

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

**May 6, 2005**

**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 11:30 a.m., and pursuant to notice in writing 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 Klumb, Dr. D. E. Magee, Jr., Dr. Bettye Henderson Neely, Ms. Virginia Shanteau Newton, Mr. Bob Owens, Mr. Aubrey B. Patterson, Ms. Robin J. Robinson, and Mr. Scott Ross. Ms. Amy Whitten was absent. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Roy Klumb, President.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion by Mr. Klumb, with Dr. Magee and Ms. Whitten absent and not voting, the Board voted to close the meeting to determine whether or not it should declare an Executive Session. On motion by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Ms. Robinson, with Dr. Magee and Ms. Whitten absent and not voting, 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 The University of Southern Mississippi.

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

The Board discussed issues regarding the presidency of Dr. Shelby Thames at The University of Southern Mississippi. **No action was taken.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

*Roy Klumb*

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President, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning

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Commissioner, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning