

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

**April 5, 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 Thad Cochran Center on the University of Southern Mississippi campus in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, at 5:30 p.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, Dr. D. E. Magee, Jr., Mr. Bob Owens, Mr. Aubrey B. Patterson, Ms. Robin J. Robinson, Mr. Scott Ross and Ms. Amy Whitten. Mr. Roy Estess, Dr. Bettye Henderson Neely and Ms. Virginia Shanteau Newton were 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 Dr. Magee, President.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion by Dr. Magee, seconded by Mr. Patterson, with Mr. Estess, Dr. Neely and Ms. Newton 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 Ms. Robinson, with Mr. Estess, Dr. Neely and Ms. Newton 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 following matters were discussed and/or voted upon:**

On motion by Ms. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Ross, with Mr. Estess, Dr. Neely and Ms. Newton absent and not voting, the Board appointed Dr. Martha Dunagin Saunders as President of The University of Southern Mississippi effective May 21, 2007.

**On motion by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Dr. Davidson, with Mr. Estess, Dr. Neely and Ms. Newton 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. Blakeslee, seconded by Mr. Owens, with Mr. Estess, Dr. Neely and Ms. Newton absent and not voting, the Board members voted to adjourn.



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President, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning



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Commissioner, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning