

MISSISSIPPI AUTHORITY FOR EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION

Regular Meeting/Teleconference of the Board of Directors

Tuesday, November 14, 2023. 10:00 a.m.

MAET Administration Building – MPB Board Room
3825 Ridgewood Road
Jackson, Mississippi

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Zoom Videoconference

MINUTES

Call to Order Chairman Mackey

The regularly scheduled meeting of the MPB Board was called to order at 10:10AM.

Roll call/Establish quorum Marvin Jeter

Members Present: Dr. Shawn Mackey, Chair/MCCB Rep; Member; Dr. Ormella Cummings, IHL Rep

Members via Zoom: Russ Latino, Vice Chair; Dr. Judy Nelson, MDE Rep

Members Absent: Whitney Lipscomb; Ric Sawyer, Elementary Rep

MPB Staff Present: Royal Aills, MPB ED; Dr. Marvin Jeter, COS; Anna Neel, MPB COO; Bobby Wicker, HR Director

Also Present: Sarah Mann, Board Counsel, Office of the Attorney General; Angela Ferraez, MPB Foundation Executive Director; Amy Whitten, Consultant; Meg Miller (via Zoom), D.C. Attorney

Introduction of Visitors & New Members Chairman Mackey

Chairman Mackey recognized visitors Amy Whitten, Consultant, and Meg Miller (via Zoom), D.C. Attorney

Approval of Agenda Chairman Mackey

With a motion by O. Cummings/second by R. Latino, the agenda was adopted unanimously without changes.

Approval of Minutes Tab 1 Chairman Mackey

1A-September 19, 2023

1B-October 27, 2023

With a motion by J. Nelson/second by O. Cummings, both the September 19, 2023, and the October 27, 2023, Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously without changes.

Chairman's Report Chairman Mackey

Chairman Mackey reminded of the January 9-10 Board Retreat.

Old Business

Chairman Mackey

No old business was introduced.

New Business

- Executive Director Report Tab 2 Royal Aills

The ED presented his report that included updates regarding:

- *FY25 Budget Request Summary Update*
- *Mississippi Fellowship for Historical Films Collaborative*
- *Digitization Project Update*
- *Engineering Outages Update*
- *Fiber-to-Towers Project Update*
- *CPB Grant for Encoders & FCC Deadline Update*

The report of the Executive Director was received and placed on file.

Division Reports

- Finance Tab 3 Royal Aills

3A Monthly Financial Report October FY24

3B Approval of Expenses over \$50,000

With a motion by O. Cummings/second by J. Nelson, the consent to approve pending approval from the Public Procurement Board, \$85,950 for the George Blood LP digitization project was unanimously granted.

- Human Resources Tab 4 Bobby Wicker

- Foundation Report Angela Ferraez

With a motion by O. Cummings/second by J. Nelson, the MPB Foundation Report was tabled until the MPB/MPB Foundation Joint Board Meeting at 1:00PM.

Consideration of Executive Session

Chairman Mackey

Guest, Amy Whitten, Consultant, to discuss personnel issues

With a motion by O. Cummings/second by Nelson and passed unanimously, the Board entered closed session to discuss whether executive session was necessary. Sarah Mann publicly announced the Board deliberated and determined executive session was necessary to discuss agency strategy and recent employee terminations.

At 12:25PM, the board exited executive session and announced that no action had taken place.

Adjournment

Chairman Mackey

With a motion by R. Latino/seconded by O. Cummings, a recommendation to adjourn passed unanimously at 12:30PM.

SIGNED, this the 10th day of January, 2024.



Dr. Shawn Mackey, Chairman
Board of Directors



Royal Aills
Executive Director