

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING
February 26, 2014**

BE IT REMEMBERED, That the Alcorn State University Board Search Committee met in a special called session at the Board Office in Jackson, Mississippi, at 4:30 p.m., and pursuant to notice in writing, to each and every member of said Committee. At the above-named place there were present the following Committee members to wit: Mr. H. Ed Blakeslee (by phone), Mr. Bob Owens, and Mr. C.D. Smith. Committee member Robin Robinson was absent. Other Trustees participating were: Mrs. Karen L. Cummins (by phone), Dr. Ford Dye (by phone), Mr. Shane Hooper (by phone), Mr. Hal Parker (by phone), Mr. Aubrey B. Patterson (by phone), Mr. Alan Perry (by phone), Ms. Christine Pickering (by phone), and Dr. Douglas Rouse (by phone). The meeting was called to order by Chairman C.D. Smith.

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 meeting was held to discuss personnel issues related to the presidential search at the Alcorn State University.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Trustee Owens, seconded by Trustee Blakeslee, with Trustee Robinson absent and not voting and with Trustee Blakeslee participating by phone, all Committee members 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 Blakeslee, seconded by Trustee Owens, with Trustee Robinson absent and not voting and with Trustees Blakeslee participating by phone, all Committee members 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 issues concerning the search for the next president of Alcorn State University.

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

In accordance with Board Policy 201.0509 Institutional Executive Officer/Commissioner of Higher Education Search Process Subsection B Board Search Committee, the Alcorn State University Board Search Committee conducted an interview of an internal candidate for the position of president at Alcorn State University.

On motion by Trustee Owens, seconded by Trustee Blakeslee, with Trustee Robinson absent and not voting and with Trustees Blakeslee participating by phone, all Committee members legally present and participating voted unanimously to select Dr. Al Rankins, Deputy Commissioner of the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning, as the preferred candidate for the Alcorn State University president position in accordance with the Board's expedited search policy (Policy 201.0509 Institutional Executive Officer/Commissioner of Higher Education Search Process Subsection B Board Search

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Committee). Dr. Rankins will participate in open interviews on the ASU campus with various university and community constituency groups.

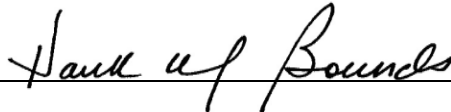
On motion by Trustee Blakeslee, seconded by Trustee Owens, with Trustee Robinson absent and not voting and with Trustee Blakeslee participating by phone, all Committee members legally present and participating voted unanimously to return to Open Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion by Trustee Owens, seconded by Trustee Blakeslee, with Trustee Robinson absent and not voting and with Trustee Blakeslee participating by phone, all Committee members legally present and participating voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

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President, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Hank A. Bouché", is positioned above a horizontal line.

Commissioner, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning