

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

**September 11, 1992**

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, That the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi met in special session in Jackson, Mississippi, on September 11, 1992, at 9:00 a.m., and pursuant to notice in writing mailed by certified letter with return receipt requested on September 4, 1992, to each and every member of said Board, said date being at least five days prior to this September 11, 1992 meeting. At the above named place there were present the following members to wit: Ms. Nan McGahey Baker, Mr. William Sterling Crawford, Mr. Frank Crosthwait, Ms. Ricki R. Garrett, Mr. Will A. Hickman, Mr. J. Marlin Ivey, Mr. James W. Luvene, Ms. Diane Martin Miller, Mr. J. P. "Jake" Mills, Mr. Carl Nicholson, Jr., Dr. Cass Pennington, and Mr. Sidney L. Rushing. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Crosthwait.

**Announcements**

1. Mr. Lloyd Arnold, Assistant Attorney General, gave a status report on the Supreme Court's ruling regarding the practice of sovereign immunity.
2. Dr. W. Ray Cleere, Commissioner of Higher Education, announced two events taking place on September 19: the Stadium Dedication at Alcorn State University and Legislative Weekend at the University of Southern Mississippi.

**Executive Session**

On motion by Mr. Ivey, seconded by Mr. Rushing, the Board voted unanimously to close the meeting to determine whether or not it should declare an Executive Session. On motion by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Ms. Baker, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session for the reason later reported by the President in Open Session and stated in these minutes.

The President reopened the meeting and announced that the Board had voted unanimously to go into Executive Session on the pending litigation in the Ayers case to discuss strategy and plans with private counsel Mr. Bill Goodman and Mr. Paul Stephenson.

In Executive Session, strategy and plans on pending litigation for the Ayers case were discussed with private counsel Mr. Bill Goodman and Mr. Paul Stephenson.

**No action was taken by the Board.**

The following reporters protested the holding of an Executive Session (with letter of verification in Board's working file):

Mr. Andy Kanengiser, The Clarion Ledger  
Mr. Terry R. Cassreino, The Sun Herald  
Ms. Kimberly Noel, WLBT  
Mr. Chris Meggs, WJTV

Attending the Executive Session were Board members: Ms. Nan McGahey Baker, Mr. William Sterling Crawford, Mr. Frank Crosthwait, Ms. Ricki R. Garrett, Mr. Will A. Hickman, Mr. J. Marlin Ivey, Mr. James W. Luvene, Ms. Diane Martin Miller, Mr. J. P. "Jake" Mills, Mr. Carl Nicholson, Jr., Dr. Cass Pennington, and Mr. Sidney L. Rushing.

Office of the Attorney General: Mr. Lloyd Arnold, Assistant Attorney General; and Mr. Bob Jenkins, Special Assistant Attorney General.

Private Counsel, Ayers case: Mr. Paul Stephenson and Mr. Bill Goodman.

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Office of the Governor: Mr. Andy Taggart, Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor.

Board Administrative Office Staff: Dr. W. Ray Cleere, Commissioner; Ms. Ann Homer Cook, Associate Commissioner and Executive Secretary; Dr. Lucy Martin, Associate Commissioner for Finance and Planning; Dr. Phil Pepper, State Economist and Assistant Commissioner, Planning and Economics; and Mr. Steve Kirchmayr, Special Assistant to the Commissioner.

On motion by Mr. Hickman, seconded by Mr. Luvenc, the Board voted unanimously to return to Open Session.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

**President, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning**

**Associate Commissioner/Executive Secretary, Board of Trustees of  
State Institutions of Higher Learning**