bryan as Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Ms. Valeria Williams as Director of Career and Technical Education.

Dr. Clark reported that in February he will ask the Board to update the job descriptions for Mrs. Eloise Richardson, Director of ABE/GED and Mrs. Missy Saxton, Program Specialist for GED Testing. This requested change will remove the term "GED," as it is no longer the preferred term. The title will reflect a more generic statement for the high school equivalency diploma.

Dr. Clark reviewed the Legislative deadline handout that was presented to the Board.

Dr. Clark reported on HB 37. This bill provides \$56,000.00 for each of the community colleges to help with current efforts and/or to begin efforts to combat unplanned and unwed pregnancies.

Dr. Clark reported on SB 2127. Dr. Clark reported that he has been working with Mr. Randy Reeves, Executive Director of the State Veterans Board, to address the new federal financial aid requirement. The requirement takes effect July 1, 2015, and prohibits universities and colleges from charging veterans and their dependents more than in-state tuition. Institutions that are not compliant will not receive federal financial aid. Therefore, MCCB worked with the Veterans Board and IHL to present this bill to the Legislature to make it legal to charge no more than in-state tuition to veterans and their dependents.

Dr. Clark reported that MCCB, the proprietary school commission, and IHL are working on a bill to incorporate "SARA," a state authorization reciprocity agreement, that would allow our colleges to provide online classes to our-of-state students without incurring provider fees.

Dr. Clark reported that Governor Bryant has proposed a Tech Scholar Bill to help pay tuition for students who enroll in career tech programs.

Dr. Clark reported that MCCB will track the federal proposal to allow free tuition for community college students.

Dr. Clark reported that on January 8, he attended the Mississippi Economic Council Capital Day.

Dr. Clark reported that MCCB will be closed on Monday, January 19 for holiday in observance of Martin Luther King and Robert E. Lee.

Dr. Clark invited the Board to attend the Legislative luncheon on Tuesday, January 27, at the First Baptist Church downtown Jackson and to the HEADWAE luncheon on Tuesday, February 17, at the Marriott downtown.

Dr. Clark reported on the advertisement that MCCB took out in Site Selection Magazine. The ad is to promote the workforce training provided by Mississippi's community colleges. The magazine will produce a 2015 Mississippi Development Guide, in January 2015, to promote the Mississippi business climate in both domestic and international markets. The magazine will be distributed by the Mississippi Development Authority, other economic developers, and showcased on the magazine's website, www.siteselection.com.

Dr. Clark concluded his report.

MACJC Report

Dr. Johnny Allen provided an appropriations update on GED performance (ABE performance), the effects that the passage of MAEP will have on the community college budget, and the Department of Labor regulations regarding rental charges for the on-campus WIN Job Centers.

Dr. Allen concluded his report.

Mr. Todd Hairston left the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

Career and Technical Education and Workforce Training Report

Dr. Shawn Mackey reported to the Board that the Workforce CTE Summer Conference is scheduled for August 3rd and 4th. The venue has not yet been determined.

Dr. Mackey presented **Exhibit A**, a new program request for the Utility Line worker Technology program for East Central Community College.

In a motion made by Mr. John Pigott and seconded by Mrs. Cheryl Thurmond, the MCCB Board **voted unanimously** to approve the Utility Line worker Technology program for East Central Community College.

Exhibit B is the Career Readiness Certificate report. This is for information only and does not require Board approval.

Exhibit C is the standard Workforce Report. This is for information only and does not require Board approval.

Exhibit D is the standard WET Fund Revenue Report. This is for information only and does not require Board approval.

Dr. Mackey concluded his report.

Technology Report

Mr. Ray Smith reported on the 2015 Creating Futures Conference scheduled for March 5-6, 2015 in Biloxi, MS. The conference is slated to be more environmentally friendly with electronic agendas available through a mobile application.

Mr. Smith concluded his report.

eLearning and Instructional Technology Report

Ms. Audra Kimble reported that MSVCC has purchased a mobile application for use by each of the Mississippi community colleges. This application will enable the colleges to text the students about important dates and allow students to access course schedules, their individual courses, course surveys, and etc.

Ms. Kimble reported that the MSVCC Training Academy has been expanded to offer 37 webinars and 7 courses that cover basic CANVAS tools, TURNITIN, Dropout Detective, and etc.

Ms. Kimble reported that MSVCC online classes will begin Tuesday, January 20. Enrollment numbers show a little more than 29,000 students taking about 64,000 courses. This represents an increase of about 500 students from last spring.

Ms. Kimble concluded her report.

Research and Planning Report

Dr. Debra West reported in lieu of Mr. Raul Fletes. Dr. West reported that enrollment and attendance audits will be current following audits to be held on next week.

Dr. West continued her report as follows:

Programs and Accountability Report

Dr. West reported that MCCB is working to improve outcomes for performance based budgeting as outline by the Legislature in the state's strategic plan. This plan lists 32 benchmarks for the community colleges. MCCB has contacted HCM Strategist, funded through Lumina Foundation, to help develop an outcomes based formula for the colleges. HCM is currently reviewing our needs request to determine if they can meet those needs and at what cost, if any.

Deputy Executive Director Report, Finance and Administration

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

Attachment 1: General Fund 2298 Disbursements – February 2015

Fund 2298 in the amount of \$18,323,481.00 and,

Next, Mrs. Gilbert reported on:

Attachment 2 Education Enhancement Fund – January 31, 2015

Fund 4080 in the amount of \$3,440,114.00
Fund 4110 in the amount of \$ 82,112.00
Total: \$3,522,226.00.

In a motion made by Mr. Chip Crane and seconded by Mrs. Sue Stedman, the MCCB Board

voted unanimously to approve **Attachment 1**, the General Fund Disbursements out of Fund 2298, in the amount of \$18,323,481.00 and, **Attachment 2**, the Education Enhancement Fund – December 31, 2014 out of Fund 4080, in the amount of \$3,440,114.00, and Fund 4110, in the amount of \$82,112.00, for a total of \$3,522,226.00.

Next, Mrs. Gilbert reported on:

Attachment 3: Financial Statements:

General Fund 2291, Fund 4111 & Special Funds as of December 31, 2014.

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

Next, Mrs. Gilbert reported on:

Attachment 4: The New Mileage rate has been released for the upcoming year. Effective January 1, 2015, the rate is \$0.575 up from \$0.56.

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

Mrs. Gilbert concluded her report.

TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS

In a motion made by Mr. Bubba Hudspeth and seconded by Mrs. Sue Stedman, the MCCB Board **voted unanimously** to approve Mr. Bruce Martin's travel to attend the Mississippi Manufacturers Association's reception on January 14.

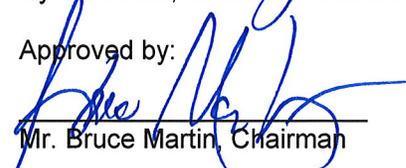
ADJOURNMENT

In a motion by Mrs. Cheryl Thurmond and in the absence of any further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Recorded by:


Cynthia Jiles, Executive Assistant

Approved by:


Mr. Bruce Martin, Chairman


Dr. Eric Clark, Executive Director

January Exhibits:

- CTE
- Curriculum and Instruction
- Career Readiness Certificate
- Workforce Report
- WET Fund Reports
- Academic/Student Affairs - CPSCR
- Programs and Accountability
- Finance Report
- Dr. Clark's Handouts & News Articles

- Exhibit A
- No Exhibit
- Exhibit B
- Exhibit C
- Exhibit D
- No Exhibit
- No Exhibit
- Separate Agenda