

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING**

August 21 - 24, 1995

BE IT REMEMBERED, That the Alcorn State University Presidential Search Committee of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi met in a Special-Called Meeting in Conference Room I of the Student Union at Alcorn State University in Lorman, Mississippi, on August 21, 1995, at 9:45 a.m., and pursuant to notice in writing mailed by certified letter with return receipt requested on August 8, 1995, to each and every member of said Committee and Board, said date being at least five days prior to this August 21, 1995, meeting. At the above named place there were present the following committee members to wit: Ms. Nan McGahey Baker and Dr. Cass Pennington, Chair. Committee member, Mr. Carl Nicholson, was absent. (*Other Board members present are recorded on page 4 of these minutes.*) The meeting was called to order by Ms. Nan McGahey Baker, President. Dr. Cass Pennington, Committee Chair, presided.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider the following finalist candidates for the presidency of Alcorn State University and to hear reports from campus and community groups on the candidates:

Dr. Malvin Williams, Vice President for Academic Affairs and
Professor of Mathematics and Statistics, Alcorn State University
Dr. Wendell Rayburn, Jr., President, Lincoln University
Dr. George Reid, Dean, University College, University of Cincinnati
Dr. Clinton Bristow, Professor of Management, Chicago State University

On August 21, 1995, in Open Session, on motion by Ms. Baker, seconded by Dr. Pennington, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee voted to close the meeting to determine whether or not it should declare an Executive Session. On motion by Ms. Baker, seconded by Dr. Pennington, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee voted to go into Executive Session for the reasons later reported by the President in Open Session and stated in these minutes.

The President reopened the meeting and announced that the Committee had voted to go into Executive Session to:

- 1.Hear reports on Dr. Malvin Williams from campus (staff, faculty and students), alumni and community groups.
- 2.Interview Dr. Malvin Williams for the presidency of Alcorn State University.

In Executive Session, the Committee interviewed Dr. Malvin Williams for the presidency of Alcorn State University and heard reports on interviews with Dr. Williams from the following representatives of campus and community groups:

- 1.Mr. Norman Jones, Ombudsman, Staff Senate
Director of Accounting, Alcorn State University
- 2.Ms. Marsha Graves, President, Student Government Association
Alcorn State University
- 3.Mr. Robert Gage, Chair, Alcorn State University Foundation
- 4.Ms. Belinda Havart, Vice Chair, Faculty Senate
- 5.Dr. John Walls, President, National Alumni Association,
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In Executive Session, the Committee took no action.

On motion by Dr. Pennington, seconded by Ms. Baker, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee voted to return to Open Session.

In Open Session, Ms. Baker reported that the Committee had taken took no action.

On motion by Ms. Baker, seconded by Dr. Pennington, and passed by those present, the Committee voted to recess until 10:45 a.m., Tuesday, August 22, 1995.

On Tuesday, August 22, at 10:45 a.m., the Board convened from recess in Open Session in Conference Room I, Student Union, Alcorn State University in Lorman, Mississippi.

In Open Session, on motion by Ms. Baker, seconded by Dr. Pennington, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee voted to close the meeting to determine whether or not it should declare an Executive Session. On motion by Ms. Baker, seconded by Dr. Pennington, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee voted to go into Executive Session for the reasons later reported by the President in Open Session and stated in these minutes.

The President reopened the meeting and announced that the Committee had voted to go into Executive Session to:

- 1.Hear reports on Dr. Wendell Rayburn from campus (staff, faculty and students), alumni and community groups.
- 2.Interview Dr. Wendell Rayburn for the presidency of Alcorn State University.

In Executive Session, the Committee interviewed Dr. Wendell Rayburn and heard reports on interviews with Dr. Rayburn from the following representatives of campus and community groups:

- 1.Mr. Norman Jones, Ombudsman, Staff Senate
Director of Accounting, Alcorn State University
- 2.Ms. Marsha Graves, President
Student Government Association, Alcorn State University
- 3.Mr. Robert Gage, Chair, Alcorn State University Foundation
- 4.Ms. Belinda Havart, Vice Chair, Faculty Senate
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In Executive Session, the Committee took no action.

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On motion by Ms. Baker, seconded by Dr. Pennington, and passed by those present, the Committee voted to recess until 10:45 a.m., Wednesday, August 23, 1995.

On Wednesday, August 23, at 10:45 a.m., the Board convened from recess in Open Session in Conference Room I, Student Union, Alcorn State University in Lorman, Mississippi.

In Open Session, on motion by Ms. Baker, seconded by Dr. Pennington, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee voted to close the meeting to determine whether or not it should declare an Executive Session. On motion by Ms. Baker, seconded by Dr. Pennington, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee voted to go into Executive Session for the reasons later reported by the President in Open Session and stated in these minutes.

The President reopened the meeting and announced that the Committee had voted to go into Executive Session to:

- 1.Hear reports on Dr. George Reid from campus (staff, faculty and students), alumni and community groups.
- 2.Interview Dr. George Reid for the presidency of Alcorn State University.

In Executive Session, the Committee interviewed Dr. George Reid and heard reports on interviews with Dr. Reid from the following representatives of campus and community groups:

- 1.Mr. Norman Jones, Ombudsman, Staff Senate
Director of Accounting, Alcorn State University
- Ms. Cheryl Kariuki, Staff Representative, Alcorn State University
- 2.Ms. Marsha Graves, President
Student Government Association, Alcorn State University
- 3.Mr. Robert Gage, Chair, Alcorn State University Foundation
- 4.Ms. Belinda Havart, Vice Chair, Faculty Senate
- 5.Dr. John Walls, President, National Alumni Association,
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In Executive Session, the Committee took no action.

On motion by Dr. Pennington, seconded by Ms. Baker, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee voted to return to Open Session.

In Open Session, Ms. Baker reported that the Committee had taken took no action.

On motion by Ms. Baker, seconded by Dr. Pennington, and passed by those present, the Committee voted to recess until 10:45 a.m., Thursday, August 24, 1995.

At 10:45 a.m., Thursday, August 24, 1995, the Committee convened from recess in Open Session in Conference Room I, Student Union, Alcorn State University. On motion by Ms. Baker, seconded by Dr. Pennington, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee voted to close the meeting to determine whether

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or not it should declare an Executive Session. On motion by Ms. Baker, seconded by Dr. Pennington, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee voted to go into Executive Session for the reasons later reported by the President in Open Session and stated in these minutes.

The President reopened the meeting and announced that the Committee had voted to go into Executive Session to:

- 1.Hear reports on Dr. Clinton Bristow from campus (staff, faculty and students), alumni and community groups.
- 2.Interview Dr. Clinton Bristow for the presidency of Alcorn State University.

In Executive Session, the Committee interviewed Dr. Clinton Bristow and heard reports on interviews with Dr. Bristow from the following representatives of campus and community groups:

- 1.Mr. Norman Jones, Ombudsman, Staff Senate
Director of Accounting, Alcorn State University
- 2.Ms. Marsha Graves, President
Student Government Association, Alcorn State University
- 3.Mr. Robert Gage, Chair, Alcorn State University Foundation
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In Executive Session, the Committee took no action.

On motion by Dr. Pennington, seconded by Ms. Baker, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee voted to return to Open Session.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion by Dr. Pennington, seconded by Ms. Baker, and unanimously passed by those members present, the Committee voted to adjourn at 3:45 p.m. Ms. Baker announced a meeting of the full Board would take place at 4:00 p.m. in Conference Room I of the Student Union at Alcorn State University to consider the four finalists for the presidency of Alcorn State University.

Attending the Entire Committee Meeting:

Board Members:Dr. Cass Pennington (Committee Chair)
Ms. Nan McGahey Baker (Committee Member)
Mr. Will Hickman
Mr. J. Marlin Ivey
Mr. James W. Luvene

Board Administrative Staff:Dr. Thomas Layzell, Commissioner of Higher

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Dr. Charles Pickett, Interim Associate Commissioner

Ms. Marilyn Beach, Special Projects Officer

Ms. Debbie Harris, Assistant to the Commissioner

Attending the Committee Meeting on August 24 Only:

Board Members: Mr. William Sterling Crawford

Ms. Diane Miller

Mr. Carl Nicholson

Mr. Sidney Rushing

Board Members Absent:

Mr. Frank Crosthwait

Mr. J. P. "Jake" Mills

President, Board of Trustees of State
Institutions of Higher Learning

Executive Secretary, Board of Trustees of State
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