

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

July 12, 2010

BE IT REMEMBERED, That the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi held a teleconference meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee for Search Firms on July 12, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. with public attendance available at the Board Office in Jackson, Mississippi. The following Ad Hoc Committee members participated in the teleconference: Mr. H. Ed Blakeslee, Dr. Bettye Henderson Neely, Mr. Bob Owens, and Mr. C.D. Smith. Committee members Ms. Christine Pickering, Mr. Scott Ross and Ms. Amy Whitten were absent. Trustee Stacy Davidson also participated. The meeting was called to order by President Dr. Bettye Henderson Neely.

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 interview the top four search firms who submitted proposals to conduct the presidential searches at Alcorn State University, Jackson State University, and the Mississippi University for Women.

The Ad Hoc Committee for Search Firms interviewed the follow search firms: Ayers & Associates, Academic Search, Witt/Kieffer, and Parker Executive Search.

On motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Owens, with Trustees Pickering, Ross and Whitten absent and not voting, the Ad Hoc Committee for Search Firms recommended that the Board choose Ayers & Associates to conduct the Alcorn State University and Jackson State University presidential searches and grant the Commissioner the authority to negotiate and approve the final contract with the search firm.

On motion by Trustee Blakeslee, seconded by Trustee Smith, with Trustees Pickering, Ross and Whitten absent and not voting, the Ad Hoc Committee for Search Firms recommended that the Board choose Parker Executive Search to conduct the presidential search at the Mississippi University for Women and grant the Commissioner the authority to negotiate and approve the final contract with the search firm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Ad Hoc Committee for Search Firms, on a motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Blakeslee, with Trustees Pickering, Ross, and Whitten absent and not voting, the Ad Hoc Committee members voted to adjourn the meeting.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE MEETING OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR SEARCH FIRMS, THE BOARD HELD A TELECONFERENCE MEETING.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi held a teleconference meeting on July 12, 2010 at 12:50 p.m. with public attendance available at the Board Office in Jackson, Mississippi. The following Board members participated in the teleconference: Mr. Ed Blakeslee, Dr. Stacy Davidson, Dr. Bettye Henderson Neely, Mr. Bob Owens, Mr. Aubrey Patterson, Mr. Alan Perry, Dr. Douglas Rouse, and Mr. C.D. Smith. Ms. Christy Pickering, Ms. Robin Robinson, Mr. Scott Ross, and Ms. Amy Whitten were absent. The meeting was called to order by President Dr. Bettye Henderson Neely.

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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 the recommendations by the Ad Hoc Committee on Search Firms regarding the top four search firms who submitted proposals to conduct the presidential searches at Alcorn State University, Jackson State University, and the Mississippi University for Women.

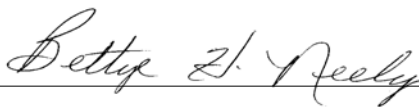
On motion by Trustee Blakeslee, seconded by Trustee Rouse, with Trustees Pickering, Robinson, Ross, and Whitten absent and not voting, the Board reviewed the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee for Search Firms, chose Ayers & Associates to conduct the Alcorn State University and Jackson State University presidential searches and granted the Commissioner the authority to negotiate and approve the final contract with the search firm.

On motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Davidson, with Trustees Pickering, Robinson, Ross, and Whitten absent and not voting, the Board reviewed the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee for Search Firms, chose Parker Executive Search to conduct the presidential search at the Mississippi University for Women and granted the Commissioner the authority to negotiate and approve the final contract with the search firm.

Commissioner Bounds noted that the next step in the search process is to select the Campus Search Advisory Committees for Alcorn State University, Jackson State University, and the Mississippi University for Women.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, on a motion by Trustee Blakeslee, seconded by Trustee Rouse, with Trustees Pickering, Robinson, Ross, and Whitten absent and not voting, the Board members voted to adjourn the meeting.



President, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning



Commissioner, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning