

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

Executive Session

September 20-21, 1989

On motion by Mr. Griffis, seconded by Mr. Hickman, the Board voted unanimously on Wednesday, September 20, 1989, at 3:00 p.m., in Jackson, MS, to hold a closed determination to determine if an executive session was necessary. Members present were Nan McGahey Baker, Frank O. Crosthwait, Jr., Bryce Griffis, Joe A. Haynes, Will A. Hickman, J. Marlin Ivey, William M. Jones, James W. Luvane, Diane Miller, Cass Pennington, Sidney L. Rushing, Dianne Walton.

On motion by Mr. Griffis, seconded by Mr. Hickman, the Board voted unanimously to meet as a Committee of the Whole to discuss a legal matter at Alcorn State University, a legal matter at Mississippi State University, and a personnel matter at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Dr. Walter Washington, President of Alcorn State University presented a report requesting the continue employment of Albert Z. Johnson, a convicted felon.

On motion by Mr. Rushing, seconded by Dr. Haynes, the Board voted to continue the employment of Albert Z. Johnson. Voting in favor of the motion were Mr. Jones, Dr. Haynes, Mr. Ivey, Dr. Pennington, Ms. Walton, Ms. Baker, Mr. Luvane, Ms. Miller, and Mr. Rushing. Voting against the motion were Mr. Crosthwait, Mr. Hickman, and Mr. Griffis.

Dr. Zacharias advised the Board of the on-going meeting to settle the matter of the termination of a tenured professor at Mississippi State University.

Ms. Gail Lowery, Special Assistant, Attorney General's Office, Universities Division, presented a request by a professor at the University of Southern Mississippi to have a hearing before the Board on his denial of tenure. The Board voted unanimously to deny a hearing.

On motion by Mr. Griffis, seconded by Mr. Hickman, the Board voted unanimously on Wednesday, September 20, 1989, to dissolve the Committee of the Whole and return to open session.

On motion by Mr. Griffis, seconded by Mr. Hickman, the Board voted unanimously on Wednesday, September 20, 1989, at 8:30 a.m., in Jackson, MS, to hold a closed determination to determine if an executive session was necessary.

On motion by Mr. Griffis, seconded by Mr. Hickman, the Board voted unanimously that an executive session was necessary to discuss the on-going matter of the termination of a tenured professor at Mississippi State University.

Dr. Zacharias advised the Board that necessary procedures were being made to settle the matter of reassignment of Dr. James H. Meade, professor at Mississippi State University.

On motion by Mr. Griffis, seconded by Mr. Hickman, the Board voted to return to open session.

Commissioner of Higher Education

APPROVED:

PRESIDENT