

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

March 2, 2007

BE IT REMEMBERED, That the University of Southern Mississippi Presidential Search Committee met at the Board Office in Jackson, Mississippi, at 8:00 a.m., and pursuant to notice in writing to each and every member of said Committee, said date being at least five days prior to this March 2, 2007 meeting. At the above-named place there were present the following Committee members to wit: Ms. Robin Robinson (Chair), Mr. Ed Blakeslee, Ms. Virginia Newton, Mr. Bob Owens and Mr. Ross. Other Board members attending the meeting were: Dr. D. E. Magee and Mr. Aubrey Patterson. The following Southern Miss Advisory Committee members were invited to join the Committee: Dr. Peter J. Fos, Mr. Gene Gouaux, Dr. Myron Henry, Ms. Lou Ann Poynter, Dr. Alvin Williams and Dr. Denise von Herrmann. Southern Miss Advisory Committee member Ms. Wynde Fitts was absent. 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 Ms. Robinson, Chair.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mr. Owens, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee voted to close the meeting to determine whether or not it should declare an Executive Session. On motion by Ms. Newton, seconded by Mr. Owens, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee **voted to go into Executive Session** for the reason later reported by the Chair 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 Committee discussed the results of the background and reference checks for the candidates for the position of President of The University of Southern Mississippi.

On motion by Ms. Newton, seconded by Mr. Blakeslee, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee voted to return to Open Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion by Ms. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Ross, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee members voted to adjourn.



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