

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING
June 27, 2003**

BE IT REMEMBERED, That the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi met in special session at the Delta State University in Cleveland, Mississippi, at 5:00 p.m., and pursuant to notice in writing faxed to each and every member of said Board, said date being at least five days prior to this June 27, 2003 meeting. At the above-named place there were present the following members to wit: Mr. William S. Crawford, Dr. Stacy Davidson, Ms. Ricki R. Garrett, Mr. Bryce Griffis, Dr. Bettye Henderson Neely, Dr. D. E. Magee, Jr., Mr. Carl Nicholson, Jr., and Ms. Amy Whitten. Mr. Thomas W. Colbert and Mr. Scott Ross were absent and voting by telephone. Mr. Roy Klumb and Ms. Virginia Shanteau Newton were absent and not voting. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bryce Griffis, Past President.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Ms. Garrett, with Ms. Newton and Mr. Klumb absent and not voting and with Mr. Colbert and Mr. Ross absent and voting by telephone, the Board voted to close the meeting to determine whether or not it should declare an Executive Session. On motion by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Griffis, with Ms. Newton and Mr. Klumb absent and not voting and with Mr. Colbert and Mr. Ross absent and voting by telephone, the Board **voted to go into Executive Session** for the reason later reported by the President in Open Session and stated in these minutes, as follows:

Discussion of the candidates for the Presidency at Delta State University.

On motion by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Dr. Davidson, with Ms. Newton and Mr. Klumb absent and not voting and with Mr. Colbert and Mr. Ross absent and voting by telephone, the Board voted to return to Open Session.

On motion by Dr. Davidson, seconded by Mr. Nicholson, with Ms. Newton and Mr. Klumb absent and not voting and with Mr. Colbert and Mr. Ross absent and voting by telephone, the Board voted to offer the presidency at Delta State University to Dr. John Hilpert at a salary of \$175,000 for a four-year period, with the starting date to be negotiated by the Commissioner of Higher Education.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Dr. Davidson, seconded by Ms. Whitten, with Ms. Newton and Mr. Klumb absent and not voting and with Mr. Colbert and Mr. Ross absent and voting by telephone, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

President, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning

Commissioner, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning