

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING
October 19, 2015**

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 at the Board Office in Jackson, Mississippi, at 8:00 a.m. At the above-named place there were present the following members to wit: Mrs. Karen L. Cummins (by phone), Dr. Ford Dye (by phone), Mr. Tom Duff (by phone), Mr. Shane Hooper (by phone), Dr. Alfred E. McNair, Jr. (by phone), Mr. Chip Morgan (by phone), Mr. Hal Parker (by phone), Mr. Alan Perry, Ms. Christine Pickering (by phone), Dr. Douglas Rouse (by phone), Mr. C.D. Smith (by phone) and Dr. J. Walt Starr (by phone). The meeting was called to order by Mr. Alan Perry, 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 emergency teleconference meeting was held to discuss a personnel matter at the University of Mississippi.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Trustee McNair, seconded by Trustee Rouse, 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 Dye, seconded by Trustee Hooper, 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 University of Mississippi.

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

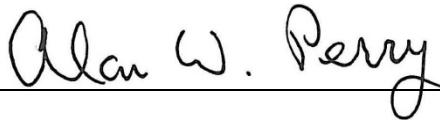
Pursuant to Board Policy 201.0509 Institutional Executive Officer/Commissioner of Higher Education Search Process subsection (B) Board Search Committee and Bylaw 301.0510 Meeting Rules of Order subsection (D) Motion to Suspend Policies, Bylaws or Rules, **Trustee Dye made a motion to utilize an alternative expedited process for the University of Mississippi Chancellor Search and that any provisions of Policy 201.0509 that must be suspended in order to proceed in such a manner are suspended and waived and to name Dr. Jeffrey S. Vitter as the preferred candidate for the University of Mississippi Chancellor Search.** The motion was seconded by Trustee Rouse, with Trustees Parker and Pickering absent and not voting. All Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve this motion. Note: Trustees Parker and Pickering were not able to continue participating in the meeting and had to disconnect prior to the vote on this motion. However, they both expressed that they would have voted in favor of the above motion.

On motion by Trustee McNair, seconded by Trustee Morgan, with Trustees Parker and Pickering absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to return to Open Session.

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ADJOURNMENT

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Alan W. Perry", positioned above a horizontal line.

President, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "G. F. Byrd", positioned above a horizontal line.

Commissioner, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning