

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE
INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Executive Session

April 20, 1988

On motion by Dr. Lovelace, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board voted unanimously on Wednesday, April 20, 1988, at 10:30 a.m., in Jackson, MS to hold a closed determination to determine if an executive session was necessary to discuss a personnel matter at Mississippi University for Women, a personnel matter at Mississippi State University, two legal matters at Mississippi State University, a legal matter at the Central Office, and a personnel matter at Mississippi Valley State University. Members present were William H. Austin, Jr., Thomas D. Bourdeaux, Frank O. Crosthwait, Jr., Bryce Griffis, Joe A. Haynes, Will A. Hickman, Charles C. Jacobs, Jr., William M. Jones, John R. Lovelace, Diane Miller, Denton Rogers, Jr., Sidney L. Rushing, and Betty A. Williams.

On motion by Dr. Lovelace, seconded by Mr. Griffis, the Board voted unanimously on Wednesday, April 20, 1988, that an executive session was necessary in order to hear a personal report by Dr. James W. Strobel, to hear a report on the selection of distinguished professors at Mississippi State University, to consider the appeal of Ms. June Ivy of the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service, to affirm the telephone poll decision on the Margaret Nichols vs. Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service case, to hear a report on the J. B. Van Slyke vs. Board of Trustees case, and to select a president of Mississippi Valley State University.

Dr. James W. Storbel, President, Mississippi University for Women presented a report on his personal career plans.

Mr. Ed Davis, Noble, Assistant Attorney General, presented a report on the appeal by Ms. June Ivy concerning her employment by the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service. On motion by Mr. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Rogers, the Board voted unanimously to deny the appeal by Ms. Ivy. Voting in favor of the motion were Mr. Bourdeaux, Mr. Crosthwait, Mr. Griffis, Dr. Haynes, Mr. Hickman, Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Jones, Dr. Lovelace, Ms. Miller, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Rushing, and Ms. Williams.

Mr. Ed Davis, Noble, Assistant Attorney General, presented a report on the case styled Margaret Nichols vs. Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service. On motion by Mr. Jacobs, seconded by Mr. Rogers, the Board unanimously affirmed the telephone poll concerning settlement of the case. Voting in favor of the motion were Mr. Bourdeaux, Mr. Crosthwait, Mr. Griffis, Dr. Haynes, Mr. Hickman, Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Jones, Dr. Lovelace, Ms. Miller, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Rushing, and Ms. Williams.

Mr. Ed Davis, Noble, Assistant Attorney General, presented a report on the case styled J. B. Van Slyke vs. Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Williams ordered the executive session to recess for lunch.

Mrs. Williams ordered the executive session back in session after lunch.

Dr. William C. Brown and Dr. Paul F. Sharp, consultants for the Board for the Mississippi Valley State University Presidency Search, presented reports on the finalists: Dr. William E. Gardner, Jr., and Dr. William W. Sutton. On motion by Mr. Bourdeaux, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board voted unanimously to elect Dr. William W. Sutton as president of Mississippi Valley State University, effective July 1, 1988, with a standard Board of Trustees contract with presidents. Voting in favor of the motion were Mr. Bourdeaux, Mr. Crosthwait, Mr. Griffis, Dr. Haynes, Mr. Hickman, Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Jones, Dr. Lovelace, Ms. Miller, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Rushing, and Ms. Williams.

Dr. Donald W. Zacharias, president of Mississippi State University presented a report in which he announced the selection of Dr. David Pettry and Dr. Joe Thompson as distinguished professors at Mississippi State University.

On motion by Mr. Griffis, seconded by Dr. Lovelace, the Board voted unanimously, on Wednesday, April 20, 1988, to return to open session.

Executive Secretary

Approved:

President