

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING
February 12, 2015**

BE IT REMEMBERED, That the Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi met in a special called meeting at the Board Office in Jackson, Mississippi, at 3:00 p.m. At the above-named place there were present the following members to wit: Mr. H. Ed Blakeslee, Mrs. Karen L. Cummins (by phone), Dr. Ford Dye, Mr. Shane Hooper, Mr. Bob Owens, Mr. Hal Parker, Mr. Aubrey B. Patterson, Mr. Alan Perry, Ms. Christine Pickering, Ms. Robin J. Robinson (by phone), Dr. Douglas Rouse, and Mr. C.D. Smith. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Aubrey Patterson, President.

FIRST EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Hooper, with Trustees Cummins and Robinson participating by phone, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to close the meeting to determine whether or not it should declare an Executive Session. On motion by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Hooper, with Trustees Cummins and Robinson participating by phone, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously **to go into Executive Session** for the reason reported to the public and stated in these minutes, as follows:

Discussion of personnel matter at the Board Office.

During Executive Session, the following matter was discussed and voted upon:

On motion by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Rouse, with Trustees Cummins and Robinson participating by phone, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to appoint Dr. Jim Borsig, currently serving as President of the Mississippi University for Women, as Commissioner of Higher Education at a salary of \$358,312.50 a year, to grant him a four-year contract beginning April 15, 2015 to include incidental expenses and other matters as necessary, and to delegate authority to Dr. Borsig to act on behalf of Commissioner Hank Bounds in Dr. Bounds' absence until such time as Dr. Borsig takes office as Commissioner

On motion by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Hooper, with Trustees Cummins and Robinson participating by phone, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to return to Open Session.

THE BOARD RECESSED TO HOLD A BRIEF PRESS CONFERENCE.

THE BOARD MEETING RECONVENED AT 4:24 P.M.

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SECOND EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Hooper, with Trustees Cummins and Robinson participating by phone, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to close the meeting to determine whether or not is should declare an Executive Session. On motion by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Hooper, with Trustees Cummins and Robinson participating by phone, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously **to go into Executive Session** for the reasons reported to the public and stated in these minutes, as follows:

Discussion of three personnel matters at a state university.

During Executive Session, the following matters were discussed and/or voted upon:

The Board discussed three personnel matters at a state university. **No action was taken.**

On motion by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Hooper, with Trustee Parker absent and not voting and with Trustees Cummins and Robinson participating by phone, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to return to Open Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Hooper, with Trustee Parker absent and not voting and with Trustees Cummins, Owens, and Pickering absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.



President, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning



Commissioner, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning