

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING
February 19, 2004**

BE IT REMEMBERED, That the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi, the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges, and the Mississippi Board of Education met in joint session at the Clarion Hotel in the Windsor Room in Jackson, Mississippi, at 10:30 a.m., and pursuant to notice in writing mailed on February 10, 2004, to each and every member of said Board, said date being at least five days prior to this February 19, 2004 meeting. At the above-named place there were present the following members to wit: Mr. Thomas W. Colbert, Mr. William S. Crawford, Dr. Stacy Davidson, Ms. Ricki R. Garrett, Mr. Bryce Griffis, Mr. Roy Klumb, Dr. D. E. Magee, Jr., Dr. Bettye Henderson Neely, Ms. Virginia Shanteau Newton, Mr. Scott Ross, and Ms. Amy Whitten. Mr. Carl Nicholson, Jr. was absent. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Henry Johnson, State Superintendent of Education.

Greetings were conducted by Mr. Charles Deaton, Chairman of the Mississippi Board of Education; Dr. Wayne Stonecypher, Executive Director of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges; Mr. George Walker, Chairman of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges; Dr. David Potter, Commissioner of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning; Mr. Thomas W. Colbert, President of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning; and Dr. C. Thompson Wacaster, Vice President of the Phil Hardin Foundation.

Remarks were made by Governor Haley Barbour and The Honorable Billy McCoy, Speaker of the Mississippi House of Representatives.

Ms. Kati Haycock, Executive Director of The Education Trust, gave a presentation on *Improving Achievement and Closing Gaps: What Can We Do?*

During the lunch break Dr. Cathy Grace, Coordinator for The Early Childhood Institute at Mississippi State University, gave a report of the findings of the Mississippi Child Care Census.

Mr. Charles Deaton called the afternoon session to order.

Dr. David Potter, Commissioner of Higher Education, discussed the proposal from the P-20 Initiative Committee. The proposal included the following goals:

Goal #1: Develop a statewide marketing program about the benefits of a quality education that promotes broader understanding and support for educational improvements and encourages further education for our citizens.

Goal #2: Develop a state-funded high quality child-care system for all children from birth through age four.

Goal #3: Establish a seamless educational structure that focuses on encouraging students to matriculate from one education level to the next highest level and from outside the educational system back into the system.

Goal #4: Create a strong parental education program.

Goal #5: Require all students to take a college preparatory curriculum unless declined by the student's parents.

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Goal #6: Create a Blue Ribbon Commission on Teacher Quality to review and make recommendations for teacher/administrator preparation and training programs.

Goal #7: Review and make recommendations for teacher/administrator continuing education/professional development programs aligned with student learning and “best practice” educational reforms.

Goal #8: Implement a program to ensure that students and parents are aware of financial aid opportunities for college early in their K-12 years and that financial aid programs are available to assure broad access to college.

Goal #9: Review and revise existing programs to reduce high school and college dropouts.

Closing comments were made by Dr. Henry Johnson, Dr. David Potter, and Dr. Wayne Stonecypher.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Mr. Deaton, seconded by Dr. Stonecypher, and unanimously passed by those present, the joint board members voted to adjourn.

Thomas Colbert

President, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning

David Potter

Commissioner, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning