

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
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BE IT REMEMBERED, That the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi met in a regular session at the Board Office in Jackson, Mississippi, on October 19, 2000, at 1:30 p.m., and pursuant to notice in writing mailed by certified letter with return receipt requested on October 10, 2000, to each and every member of said Board, said date being at least five days prior to this October 19, 2000 meeting. At the above-named place there were present the following members to wit: Mr. Thomas W. Colbert, Mr. William Sterling Crawford, Dr. Stacy Davidson, Ms. Ricki R. Garrett, Mr. Bryce Griffis, Mr. J. Roy Klumb, Dr. D. E. Magee, Jr., Dr. Bettye Henderson Neely, Ms. Virginia Shanteau Newton, Mr. Carl Nicholson, Jr., and Mr. Scott Ross. Ms. Amy Whitten was absent. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Carl Nicholson, President, and opened with prayer by Mr. William Crawford.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Klumb, seconded by Dr. Neely, with Mr. Ross and Ms. Whitten absent and not voting, it was

RESOLVED, That the Minutes of the meeting held on September 21, 2000, stand approved.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT (UC)

On motion by Mr. Colbert, seconded by Mr. Klumb, with Mr. Ross and Ms. Whitten absent and not voting, it was

RESOLVED, That consent to be considered is granted to all items not previously placed on the agenda and hereinafter reported.

CONSENT AGENDA (CA)

On motion by Mr. Colbert, seconded by Mr. Griffis, with Mr. Ross and Ms. Whitten absent and not voting, it was

RESOLVED, That the consent agenda be approved as hereinafter reported.

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ADMINISTRATION/POLICY
Presented by Dr. Thomas Layzell
Commissioner of Higher Education

On motion by Mr. Klumb, seconded by Dr. Davidson, with Mr. Ross and Ms. Whitten absent and not voting, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approves the **UNANIMOUS CONSENT** items as submitted in the following report on Administration/Policy. **CONSENT AGENDA** items were approved on a separate motion by Mr. Griffis, seconded by Mr. Klumb, with Mr. Ross and Ms. Whitten absent and not voting. **REGULAR AGENDA (RA)** items were approved on a separate motion by Dr. Neely, seconded by Mr. Klumb, with Ms. Whitten absent and not voting.

System Administration

1. **(UC)** Approved ratification of authority to issue a notice to not renew in relation to the United Student Aid Funds, Inc. guarantor agreement. Also, approved the authority to issue requests for proposals for a new guarantor.
2. **(UC) Information item.** Accepted the amendment to *Board Policies and Bylaws*—901.0405 Financial Advisor—for a first reading, as follows:
901.0405 Financial Advisor
The Board recognizes the need of the institutions to periodically issue debt through the Educational Building Corporations to finance construction or renovation of Auxiliary Enterprise facilities. Prior to Board consideration of a request to issue debt, the institution must provide the Board with an independent analysis of the institution's financial condition, verification that the proposed revenue stream(s) are sufficient to repay the debt service, and a recommendation concerning the project's viability. Prior to approval by the Board of the request to issue debt, a Financial Advisor must be employed to represent the interests of the Education Building Corporation and the institution. The Financial Advisor shall meet such qualifications and perform such services as may be prescribed by the Board.
3. **(CA)** Approved agenda items considered subsequent to the September 21, 2000 Board meeting. A copy of these items are included in the bound *October 19, 2000 Board Working File* and consist of the following:
 - a. **University of Mississippi Medical Center**
 - i. Employment of the following personnel: Dorothy Aultman-Abrams, Sue S. Lawrence, and Robert Swanson.
4. **(CA)** Emergency approval of foreign travel was granted by Commissioner Thomas D. Layzell per the *Board Policies & Bylaws* Section 705.0103, as follows:

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Mississippi State University

Lestrade, Patricia M.

Pueblo, Mexico

Piercey, Rodney B.

Lyon, France

University of Mississippi

Bass, Henry

Passau, Germany

Cassidy, Judith

Kobe, Japan

Oliphant, Susan

Cannes and Montpellier, France

Santra, Shirley

Cannes and Montpellier, France

Fischer, Nickolaus H.

San Luis Potosi, Mexico and Munich,
Germany

Albritton, Robert

Thailand and Taiwan

Eranoollil, Eljo

Neu-Ulm, Germany

Falconer, Allan

Toulouse, France

Hanes, Christopher

Stratford, Ontario, Canada

Sadana, Ajit

Montreal, Canada

Watson, Judson D.

Rennes, France

University of Mississippi Medical Center

Sullivan, Sabra

Cancun, Mexico

University of Southern Mississippi

Holyer, Ronald

Monaco

5. **(RA) Information item.** Schedule of Optional/Participation/Control Fees in effect for the 2000-2001 academic year.

6. **(RA) Information item.** Accepted proposed amendment to the *Board Policies and Bylaws*—Quality Assurance Policy for Beginning Teachers—for a first reading, as follows:

506 Quality Assurance Policy for Beginning Teachers

Each institution will assure that its graduates:

- have completed an educator preparation program which is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE); passed the entrance and exit examinations, and successfully completed a supervised student teaching experience in a K-12 setting;
- have sufficient subject matter knowledge in all areas included on their teaching certificate;
- can demonstrate success in bringing students from diverse cultural, ethnic, international, and socio-economic groups to high levels of learning;
- are able to use telecommunication and information technologies as tools for learning; and
- can maintain an environment conducive to learning.

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Within the first two years after graduation, the university will provide additional training to any graduate who is teaching in-field and at a grade level included on the certificate and is judged by the employing Mississippi school district and the university school district liaison to need additional training to be effective in helping students make satisfactory progress. Additional training will be provided at no cost to the teacher or to the school district. This training will consist of an individualized plan with specified learning outcomes agreed upon between the school district and the university.

Before remediation is requested by the school district, there must be at least two formal assessments, documentation of professional development provided by the school, a copy of the professional improvement plan, and a written explanation of the principal's rationale for referring the teacher to the university.

The Quality Assurance Policy does not apply in situations where the teacher has been given an unreasonable number of assignments, an out-of-field assignment, an excessive number of students, or when other contextual arrangements exist which conflict with the idea of minimal and necessary support for beginning teachers. Since personal motivation is an important determinant of behavior, assistance from the university does not of itself assure improved performance for the educator in his/her current role.

This policy will take effect with the 2002 education graduates.

INSTRUCTION/STUDENTS

Presented by Dr. William McHenry
Assistant Commissioner of Academic Affairs

On motion by Mr. Klumb, seconded by Dr. Neely, with Ms. Whitten absent and not voting, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approves the **CONSENT AGENDA** item as submitted in the following report on Instruction/Students.

University of Mississippi Medical Center

1. **(CA)** Approved request to award the following degrees at the end of the Fall Quarter, on November 15, 2000:

Doctor of Philosophy	Kamini Hingorani Alexander Yuri Zubkov
Master of Science	Hongzhi Xu

PERSONNEL

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Presented by Dr. Thomas Layzell
Commissioner of Higher Education

On motion by Mr. Klumb, seconded by Dr. Neely, with Ms. Whitten absent and not voting, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approves the **CONSENT AGENDA** items as submitted in the following report on Personnel.

The Personnel Report for October 1, 2000, is composed of **31 regular personnel actions** in the following categories:

EMPLOYMENT

Mississippi State University

Carter, Robert E., Jr.
Chapa, Angelica M.
Evans, William B.
Fooshee, Mary E.
Hall, Linnea K.
Lazarou, Geogious Y.
Magabanua, Benjamin S.
Meyer, Joerg
Noack, Ralph W.
Pace, Lanny W.
Pounders, Cecil T., Jr.
Spencer Judith A.

University of Mississippi

Shen, Xia
Wagstaff, Ronald A.

University of Mississippi Medical Center

DeMoss, Thomas L.
Olson, Nancy A.
Ruiz, Fadel E.
Zhu, Meng-Yang

Mississippi State University

Hunt, W. Gaddis

TERMINATION

Delta State University

Jackson, Donna

Mississippi State University

Calvo, Charles C.

Mississippi University for Women

Howell, Nora

University of Mississippi

Baggett, Mary L.
Croom, Edward M.
Gilbert, Scott D.
Morrissey, William F.

University of Mississippi Medical Center

Brands, Michael

CHANGE OF STATUS

LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY

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Jackson State University
Ghosh, Kunal

Mississippi State University
Holt, Dale Lynn
Ma, Wenchao

EMERITUS/EMERITA STATUS

Mississippi State University
Tice, Gerald E.

CHANGE IN SABBATICAL DATES

ATHLETICS

Presented by Dr. Thomas Layzell
Commissioner of Higher Education

On motion by Mr. Klumb, seconded by Dr. Neely, with Mr. Ross and Ms. Whitten absent and not voting, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approves the **CONSENT AGENDA** items as submitted in the following report on Athletics. **UNANIMOUS CONSENT** items were approved on a separate motion by Mr. Klumb, seconded by Dr. Davidson, with Mr. Ross and Ms. Whitten absent and not voting.

EMPLOYMENT

Jackson State University
Braddy, Robert
Lott, Jack

Mississippi State University
Martin, Gregory S.
Richey, Michael L.

University of Mississippi
Hampton, Daya M.

TERMINATION

University of Mississippi
Erickson, Cathrine G.

Weatherford, Zacharay D.

CHANGE OF STATUS

Jackson State University
Salter, Mark

CONTRACT EXTENSIONS

University of Mississippi
Aldy, Ronnie J. (UC)
Barnes, Rodrick K. (UC)
Bianco, Michael F. (UC)
Cutcliffe, David (UC)
Shafer, John W. (UC)

(UC) Approved correction of Board minutes to reflect that the original employment contract for

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John W. Shafer was a four-year contract commencing July 1, 1998 through June 30, 2002.

LEGAL

Presented by Mr. Chuck Rubisoff
Special Assistant Attorney General

On motion by Mr. Klumb, seconded by Dr. Davidson, with Mr. Ross and Ms. Whitten absent and not voting, it was

RESOLVED, That upon review and recommendation of the Office of the Attorney General, the Board hereby approves the **UNANIMOUS CONSENT** items as submitted in the following Legal report. The **REGULAR AGENDA** item was approved on a separate motion by Mr. Klumb seconded by Dr. Davidson, with Ms. Whitten absent and not voting. **CONSENT AGENDA** items were approved on a separate motion by Ms. Newton, seconded by Mr. Klumb, with Ms. Whitten absent and not voting.

University of Mississippi Medical Center

1. (UC) Approved request to settle of Tort Claim #611-J styled as *Eveline Jennings May, Administratrix of the estate of Alex Jennings, Deceased vs. Dr. Georgia Acru and the University of Mississippi Medical Center.*

University of Southern Mississippi

2. (RA) Approved resolution of litigation in the case styled as *Elbert vs. The University of Southern Mississippi.*

System Administration

3. (CA) **Information item.** Payment of legal fees to outside counsel in relation to litigation, as follows:

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Bennett Lotterhos Sulser & Wilson (Statement dated 9/1/00) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with the *Shack* case.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$15,368.88

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens & Cannada (Statement dated 9/7/00) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with general advice.)

TOTAL DUE\$7,921.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Daniel Coker Horton & Bell (Statements dated 9/15/00) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$938.40 and \$150.00, represent services and expenses in connection with two personnel matters.)

TOTAL DUE\$1,088.40

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Phelps Dunbar (Statement dated 9/26/00) from the funds of The University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement represents services and expenses in connection with the *Ray* case.)

TOTAL DUE\$2,320.57

4. **(CA) Information item.** Payment of legal fees to outside counsel in relation to patent work for universities, as follows:

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Cooper & Dunham (Statements dated 4/30/00 and 7/31/99) from the funds of The University of Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$7,440.13 and \$11,662.17, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with patent applications and international filings for the School of Pharmacy.)

TOTAL DUE\$19,102.30

5. **(CA) Information item.** Upon review and recommendation of the Office of the Attorney General, the Litigation Report for October 1, 2000, was presented. The report is included in the bound *October 19, 2000 Board Working File*.

FINANCE/FINANCIAL AID/FOREIGN TRAVEL

Presented by Mr. Jim Rhodes

Assistant Commissioner of Finance and Administration

On motion by Mr. Klumb, seconded by Ms. Garrett, with Ms. Whitten absent and not voting, it was

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RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approves the **CONSENT AGENDA** items as submitted in the following report on Finance/Financial Aid/Foreign Travel. **UNANIMOUS CONSENT** items were approved on a separate motion by Mr. Klumb, seconded by Dr. Davidson, with Ms. Whitten absent and not voting.

University of Mississippi Medical Center

1. (CA) Approved request to enter into an agreement with Sodexho Operations, LLC to provide environmental services. The agreement is for the period November 1, 2000 through October 31, 2003 at an annual cost of \$2,188,246 and will not exceed \$8,000,000 for the contract period. The agreement also includes a one-time start up cost of \$38,953 and one-time impact cleaning fee of \$39,375. The estimated cost savings will be between \$1 million and \$1.2 million on an annual basis.

System Administration

2. (CA) Approved the following report on Foreign Travel:

Alcorn State University

Boyd, Noland	San Juan, Puerto Rico (UC)
Collins, E. Larrous E. (Student)	San Juan, Puerto Rico (UC)
Douglas, Quartina (Student)	San Juan, Puerto Rico (UC)
Wilson, Caleph (Student)	San Juan, Puerto Rico (UC)
Women's Basketball Team	Maui, Hawaii

Delta State University

Brown, Luther	Bahamas
Strahan, Rose	South Africa

Jackson State University

Assad, Jean-Claude	Cairo, Egypt
Blue, Alvin (Student)	San Juan, Puerto Rico
Enwefa, Regina	London, England
Enwefa, Stephen	London, England
Hwang, Huey-Min	San Juan, Puerto Rico
Ibitayo, Niyi	Cairo, Egypt
Lee, Kayester (Student)	Cairo, Egypt
Leszczynski, Jerzy	San Juan, Puerto Rico
Mohamed, Abdul	San Juan, Puerto Rico
Moreland-Young, Curtina	Cairo, Egypt
Prater, Gwendolyn S.	Cape Town, South Africa

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Selmon, Dickey (Student)
Sutton, Dwayne (Student)
Tchounwou, Paul

Cairo, Egypt
Cairo, Egypt
Cairo, Egypt

Mississippi State University

Baird, Richard Eugene
Berryhill, George (Student)
Caprio, Michael
Cruz-Burgos, Jose A.
Dibble, Eric
Engelland, Brian T.
Fazio, Michael
Ferrer, Orlando
Harrison, Joel
Hollomon, Cathy
Jackson, Donald C.
Johns, Lana
Lopez-Flores, Marisel
Mylroie, Joan
Mylroie, John
Nicholas, Darrel D.
Panuska, Bruce C.
Rundle, Kirk
Schultz, Tor P.

Havana City, Cuba
Humacao, Puerto Rico
Montreal, Canada
Humacao, Puerto Rico
Humacao, Puerto Rico
Grenoble, France
Rome, Italy
Humacao, Puerto Rico
Toronto, Canada
Montreal, Quebec, Canada
Humacao, Puerto Rico
Toronto, Canada
San Juan, Puerto Rico
San Salvador Island, Bahamas
San Salvador Island, Bahamas
Hilo, Hawaii
San Salvador Island, Bahamas
Humacao, Puerto Rico
Hilo, Hawaii

Silva, Juan L.
Wood, Douglas R.

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Caribbean National Forest, Puerto Rico

Mississippi University for Women

Burger, Michael
Coe, Judith

Leeds, United Kingdom
Toronto, Canada

University of Mississippi

Cozad, Laurie
Dickson, Jasper (Student)
Hamann, Mark T.
Howard, Joshua
Hu, Jinfeng
Landry, Pierre
O'Haver, John

Beijing, China
Bangkok, Thailand
Honolulu and Kona, Hawaii
Beijing, China
Kona, Hawaii
Beijing, China
Bangkok, Thailand

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Peng, Jiangnan	Kona, Hawaii
Reidy, James J.	Mumbai, India
Reidy, Jim	Bangkok, Thailand
Student Group	Beijing, China
Williams, Mike (Student)	Bangkok, Thailand
Zjawiony, Jordan K.	Honolulu, Hawaii

University of Mississippi Medical Center

Breeding, Larry	Hawaii
Chen, Ching J.	Taipei, Taiwan
Geiss, Roger W.	St. Georges, Grenada, West Indies
Harkey, Louis H.	San Pedro Sula, Honduras
Ho, I. K.	Taipei, Taiwan
Johnson, William G.	Munich, Germany
Piletz, John E.	San Juan, Puerto Rico
Preter, Sabinae	Jerusalem, Israel
Reckelhoff, Jane	Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico
Roby, Ginger	Rome, Italy
Thompson, Connie	San Juan, Puerto Rico
Tyler, Donnie	Melbourne, Australia
Woolverton, William L.	San Juan, Puerto Rico
Zhang, John	Melbourne and Hamilton Island, Australia

University of Southern Mississippi

Butts, Jane	Puerto Rico
Cole, Michael	Hawaii
Ding, Jiu	Hong Kong
Guymon, C. Allan	Hawaii
Hartman, Sherry	Puerto Rico
Haynes, LaDonna	Hawaii
Heard, Willie	Hawaii
Hoyle, Charles E.	Hawaii
Lochhead, Robert	Japan, France, and England
Mathias, Lon	Hawaii
Palmer, Jesse	Russia
Pojman, John	Hawaii
Price, Catherine	Switzerland
Shiller, Alan M.	Italy

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FACILITIES

Presented by Mr. John Bowman, Assistant Commissioner
of Construction and Physical Affairs

On motion by Dr. Neely, seconded by Mr. Crawford, with Ms. Whitten absent and not voting, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby approves the **CONSENT AGENDA** items as submitted in the following report on Facilities. **REGULAR AGENDA** items were approved on a separate motion by Mr. Klumb, seconded by Ms. Garrett, with Ms. Whitten absent and not voting. **REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS #1 AND #6 WERE EXCLUDED FOR DISCUSSION AT A LATER DATE. CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #5 WAS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA.**

Alcorn State University

1. **(RA)** Schematic design documents on **GS #101-197, Preplanning Business Administration Building-Natchez**, and approval by the Bureau of Buildings. The project calls for the construction of a new facility north of the existing Nursing School, which will include classrooms and offices for support of the Master o Business Administration program. Funds are available from S.B. 3315, Laws of 2000. **(THIS ITEM WILL BE TAKEN UP IN THE AYERS IMPLEMENTATION MEETING AFTER THE BOARD MEETING.)**

Jackson State University

2. **(CA)** Approved contract documents for **GS #103-184, '99 Roofing Project**, and request approval of the Bureau of Buildings. The project includes re-roofing the Education Building, the B. F. Roberts Building, the T. B. Ellis building, Dixon Hall, the J. Y. Woodard Building, and the AAC Building. Funds are available in the project budget in the amount of \$900,000.
3. **(CA)** Approved schematic documents for **GS #103-187, Hubert Hall 2000 Renovation**, and request approval by the Bureau of Buildings. This project calls for the complete renovation of this historic building, which is used as the student health building. Funds are available in the amount of \$500,000 from S.B. 3254, Laws of 1998.
4. **(CA)** Approved schematic documents for **GS #103-178, School of Business**, and request approval by the Bureau of Buildings. This project is to construct a new School of Business Building to correct space deficiencies and to provide state-of-the-art facilities. Funds are available in the amount of \$7,000,000 from H.B. 1843, Laws of 1997.
5. **(CA)** Contract documents and the advertisement for the receipt of bids for **GS #103-190, Demolition Project**, and request approval by the Bureau of Buildings. As a safety hazard, removing these documents will improve the environment of the campus and surrounding community. Funds are available in the amount of \$250,000 from S.B. 3120, Laws of 1996. **(THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FROM THE AGENDA.)**

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6. **(RA)** Project Feasibility Report and the negotiation of an agreement with Facility Concepts, Development to provide project development and administration services for construction of an Urban Life Center. Estimated project cost is \$20,815,000. Funds are available through student tuition, private sources, and EBC bond issue. **(THIS ITEM WILL BE TAKEN UP AT A LATER DATE.)**

Mississippi State University

7. **(CA)** Approved Change Order #1 for **Davis Wade Stadium Expansion, IHL #205-186**, in the amount of \$35,116 with no increase to the contract time. The change will delete Alternate #1 from the scope of the work. The change will also furnish larger cranes with lifting capacity and height to allow construction of the upper deck and add the structural steel for the upper deck. Funds are available in the project budget.
8. **(CA)** Approved Change Order #6 in the amount of \$8,154.60 with no change in contract time for **GS #105-239, Hand Chemical Lab Renovations**, and request approval by the Bureau of Buildings. The change will provide additional power and data outlets to accommodate faculty workstations and equipment requirements. Funds are available in GS #105-254, Classroom Holding Account and from H.B. 1666, Laws of 1996.
9. **(CA)** Approved contract documents and authorize the advertisement for the receipt of bids for **GS #113-085, Scales Equine Facility Renovation**, and request approval by the Bureau of Buildings. An existing Scales Equine facility will be renovated for an equine reproductive research facility. Funds are available in the amount of \$350,000 from S.B. 3315, Laws of 2000, and in the amount of \$100,000 from the College of Veterinary Medicine Endowed Gifts for a total budget of \$450,000.
10. **(CA)** Approved schematic documents for **IHL #205-188, Critz Hall Renovation**. The renovation of this residence hall will replace all electrical and mechanical systems, install new windows, and remodel the lobby and front entrance. Funds are available in the amount of \$3,500,000 from MSU EBC bond funds.
11. **(CA)** Approved schematic documents for **GS #113-079, Gulf Coast Research and Extension Building**, and request approval by the Bureau of Buildings. The project will provide a new facility, which will house a learning resource center, research laboratories, and staff offices. The building will be designed for expansion and will be adjacent to several demonstration gardens. Funds are available in the amount of \$750,000 from H.B. 1843, Laws of 1997, and in the amount of \$3,000,000 from S.B. 3254, Laws of 1998, for a project budget of \$3,750,000.
12. **(CA)** Approved request to enter into a lease agreement with Monte Earlywine and Edward Robinson, owners of D. T. Grinder's Restaurant and Pub, to operate a café on the MSU Meridian Campus as per the guidelines set forth in the bid file. The vendor agrees to pay the University 20% of Net Profit as commission for the use of the space, facilities, and equipment.
13. **(RA)** Approved issuance of MSU EBC revenue bonds in the approximate principal amount of \$11,750,000 to pay costs of renovating and improving student housing and the student health center on the Starkville campus. A copy of the resolution is included in the *October 19, 2000 Board Working File*.

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14. **(RA)** Approved issuance of MSU EBC revenue bonds in the approximate principal amount of \$8,250,000 to pay costs of renovating, improving, and expanding the MSU football stadium on the Starkville campus. A copy of the resolution is included in the *October 19, 2000 Board Working File*.
15. **(RA)** Approved initiation of **IHL #213-128, Sensory Evaluation Laboratory** and appointment of Thomas Shelton Jones & Association as project professional. This project proposes renovations and additions to the Herzer Dairy Science Building to provide for the new lab and additional dry storage warehouse space. Funds are available in the amount of \$100,967 from private sources and in the amount of \$408,223 from the Food Science and Technology Dairy Plant fund for a total budget of \$509,190.
16. **(RA)** Approved initiation of **IHL #205-186, Davis Wade Stadium: Underground Heating and Cooling Water Mains**. This project will connect the heating and cooling lines from the central plant to the new stadium expansion. Funds are available from the MSU EBC bonds in the amount of \$950,000.

Mississippi University for Women

17. **(CA)** Approved construction documents and authorize the advertisement for the receipt of bids for **IHL #204-113, Kincannon Hall Elevator**. Funds are available in the amount of \$200,000 in the University's plant fund.

Mississippi Valley State University

18. **(RA) Information item.** Accepted the Master Plan for the campus, which incorporates both the immediate and long-range plans for the University. A copy of the plan is included in the *October 19, 2000 Board Working File*.
19. **(RA)** Approved resolution authorizing MVSU EBC to issue revenue bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$2,400,000 for the purpose of making various capital acquisitions and improvements for the University's benefit. A copy of the resolution is included in the *October 19, 2000 Board Working File*.

University of Mississippi

20. **(UC)** Approved bids and award of contracts to the low bidders for **GS #107-253, F & E Lyceum Restoration**, and request approval by the Bureau of Buildings. Bid items to be awarded to low bidders total \$944,151.42 and state contract items to be awarded total \$131,672 for an overall total of \$1,075,823.42. Funds are available in the project budget. Bids were as follows:

Matching Bid Groups

Contractor	D	G	CR	FW
1. Shea Design	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid
2. Herman Miller	\$201,226.00	No Bid	\$110,366.62	No Bid
3. OffiSource	\$199,600.00	No Bid	\$19,600.00	No Bid
4. Business Interiors	\$199,886.00	\$39,589.00	\$247,407.00	No Bid

Combination Bid Groups

Contractor	A	B	C	E	F	H	K
1. Shea Design	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	\$133,415.00
2. Herman Miller	\$32,030.52	\$150,205.17	\$50,318.46	\$158,370.69	No Bid	\$25,745.48	No Bid

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3. OffiSource	No Bid	\$130,400.00	\$56,500.00	No Bid	\$50,000.00	No Bid	No Bid
4. Business Interiors	\$30,859.00	\$156,793.00	\$54,015.00	\$242,642.00	\$45,396.00	\$30,397.00	No Bid

21. (CA) Approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$10,453 for **Gertrude Ford Campus Theater, GS #107-252**, and request approval by the Bureau of Buildings. The change will provide for removal and replacement of concrete and masonry walls, wood pilings, and unsuitable fill material. Funds are available from the project budget.
22. (CA) Approved Change Order #8 for **GS #107-204, Lyceum Renovation**, in the amount of \$123,334 and request approval by the Bureau of Buildings. The change will cover millwork additions and upgrades interior finishes as requested by the using agency. Funds are available in the amount of \$260,000 from University sources.
23. (CA) Approved Change Order #4 for **IHL #207-146, National Center for Development of Natural Products**, in the amount of \$178,807 to cover revisions to audio/visual system, additional interior windows, and upgrades to interior finishes. Funds are available from the using agency through a grant received from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.
24. (RA) Approved bids and award of contract in the amount of \$472,500 to the low bidder, B & G Electrical Contractors, Inc., for **GS #107-242, Electrical System Improvements**, and request approval by the Bureau of Buildings. Funds are available from S.B. 3254, Laws of 1998. Bids were as follows:

Contractor	Base Bid	Alternates
1. B & G Electrical Contractors, Inc.	\$472,500	1. (\$24,800) 2. (\$22,500) 3. (\$18,000)
2. McElroy Electric	\$478,994	1. (\$15,050) 2. (\$15,050) 3. (\$ 3,850)
3. J. L. Malone & Associates	\$499,950	1. (\$12,756) 2. (\$12,756) 3. (\$ 3,193)
4. Standard Electric Company	\$726,424	1. (\$17,555) 2. (\$15,795) 3. (\$ 9,485)

25. (RA) Approved initiation of **IHL #207-198, Renovation of Deaton Hall**, and the appointment of Staub Robinson Williams Architects, PA, as project design professionals. The project will renovate the interior of the dormitory to house 92 students in the fifty-three rooms. All interiors will be refurbished. Funds are available in the amount of \$700,000 from University auxiliary revenues.

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26. **(CA)** Approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$1,343 with an increase in contract time of seven calendar days for **GS #109-175, School of Health Related Professions Classroom Renovations**, and request approval by the Bureau of Buildings. Funds are available in the project budget from H.B. 1843, Laws of 1997.
27. **(CA)** Approved Fifteenth and Sixteenth Amendments to the lease agreement with Jackson Medical Mall Foundation for relocation and additional space for the Department of Pediatrics Division of Infectious Diseases, respectively. The Sixteenth Amendment leases Suite #551 consisting of 771 square feet at \$11 per square foot for an annual cost of \$8,841. The base rental adjustment (common area maintenance) is \$2.25 per square foot or \$1,734.75 per year. The base rental adjustment will be adjusted annually. The total annual lease cost is \$10,215.75 per year beginning December 15, 2000.
28. **(CA)** Approved Seventeenth Amendment to the lease agreement with Jackson Medical Mall Foundation for additional lease space for the GENOA (Genetic Determinants of High Blood Pressure) Network Study. The lease space is 1,898 square feet at \$14.09 per square foot for an annual cost of \$26,742.82. The base rental adjustment (common area maintenance) is \$2.25 per square foot or \$4,270.50 per year. The base rental adjustment will be adjusted annually. The total annual lease cost (square foot rental and base rental adjustment) is \$31,013.32 beginning December 15, 2000.
29. **(CA)** Approved schematic documents for **Orthopedic Renovation Project, IHL #209-433**. Funds are available in the amount of \$1,723,914 from interest income.
30. **(RA)** Approved permission to accept a donation of approximately two acres of land from the City of Lexington, Mississippi. The land is located on Bowling Green Road across from the Lexington Hospital and would eventually be used to build permanent medical office space to support the hospital. The property has been appraised for \$17,000 and has received a favorable environmental assessment.
31. **(RA)** Approved initiation of **GS #109-181, Anatomy Classroom Renovations**, appointment of Simmons Associates, P. A. as project professional, and request approval by the Bureau of Buildings. The project will renovate the existing Histology and Gross Anatomy Teaching Labs. Funds are available in the amount of \$900,000 from H.B. 1675, Laws of 1999.
32. **(RA)** Approved bids and award of contract in the amount of \$1,075,000 (base bid) to the low bidder, Clear River Construction Co., Inc., for **IHL #209-423, Repair Drives and Parking Lots**. Funds are available in the project budget from hospital allocation patient revenues. Bids were as follows:

Contractor	Base Bid	Alternates
1. Clear River Construction Co., Inc.	\$1,075,000.00	1. (\$23,000.00) 2. (\$ 5,000.00) 3. (\$38,000.00)
2. McKinion Asphalt Paving, Inc.	\$1,170,282.76	1. (\$55,382.23) 2. (\$12,777.11) 3. (\$69,737.61)
3. APAC-Mississippi, Inc.	\$1,201,100.00	1. (\$29,000.00)

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	2. (\$ 6,300.00)
	3. (\$32,000.00)

33. **(RA)** Approved bids and award of contract in the amount of \$259,769 (base bid) to the low bidder, Sunbelt General Contractors, Inc., for **IHL #209-408, Physiology Renovations**. Funds are available from indirect cost recoveries. Bids were as follows:

Contractor	Base Bid
1. Sunbelt General Contractors, Inc.	\$259,769
2. Wilkinson Construction, Inc.	\$274,402
3. Mayrant & Associates LLC	\$284,000
4. Coleman Hammons Construction Co., Inc.	\$284,000
5. Bounds Construction Co., Inc.	\$302,000
6. W. H. Scott Construction Co., Inc.	\$320,800
7. Innovative Construction, Inc.	\$376,000

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34. **(UC)** Approved award of professional design contract to the architectural firm Albert and Associates for **IHL #208-228, Peck House Alterations and Additions**. This project was originally initiated in 1995 but was never designed. Funds are available in the amount of \$750,000 from The USM Foundation.
35. **(UC)** Approved initiation of **IHL #208-250, Exercise Trail**, and appointment of Singleton Architects as project professional. This project is phase one of the Payne Center Site Improvements. Funds are available in the amount of \$105,000 from WFP Grant funds and in the amount of \$45,000 from The USM Payne Center Program for a total budget of \$150,000.
36. **(CA)** Approved construction documents and authorize the advertisement for the receipt of bids for **GS #110-077, '99 Mechanical Renovation**, and request approval by the Bureau of Buildings. The project calls for renovations to the Marine Education and Fisheries Buildings. Funds are available in the amount of \$490,000 from H.B. 1675, Laws of 1999.
37. **(CA)** Approved design development documents for **GS #108-185, Polymer Science Renovation**, and request approval by the Bureau of Buildings. Laboratories and offices will be added. Funds are available in the amount of \$6,000,000 from H.B. 1675, Laws of 1999.
38. **(RA)** Approved request to purchase property located at 2901 West Fourth Street, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, said property containing 3.53 acres more or less and being known as West Building Materials. The average of two appraisals is \$877,500 and the proposed purchase price is \$875,000. Funds are available in the University's plant fund.
39. **(RA)** Approved bids and award of contract in the amount of \$626,100 to the low bidder, Maples Construction Company, Inc., for **IHL #208-248, Additions to Hill Denson Field—Pete Taylor Park**. Fourteen bids were received ranging from \$720,000 to \$917,700 for the base bid but only \$705,000 was available for the project. The base bid was negotiated down to \$74,400 plus an allowance reduction of \$19,500, which gives the lowest bid of \$626,100. Funds are available in the project budget. Bids were as follows:

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Contractor	Base Bid	Alternate
1. Maples Construction Company, Inc.	\$735,000 Less <u>(\$15,000)</u> \$720,000	1. (\$13,200) 2. \$ 37,380 3. \$ 20,037 4. \$ 14,280
2. KVC Construction (BID REJECTED)	\$744,900	1. (\$15,000) 2. \$ 38,500 3. \$ 16,000 4. \$ 11,600
3. Harvison-DeWitt Construction	\$750,000	1. (\$22,211) 2. \$ 38,500 3. \$ 16,244 4. \$ 11,837
4. Reeves Construction, Inc.	\$763,400	1. (\$16,500) 2. \$ 44,800 3. \$ 19,400 4. \$ 14,500
5. B. W. Sullivan Building Contractor	\$771,200	1. (\$39,000) 2. \$ 40,800 3. \$ 18,800 4. \$ 13,900
6. Larry J. Sumrall Contractors, Inc.	\$795,760	1. (\$25,000) 2. \$ 20,900 3. \$ 11,000 4. \$ 13,300
7. Harold West Contractors, Inc.	\$813,200	1. (\$10,000) 2. \$ 21,000 3. \$ 18,000 4. \$ 13,000
8. Schwegman Constructors and Engineers, Inc.	\$828,620	1. (\$18,450) 2. \$ 38,365 3. \$ 9,336 4. \$ 13,500
9. Hodges Construction Company	\$840,000	1. (\$23,000) 2. \$ 33,000 3. \$ 18,000 4. \$ 12,500
10. Addison Construction, Inc.	\$848,000	1. (\$26,000) 2. \$ 22,000 3. \$ 16,000 4. \$ 14,000
11. Mac's Construction Co., Inc.	\$859,700	1. (\$21,700) 2. \$ 42,700 3. \$ 18,700 4. \$ 13,700
12. Jay-Van Company	\$864,400	1. (\$23,500) 2. \$ 44,400

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		3. \$ 16,100
		4. \$ 11,900
13. HAK Construction Company	\$883,180	1. (\$25,000)
		2. \$ 34,400
		3. \$ 16,500
		4. \$ 22,000
14. Max Robertson Contractor	\$917,700	1. (\$39,600)
		2. \$ 44,100
		3. \$ 17,750
		4. \$ 14,600

BOARD DINNER

Mr. Carl Nicholson thanked Dr. Malcolm Portera, President of Mississippi State University, and Dr. Charles Lee, Vice President for Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine at Mississippi State University, and their faculty and staff for hosting the October 19, 2000 Board dinner.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

***Ayers* Implementation Committee
Tuesday, October 17, 2000**

The Committee was brought to order by Mr. Nicholson, Chair.

Executive Session

On motion by Mr. Ross, seconded by Ms. Newton, with Mr. Klumb and Dr. Magee 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. Crawford, seconded by Ms. Newton, with Mr. Klumb and Dr. Magee 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 *Ayers* litigation.

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

The following report on the Executive Session was given by the Chair:

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The Committee discussed the *Ayers* case.

No action was taken.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Nicholson (Chair), Mr. Colbert, Mr. Crawford, Dr. Davidson, Ms. Garrett, Mr. Griffis, Mr. Klumb, Dr. Magee, Dr. Neely, Ms. Newton, Mr. Ross, and Ms. Whitten.

***Ayers* Implementation Committee
Wednesday, October 18, 2000**

The Committee was brought to order by Mr. Nicholson, Chair.

Executive Session

On motion by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Ms. Newton, with Mr. Colbert, Mr. Klumb, Mr. Ross, and Ms. Whitten 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. Crawford, seconded by Ms. Garrett, with Mr. Colbert, Mr. Klumb, Mr. Ross, and Ms. Whitten 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 *Ayers* litigation.

On motion by Dr. Davidson, seconded by Dr. Neely, with Ms. Whitten absent and not voting, the Committee voted to return to Open Session.

The following report on the Executive Session was given by the Chair:

The Committee discussed the *Ayers* case.

No action was taken.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Nicholson (Chair), Mr. Colbert, Mr. Crawford, Dr. Davidson, Ms. Garrett, Mr. Griffis, Mr. Klumb, Dr. Magee, Dr. Neely, Ms. Newton, and Mr. Ross. Ms. Whitten was absent.

**Planning, Budget & Financial Affairs Committee
Wednesday, October 18, 2000**

The Committee was brought to order by Mr. Crawford, Chair. The following item was discussed:

1. **MVSU Mission**

Dr. Lester Newman presented Mississippi Valley State University's mission statement for informational purposes.

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No action was taken.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Crawford (Chair), Mr. Colbert, Dr. Davidson, Ms. Garrett, Mr. Griffis, Mr. Klumb, Dr. Magee, Dr. Neely, Ms. Newton, Mr. Nicholson, and Mr. Ross. Ms. Whitten was absent.

**Building/Facilities Committee
Thursday, October 19, 2000**

The Committee was brought to order by Mr. Klumb, Chair. The following items were discussed:

1. **Initiation of Projects and Professional Appointments**
On motion by Ms. Newton, seconded by Ms. Garrett, with Mr. Colbert, Mr. Crawford, Dr. Magee, and Ms. Whitten absent and not voting, the Committee recommended that the Board approve the initiation of several projects and the appointment of project professionals in various projects.
2. **Award of Contracts**
On motion by Ms. Newton, seconded by Ms. Garrett, with Mr. Colbert, Mr. Crawford, Dr. Magee, and Ms. Whitten absent and not voting, the Committee recommended that the Board approve the award of contracts on various projects.
3. **Issuance of Revenue Bonds**
On motion by Ms. Newton, seconded by Ms. Garrett, with Mr. Colbert, Mr. Crawford, Dr. Magee, and Ms. Whitten absent and not voting, the Committee recommended that the Board approve the issuance of revenue bonds at MSU and MVSU.
4. **JSU Urban Life Center**
The Committee decided to postpone this item until the arrival of Dr. Ronald Mason, President of Jackson State University.
5. **MVSU Campus Master Plan**
The Committee received a copy of the Campus Master Plan for informational purposes.
6. **UMMC–Donation of Land**
On motion by Ms. Newton, seconded by Ms. Garrett, with Mr. Colbert, Mr. Crawford, Dr. Magee, and Ms. Whitten absent and not voting, the Committee recommended that the Board approve the acceptance of the two acre land donation from the City of Lexington, Mississippi.
7. **USM–Purchase of Real Estate**
On motion by Ms. Newton, seconded by Ms. Garrett, with Mr. Colbert, Mr. Crawford, Dr. Magee, and Ms. Whitten absent and not voting, the Committee recommended that the

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Board approve the purchase of West Building Materials property located at 2901 West Fourth Street in Hattiesburg.

8. **Point Cadet Status Report**

The Committee received the Point Cadet Status Report.

9. **Other Business**

Two walk-on, Unanimous Consent agenda items concerning The University of Southern Mississippi facilities will be taken up later during the Board meeting.

No further action was taken.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Klumb (Chair), Mr. Crawford, Dr. Davidson, Ms. Garrett, Mr. Griffis, Dr. Magee, Dr. Neely, Ms. Newton, Mr. Nicholson, and Mr. Ross. Mr. Colbert and Ms. Whitten were absent.

**Academic Affairs Committee
Thursday, October 19, 2000**

The Committee was brought to order by Mr. Nicholson, Chair. The following items were discussed:

1. **Inter-Institutional Collaboration**

The Committee accepted the *Inter-Institutional Collaborations* report, which provides an overview of universities' collaborative activities.

2. **Quality Assurance Policy**

The Committee recommended that the Board accept, for informational purposes, the proposed amendment to the *Board Policies and Bylaws-506 Quality Assurance Policy for Beginning Teachers*—for a first reading.

3. **Probation/Suspension Policies**

The Committee received information concerning University Probation and Suspension Policies.

4. **Grading System**

The Committee received information regarding the grading system at each university.

No further action was taken.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Nicholson (Chair), Mr. Crawford, Mr. Colbert, Dr. Davidson, Ms. Garrett, Mr. Griffis, Mr. Klumb, Dr. Magee, Dr. Neely, Ms. Newton, and Mr. Ross. Ms. Whitten was absent.

Technology/Accessibility Committee

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The Committee was brought to order by Ms. Newton, Chair. The following items were discussed:

1. **MTI Status Report**
Mr. Pete Walley, Director, Bureau for Long Range Economic Development Planning, and Ms. Lynn Stabler, Director of Outreach and Economic Development at The University of Southern Mississippi's John C. Stennis Space Center, updated the Committee on MTI activities which included the announcement of Dr. Angeline Dvorak as the new President of MTI and ITD.
2. **EdNet Status Report**
Mr. Al Lind, Assistant Commissioner of Technology, presented the EdNet Status Report.
3. **Electronic Distribution of Board Materials**
The Committee discussed the electronic distribution of Board materials.

No action was taken.

The following Board members were present: Ms. Newton (Chair), Mr. Crawford, Mr. Colbert, Dr. Davidson, Ms. Garrett, Mr. Griffis, Mr. Klumb, Dr. Magee, Dr. Neely, Mr. Nicholson, and Mr. Ross. Ms. Whitten was absent and not voting.

**Student Affairs Committee
Thursday, October 19, 2000**

The Committee was brought to order by Ms. Garrett, Chair. The following items were discussed:

1. **Public/Private Partnerships**
The Committee discussed the issue of public-private partnership for the construction of on-campus residential living space for students.
2. **Dormitory Visitation Hours**
The Committee received the Dormitory Visitation Report.

No further action was taken.

The following Board members were present: Ms. Garrett (Chair), Mr. Crawford, Mr. Colbert, Dr. Davidson, Mr. Griffis, Mr. Klumb, Dr. Magee, Dr. Neely, Ms. Newton, Mr. Nicholson, and Mr. Ross. Ms. Whitten was absent.

Planning, Budget & Financial Affairs Committee

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The Committee was brought to order by Mr. Crawford, Chair. The following items were discussed:

1. **Schedule of Optional and Participation Fees**

The Committee received, for informational purposes, the Schedule of Optional/ Participation/Control Fees in effect for the 2000-2001 academic year.

2. **Student Loan Guarantor Agreement**

On motion by Mr. Nicholson, seconded by Dr. Davidson, with Ms. Whitten absent and not voting, the Committee recommended that the Board approve the ratification of authority to issue a notice to not renew in relation to the United Student Aid Funds, Inc. guarantor agreement and the authority to issue requests for proposals for a new guarantor.

3. **Access and Affordability**

The Committee discussed the proposal made at the retreat to develop a multi-year plan for tuition and fees.

4. **Financial Advisor Policy**

The Committee received, for informational purposes, the amendment to the *Board Policies and Bylaws*–901.0405 Financial Advisor–for a first reading. Mr. Nicholson suggested two amendments to the policy– (1) delete the sentence “The Commissioner will make a recommendation to the Board about the impact of additional borrowing on the financial condition of the institution.” and (2) in the following sentence replace “Upon approval” with “Prior to approval.”

No further action was taken.

The following Board members were present: Mr. Crawford (Chair), Mr. Colbert, Dr. Davidson, Ms. Garrett, Mr. Griffis, Mr. Klumb, Dr. Magee, Dr. Neely, Ms. Newton, Mr. Nicholson, and Mr. Ross. Ms. Whitten was absent.

**Legal Committee
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The Committee was brought to order by Dr. Magee, Chair.

Executive Session

On motion by Mr. Nicholson, seconded by Ms. Newton, with Ms. Whitten 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. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Nicholson, with Ms. Whitten 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 University of Mississippi Medical Center Tort Claim and
Discussion of The University of Southern Mississippi Litigation Settlement.

On motion by Mr. Colbert, seconded by Mr. Griffis, with Ms. Whitten absent and not voting, the Committee voted to return to Open Session.

The following report on the Executive Session was given by the Chair:

On motion by Mr. Colbert, seconded by Dr. Davidson, with Ms. Newton, Mr. Ross, and Ms. Whitten absent and not voting, the Committee recommended that the Board approve the settlement of Tort Claim #611-J, *Eveline Jennings May, Administrator of the estate of Alex Jennings, Deceased, vs. Dr. Georgia Acru and the University of Mississippi Medical Center*.

On motion by Mr. Nicholson, seconded by Dr. Neely, with Ms. Newton, Mr. Ross, and Ms. Whitten absent and not voting, the Committee recommended that the Board approve the resolution of the litigation styled as *Elbert vs. The University of Southern Mississippi*.

No further action was taken.

The following Board members were present: Dr. Magee (Chair), Mr. Colbert, Mr. Crawford, Dr. Davidson, Ms. Garrett, Mr. Griffis, Mr. Klumb, Dr. Neely, Ms. Newton, Mr. Nicholson, and Mr. Ross. Ms. Whitten was absent.

**Ayers Implementation Committee Meeting
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The Committee was brought to order by Dr. Magee, Chair.

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On motion by Mr. Colbert, seconded by Dr. Neely, with Ms. Whitten 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. Griffis, seconded by Dr. Davidson, with Ms. Whitten 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 a Personnel Matter at Mississippi State University;
Discussion of the Location of a Business; and
Discussion of the Alcorn State University MBA Building.

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

The following report on the Executive Session was given by the Chair:

The Committee discussed a personnel matter at Mississippi State University.

The Committee discussed the location of a business.

On motion by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Klumb, with Ms. Whitten absent and not voting, the Committee recommended that the Board approve the project GS #101-197, Pre-Planning Business Administration Building for the Natchez campus.

No further action was taken.

The following members of the Board were present: Dr. Magee (Chair), Mr. Colbert, Mr. Crawford, Dr. Davidson, Ms. Garrett, Mr. Griffis, Mr. Klumb, Dr. Neely, Ms. Newton, Mr. Nicholson, and Mr. Ross. Ms. Whitten was absent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Nicholson recognized Senator Jack Gordon as a special guest.

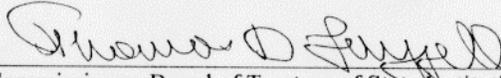
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Ms. Garrett, seconded by Ms. Newton, with Ms. Whitten absent and not voting, the Board members voted unanimously to adjourn.

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