MINUTES
MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD
Friday, April 24, 2015

The regular meeting of the Mississippi Community College Board was held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 24, 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. Chip Crane; Mr. Tom Gresham; Mr. John Pigott; Mrs. Cheryl Thurmond; and Mr. Todd Hairston. *Mrs. Sue Stedman participated via conference call.*

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

Guests in attendance: Dr. Johnny Allen, President of Northeast CC and MACJC Chairman; Mr. Mason Frantom, Office of the State Auditor; 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 May 15, 2015, MCCB board meeting.

MEETING NOTICE

The next monthly Board Meeting will be held on Friday, May 15, 2015, at 10:00 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 March 20, 2015 Meeting Minutes

In a motion made by Mr. Bubba Hudspeth and seconded by Mr. Lee Bush, the MCCB Board **voted unanimously** to approve the minutes of March 20, 2015.

Approval of the April 24, 2015 Agenda

In a motion made by Mr. Lee Bush and seconded by Mr. Chip Crane, the MCCB Board **voted unanimously** to approve the April 24, 2015 agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Session

Mr. Todd Hairston moved to close the meeting to determine the need for an executive session. Mr. Lee Bush seconded the motion. The motion was approved by **unanimous vote.** The meeting room was closed.

Mr. John Pigott moved to go into executive session to discuss candidates for the executive director's position. Mr. Chip Crane 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. Following discussion, Mrs. Dolly Marascalco moved to reopen the meeting. Mrs. Cheryl Thurmond seconded the motion. The motion was approved by **unanimous vote** and the meeting room was reopened.

REPORTS/ACTIONS

MCCB Officer Elections

In a motion by Mr. Bubba Hudspeth and seconded by Mrs. Dolly Marascalco, the MCCB Board **voted unanimously** to approve Mr. Lee Bush as the FY 2016 MCCB Board Chairman and Mr. John Pigott and Vice-Chairman beginning July 1, 2015.

Executive Director's Report

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

Dr. Clark reported that the State Senate unanimously confirmed the re-appointments of Mr. Chip Crane and Mr. Todd Hairston, and the appointment of Mr. Johnny McRight of Greenville to replace Mr. Tom Gresham. The new terms span from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2021.

Dr. Clark reported that all of our bills (MCCB and the community colleges) have been signed by the Governor.

SB 2127, the Veterans Instate Tuition Bill, has been signed by Governor Bryant. This legislation was made necessary by the federal Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 which requires all institutions to not charge more than in-state tuition, to those individuals who are eligible for benefits under the federal Veterans Educational Assistance program. If an institution is not compliant with this federal requirement by July 1, 2015, these benefits cannot be used at that institution. Now that the state law has been changed, each of the 15 community colleges must adopt a policy in accordance with this bill.

Dr. Clark reported on the Performance/Outcomes Based Funding Formula committee headed by Dr. Billy Stewart, President of East Central Community College. This committee was formed to develop outcomes based performance measures for MCCB and the community colleges. The goal is to have this finished by September 1, 2015.

Dr. Clark called on Dr. Debra West to elaborate on the Performance/Outcomes Based Funding Formula committee.

Dr. West reported that the committee has met several times to develop a performance funding metric for our community colleges. The committee has formed tentative guiding principles and will next meet to adopt and solidify those principles. The final version will require adoption by the MCCB board.

Dr. Clark continued as follows:

Dr. Clark called on Mrs. Deborah Gilbert for an update on the WET Fund performance audit. Mrs. Gilbert reported that there are no recommendations at this time, as the auditors have not yet completed their analysis. The Office of the State Auditor should have the draft report ready in about 30 to 40 days.

Dr. Clark continued as follows:

Dr. Clark reported that on April 28, he plans to attend the MACJC Sports Hall of Fame banquet at the Muse Center in Raymond and on April 30, he plans to attend the MEC annual meeting in downtown Jackson.

Dr. Clark reported to the Board that Dr. Jim Borsig has decided to remain President of the Mississippi University for Women instead of accepting the position of Commissioner of Higher Education. Dr. Glenn Boyce, former president of Holmes Community College, has now been appointed as the Commissioner of Higher Education. In addition, Dr. Johnny Allen, President of Northeast Community College, announced his retirement effective June 30, 2015. The Northeast board has appointed Mr. Ricky Ford, the current Executive Vice-President, as the new President effective July 1.

Dr. Clark concluded his report.

Career and Technical Education and Workforce Training Report

Dr. Shawn Mackey presented **Exhibit A1,** a new certificate option request for the Commercial Truck Driving program on the Natchez Campus of Copiah-Lincoln Community College.

In a motion made by Mrs. Cheryl Thurmond and seconded by Mr. John Pigott, the MCCB Board **voted unanimously** to approve the certificate option request for the Commercial Truck Driving program on the Natchez Campus of Copiah-Lincoln Community College.

Exhibit A2 is program request to approve a new location and option for the 30-45-60 course sequencing completion model for the Diesel Equipment Technology program on the Natchez Campus of Copiah-Lincoln Community College.

In a motion made by Mr. John Pigott and seconded by Mr. Lee Bush, the MCCB Board **voted unanimously** to approve the new location and option for the 30-45-60 course sequencing completion model for the Diesel Equipment Technology program on the Natchez Campus of Copiah-Lincoln Community College.

Exhibit A3 is a new option request for the 30-45-60 stackable credentials for the Early Childhood Education Technology program at the Simpson County Center of Copiah-Lincoln Community College.

In a motion made by Mr. Lee Bush and seconded by Mrs. Dolly Marascalco, the MCCB Board **voted unanimously** to approve a new option request for the 30-45-60 stackable credentials for the Early Childhood Education Technology program at the Simpson County Center of Copiah-Lincoln Community College.

Exhibit A4 is program request to approve a new location and option for the 30-45-60 course sequencing completion model for the Welding and Cutting Technology program at the Wayne County Center of Jones County Junior College.

In a motion made by Mr. Bubba Hudspeth and seconded by Mr. Lee Bush, the MCCB Board **voted unanimously** to approve the new location and option for the 30-45-60 course sequencing completion model for the Welding and Cutting Technology program at the Wayne County Center of Jones County Junior College.

Exhibit A5 is request to approve submitting the 2015 Practical Nursing Accreditation for APA approval.

In a motion made by Mr. Todd Hairston and seconded by Mrs. Dolly Marascalco, the MCCB Board **voted unanimously** to approve submitting the 2015 Practical Nursing Accreditation for APA approval.

Exhibit B1 is a request for final approval of the 2015 Curricula Revision for Early Childhood Education Technology.

In a motion made by Mr. Chip Crane and seconded by Mr. Lee Bush, the MCCB Board **voted unanimously** to give final approval of the 2015 Curricula Revision for Early Childhood Education Technology.

Exhibit B2 is a request to approve submitting the 2015 Curricula Revisions for: two new curricula and five existing postsecondary curricula for APA approval. (These are: Entertainment Media-Film and Video Technology, Entertainment Media-Simulation and Animation Design, Automotive Machinist Technology, Diesel Equipment Technology-Transportation, Diesel Equipment Technology-Heavy Equipment Maintenance, Process Operations Technology, and Work Based Learning.)

In a motion made by Mr. John Pigott and seconded by Mr. Lee Bush, the MCCB Board **voted unanimously** to approve submitting the 2015 Curricula Revisions for: two new curricula and five existing postsecondary curricula for APA approval. (Entertainment Media-Film and Video Technology, Entertainment Media-Simulation and Animation Design, Automotive Machinist Technology, Diesel Equipment Technology-Transportation, Diesel Equipment Technology-Heavy Equipment Maintenance, Process Operations Technology, and Work Based Learning.)

Exhibit C is the Career Readiness Certificate 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.

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

Dr. Mackey concluded his report.

Academic Affairs Report

Dr. Joan Haynes recommended two candidates for Board approval as commissioners for the Commission for Proprietary Schools and College Registration: Ms. Esther Cash for District 3 and Dr. Dean Belton for District 5.

In a motion made by Mr. Todd Hairston and seconded by Mr. Lee Bush, the MCCB Board **voted unanimously** to approve Ms. Esther Cash's reappointment, to represent District 3, and Dr. Dean Belton's appointment, to represent District 5, to serve on the Commission for Proprietary Schools and College Registration.

Research and Planning Report

Mr. Raul Fletes presented **Exhibit F**, a board-requested report on the number of Mississippi community college students that receive Pell Grants. Mr. Fletes reported that this is the first year that the data has been collected and that this data will be maintained going forward.

Mr. Fletes concluded his report.

Programs and Accountability Report

No additional report.

Dr. West concluded her report.

Deputy Executive Director Report, Finance and Administration

Mrs. Deborah Gilbert presented the Finance report as follows:

Attachment 1: General Fund 2298 Disbursements – May and June - FY 2015.

May: $13,495,440.00
June: $13,495,438.00 and,

Next, Mrs. Gilbert reported on:

Attachment 2 Education Enhancement Fund – April 30, 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 Mr. Dolly Marascalco, the MCCB Board **voted unanimously** to approve **Attachment 1,** the General Fund Disbursements out of Fund 2298 for May and June 2015, in the amount of $13,495,440.00 for May and $13,495,438 for June and, **Attachment 2,** the Education Enhancement Fund – April 30, 2015 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 March 31, 2015.

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

Next, Mrs. Gilbert reported on:

Attachment 4: Final Action on S.B. 2853 (MCCB) and S.B. 2854 (Support) for FY 2016.

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

Next, Mrs. Gilbert reported on:

Attachment 5: FY 2017 Budget Requests – (Request Board Member Input).

A. Support
B. Administration

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

Mrs. Gilbert concluded her report.

TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS

In a motion made by Mr. John Pigott and seconded by Mr. Todd Hairston, the MCCB Board **voted unanimously** to approve Mr. Lee Bush's travel to attend the Education Achievement Council meeting on April 23.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Dolly Marascalco moved to recess the meeting. Mr. Todd Hairston seconded the motion.

Mr. Tom Gresham offered a substitute motion:

Mr. Tom Gresham moved to close the meeting to determine the need for an executive session. Mr. Todd Hairston seconded the motion. The motion was approved by **unanimous vote.** The meeting room was closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Mr. Tom Gresham moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Dolly Marascalco seconded the motion. The motion was approved by **unanimous vote** and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Recorded by:

Cynthia Jiles, Executive Assistant

Approved by:

Mr. Bruce Martin, Chairman

Dr. Eric Clark, Executive Director

April 2015 Exhibits:

CTE Program Requests	Exhibits A1 – A5
Curriculum and Instruction Requests	Exhibits B1 and B2
Career Readiness Certificate	Exhibit C
WET Fund Reports	Exhibit D
Workforce Report	Exhibit E
Programs and Accountability	No Exhibit
Research and Planning	Exhibit F
Finance Report	Separate Agenda
Dr. Clark's Handouts & News Articles	