

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING**

March 8, 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 9:00 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., Dr. Bettye Henderson Neely, Ms. Virginia Shanteau Newton, Mr. Bob Owens, Mr. Aubrey B. Patterson, Mr. Scott Ross and Ms. Amy Whitten. Ms. Robin J. Robinson was absent. The following Alcorn State University Search Advisory Committee members were present: Mr. Robert Gage, Ms. Donna Hayden, Dr. Alton Johnson, Dr. Doris McGowan and Dr. Alpha Morris. ASU Search Advisory Committee members Mr. Larry Edward Duncan and Mr. Freddie Owens were unable to attend. 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 Dr. Magee, seconded by Mr. Patterson, with Ms. Robinson 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 Dr. Magee, seconded by Dr. Davidson, with Ms. Robinson 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 Alcorn State University.

During Executive Session, the Board interviewed the final candidates for the position of President at Alcorn State University.

On motion by Dr. Magee, seconded by Mr. Patterson, with Ms. Robinson 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 Mr. Estess, seconded by Dr. Magee, with Ms. Robinson 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