

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING
February 13, 2007**

BE IT REMEMBERED, That the University of Southern Mississippi Presidential Search Committee met at the Board Office in Jackson, Mississippi, at 5:00 p.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 February 13, 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 and Mr. Bob Owens. Mr. Ross 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 Ms. Robinson, with Ms. Newton and Mr. Ross absent and not voting, the Committee voted to close the meeting to determine whether or not it should declare an Executive Session. On motion by Mr. Owens, seconded by Mr. Blakeslee, with Ms. Newton and Mr. Ross absent and not voting, 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 the candidates recommended by the Southern Miss Search Advisory Committee for the position of President of The University of Southern Mississippi.

During Executive Session, the Committee discussed candidates recommended by the Southern Miss Search Advisory Committee for the position of President of The University of Southern Mississippi.

On motion by Mr. Blakeslee, seconded by Ms. Newton, with Mr. Ross absent and not voting, the Committee voted to return to Open Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion by Ms. Newton, seconded by Mr. Blakeslee, with Mr. Ross absent and not voting, the Committee members voted to adjourn.



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