

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING  
March 27, 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 10:00 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, Ms. Robin J. Robinson, Mr. Scott Ross and Ms. Amy Whitten. The following Alcorn State University Search Advisory Committee members were present: Mr. Larry Edward Duncan, Mr. Robert Gage, Ms. Donna Hayden, Dr. Alton Johnson, Dr. Doris McGowan, Dr. Alpha Morris and Mr. Freddie Owens. The following Southern Miss Advisory Committee members were present: Ms. Wynde Fitts, Dr. Peter J. Fos, Mr. Gene Gouaux, Dr. Myron Henry, Ms. Lou Ann Poynter, Dr. Denise von Herrmann 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 Dr. Magee, seconded by Mr. Estess, and unanimously passed by those present, 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, and unanimously passed by those present, 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.

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 Dr. Magee, seconded by Mr. Estess, and unanimously passed by those present, the Board approved Dr. George Ross, Vice President for Finance and Administrative Services at Central Michigan University, as the preferred candidate for the position of President at Alcorn State University. On Tuesday, April 3, 2007, Dr. Ross will participate in open, day-long interviews at ASU's Lorman Campus with various university and community constituency groups.

On motion by Ms. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Ross, and unanimously passed by those present, the Board approved Dr. Martha Saunders, Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, as the preferred candidate for the position of President at the University of Southern Mississippi. On Thursday, April 5, 2007, Dr. Sanders will participate in open, day-long interviews at USM's Hattiesburg Campus with various university and community constituency groups.

**On motion by Ms. Newton, seconded by Dr. Davidson, and unanimously passed by those present, the Board voted to return to Open Session.**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Colbert, and unanimously passed by those present, the Board members voted to adjourn.



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