

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING
September 15, 2011**

BE IT REMEMBERED, That the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi met in a regular session in Thad Cochran Center Ballroom II at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, at 8:30 a.m., and pursuant to notice in writing mailed by certified letter with return receipt requested on January 6, 2011, to each and every member of said Board, said date being at least five days prior to this September 15, 2011 meeting. At the above-named place there were present the following members to wit: Mr. H. Ed Blakeslee, Dr. Bettye Henderson Neely, Mr. Aubrey B. Patterson, Mr. Alan Perry, Ms. Christine Pickering, Ms. Robin J. Robinson, Mr. Scott Ross, Dr. Douglas Rouse, Mr. C.D. Smith and Ms. Amy Whitten. Dr. Stacy Davidson and Mr. Bob Owens were absent. The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by Ms. Robin Robinson, President.

ANNOUNCEMENT

President Robin Robinson gave opening remarks and thanked Dr. Martha Saunders, President of the University of Southern Mississippi, and her staff for hosting the Board meeting on their campus. She went on to thank Dr. Bounds, the IHL Board staff, and Dr. and Mrs. Rouse for assisting with the Board Retreat.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On motion by Trustee Patterson, seconded by Trustee Blakeslee, with Trustees Davidson and Owens absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Board meeting held on August 18, 2011.

BUDGET AGENDA

Presented by Mr. Aubrey Patterson, Chair

On motion by Trustee Patterson, seconded by Trustee Whitten, with Trustees Davidson and Owens absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve agenda item #1 as submitted on the Budget Agenda.

1. **IHL Executive Office** - Approved the request to amend the perpetual software license agreement from Regional Economic Models, Inc. (REMI). The original software licensing agreement was approved by the Board at its January 2011 meeting. The REMI software provides a dynamic forecasting and policy analysis tool used in support of impact studies of economic development projects, state policy proposals, and tax policy proposals. The perpetual license fee was \$312,000 (funded by the Governor's Office) with an annual maintenance fee of \$64,500 (billed to the participating institutions). The purpose of the amendment is to purchase an upgrade of the forecasting model. The current 1-Region, 169 Sector PI Model will be replaced with a 1-Region, 169 Sector Tax PI Model. The cost for the one-time model upgrade is \$108,000 bringing the overall contract cost to \$420,000. The annual maintenance fee will increase from \$64,500 to \$82,500 with the first two years of maintenance included in the permanent license. The costs associated with the upgrade will be funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act - Government Services fund under the discretion of the Governor's Office. The annual maintenance fee will be paid by IHL

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in subsequent years. Costs may be offset by charging clients for analysis. The agreement which has been reviewed and approved by the Attorney General's Office is on file at the Board Office.

ADMINISTRATION/POLICY AGENDA

Presented by Commissioner Hank M. Bounds

On motion by Trustee Rouse, seconded by Trustee Patterson, with Trustees Davidson and Owens absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve agenda item #1 as submitted on the following Administration/Policy Agenda.

1. **UM** - Approved the request to designate Charles V. Williams, Sydney P. Allen, Jr., and Caroline W. Sims and other attorneys from the Government Relations Team of Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens and Cannada, PLLC as representatives of the University of Mississippi for the purpose of representing the university to the legislative and executive branches of government. Any fees or costs associated with this representation will be paid by the University of Mississippi Foundation, not from university funds.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Trustee Perry, with Trustees Davidson and Owens absent and not voting, 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 Pickering, with Trustees Davidson, Owens, and Rouse absent and not voting, 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 a personnel matter at the Mississippi University for Women.

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

The Board discussed a personnel matter at the Mississippi University for Women.

On motion by Trustee Pickering, seconded by Trustee Perry, with Trustees Davidson and Owens 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 Pickering, seconded by Trustee Neely, with Trustees Davidson and Owens absent and not voting, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.



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Commissioner, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning