

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

October 8, 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 October 8, 1992, at 10:00 a.m., and pursuant to notice in writing mailed by certified letter with return receipt requested on September 28, 1992, to each and every member of said Board, said date being at least five days prior to this October 8, 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. Luvenc, 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 and opened with prayer by Mr. Ivey.

Executive Session

On motion by Mr. Ivey, seconded by Mr. Hickman, the Board voted unanimously to close the meeting to determine whether or not it should declare an Executive Session. On motion by Mr. Ivey, seconded by Mr. Hickman, 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 Attorney General Mike Moore; and 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 Attorney General Mike Moore and private counsel Mr. Bill Goodman and Mr. Paul Stephenson.

No action was taken by the Board.

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

In Open Session, on motion by Mr. Hickman, seconded by Mr. Ivey, and unanimously passed, it was

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby invites the institutional executive officers of the eight universities to meet at 9:00 a.m., October 12, 1992, to respond to Board proposals regarding the Ayers case.

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. Mark Leggett, The Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal
Mr. Paul Barton, The Memphis Commercial Appeal
Mr. John Mott Coffey, The Commercial Dispatch
Ms. Elizabeth Thompson, WAPT-TV
Mr. Rex Baker, WJTV-TV
Mr. Ed Bryson, WLBT-TV

In addition to the twelve members of the Board, persons attending the Special Meeting of the Board were:

Board Administrative Office Staff: Dr. W. Ray Cleere, Commissioner; Ms. Ann Homer Cook, Associate Commissioner and Executive Secretary; Dr. Lucy Martin, Associate Commissioner for

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Finance and Planning; Dr. Charles Pickett, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs; and Mr. Steve Kirchmayr, Special Assistant to the Commissioner.

Office of the Governor: Mr. Andy Taggart, Chief of Staff; and Mr. Chris Webster, Counsel to the Governor.

Office of the Attorney General: The Honorable Mike Moore, Attorney General; Mr. Alan Purdie, Deputy Attorney General; Mr. Lloyd Arnold, Assistant Attorney General; Mr. Bob Jenkins, Special Assistant Attorney General; and Ms. Maudine Eckford, Special Assistant Attorney General.

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

Recessment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Board voted unanimously to recess until 9:00 a.m, Monday, October 12, 1992.

President, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning

**Associate Commissioner/Executive Secretary, Board of Trustees of
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