

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING
March 26-27, 2006**

BE IT REMEMBERED, That the Mississippi State University Presidential Search Committee met at the Board Office in Jackson, Mississippi, at 8:30 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 26, 2006 meeting. At the above-named place there were present the following committee members to wit: Mr. H. Ed Blakeslee (Chair), Mr. Roy Estess, Dr. D. E. Magee, Jr., Dr. Bettye Henderson Neely, Ms. Robin J. Robinson, and Mr. Scott Ross. Other Board members attending the meeting were: Mr. Thomas Colbert, Dr. Stacy Davidson, Ms. Virginia Shanteau Newton, Mr. Bob Owens, Mr. Aubrey B. Patterson, and Ms. Amy Whitten. The Search Consultant, Ms. Jan Greenwood of Greenwood and Associates, also attended the meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ed Blakeslee, Chair.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Ms. Whitten, 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 Dr. Magee, seconded by Mr. Estess, 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:

Interviewing candidates for the position of President at Mississippi State University.

The committee recessed until the next morning.

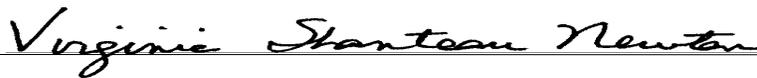
The committee reconvened at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, March 27, 2006. The following committee members were present: Mr. Ed Blakeslee (Chair), Mr. Roy Estess, Dr. D. E. Magee, Dr. Bettye Neely, Ms. Robin Robinson, and Mr. Scott Ross. Other Board members attending the meeting were: Mr. Thomas Colbert, Dr. Stacy Davidson, Ms. Virginia Shanteau Newton, Mr. Bob Owens, Mr. Aubrey Patterson, and Ms. Amy Whitten. The Search Consultant, Ms. Jan Greenwood of Greenwood and Associates, also attended the meeting.

On motion by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Estess, and unanimously passed by those present, the Committee voted to return to Open Session.

On motion by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Estess, and unanimously passed by those present, the committee selected Dr. Robert H. Foglesong, a four star general, as the preferred candidate for the position of President of Mississippi State University.

ADJOURNMENT

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



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