

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING
March 15, 2007**

BE IT REMEMBERED, That the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi met in a special session at the Board Office in Jackson, Mississippi, at 8:00 a.m., and pursuant to notice to each and every member of said Board. At the above-named place there were present the following members to wit: Mr. H. Ed Blakeslee, Mr. Thomas W. Colbert, Dr. Stacy Davidson, Mr. Roy Estess, Dr. D. E. Magee, Jr., Ms. Virginia Shanteau Newton, Mr. Bob Owens, Ms. Robin J. Robinson, Mr. Scott Ross and Ms. Amy Whitten. Dr. Bettye Henderson Neely and Mr. Aubrey B. Patterson were absent. The following Southern Miss Advisory Committee members were present: Dr. Peter J. Fos, Mr. Gene Gouaux, Ms. Lou Ann Poynter and Dr. Denise von Herrmann. The following Southern Miss Advisory Committee members were absent: Ms. Wynde Fitts, Dr. Myron Henry and Dr. Alvin Williams. Dr. Thomas Meredith, Commissioner of Higher Education, and the search consultant, Dr. Jan Greenwood of Greenwood and Associates, also attended the meeting. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Magee, President.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. Estess, seconded by Dr. Davidson, with Dr. Neely and Mr. Patterson absent and not voting, the Board voted to close the meeting to determine whether or not it should declare an Executive Session. On motion by Ms. Newton, seconded by Ms. Whitten, with Dr. Neely and Mr. Patterson absent and not voting, 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 a personnel matter at The University of Southern Mississippi.

During Executive Session, the Board interviewed the final candidates for the position of President at The University of Southern Mississippi.

On motion by Mr. Blakeslee, seconded by Mr. Estess, with Dr. Neely and Mr. Patterson absent and not voting, the Board voted to return to Open Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Ms. Whitten, seconded by Dr. Davidson, with Dr. Neely and Mr. Patterson absent and not voting, the Board members voted to adjourn.



President, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning



Commissioner, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning