

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

**February 13, 2013**

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, That the Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi met in an emergency teleconference meeting held at the Board Office in Jackson, Mississippi, at 4:30 p.m. At the above-named place there were present the following members to wit: Mr. H. Ed Blakeslee, Mrs. Karen L. Cummins, Mr. Shane Hooper, Mr. Bob Owens, Mr. Hal Parker, Mr. Alan Perry, Ms. Christine Pickering (by phone), Ms. Robin J. Robinson (by phone), Dr. Douglas Rouse, and Mr. C.D. Smith. Dr. Ford Dye and Mr. Aubrey B. Patterson were absent. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ed Blakeslee, President.

**In accordance with Miss. Code Ann., §25-41-1, as amended, all votes taken during this teleconference meeting were recorded by name in a roll-call. The teleconference meeting was held to discuss pressing issues at the University of Southern Mississippi related to the tornado that struck the campus on Sunday, February 10, 2013.**

A motion was made by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Pickering, to delegate to the Commissioner the authority to approve any purchase, contract or other legal document on behalf of the Board necessary to assist USM in dealing with any issues related to the recent tornado damage at the university that may arise in between meetings of the Board, and to require that any such Commissioner approvals must be reported to the Board at its next meeting.

The motion was amended by Trustee Perry, seconded by Trustee Hooper, to include the addendum that the delegation of authority is effective until the April 2013 Board meeting and the Board will revisit the need to extend the delegation of authority at that time. All Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve the motion as amended. Trustees Dye and Patterson were absent and not voting and Trustees Pickering and Robinson participated by phone.

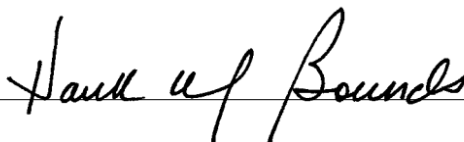
Commissioner Bounds updated the Board on the status of the damage and clean up efforts on the University of Southern Mississippi Hattiesburg campus. President Blakeslee commended the university employees, Dr. Aubrey Lucas, Interim President of USM, and Dr. Rodney Bennett, President-Elect of USM, for their hard work in getting the campus up and running for classes to begin on Thursday. Vice President Owens commended Commissioner Bounds on his efforts to assist USM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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



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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