

MISSISSIPPI AUTHORITY FOR EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION

Regular Meeting/Teleconference of the Board of Directors

Wednesday, January 10, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

Mississippi Library Commission Meeting Room

MINUTES

Call to Order Chairman Mackey

The regularly scheduled meeting of the MPB Board was called to order at 9:12AM.

Roll call/Establish quorum Marvin Jeter

Members Present: Dr. Shawn Mackey, Chair/MCCB Rep; Russ Latino, Vice Chair; Whitney Lipscomb, Member; Dr. Ormella Cummings, IHL Rep; Ric Sawyer, Member; Dawn Barham, Member

Members Absent: Dr. Judy Nelson, MDE Rep

MPB Staff Present: Royal Aills, MPB ED; Anna Neel, MPB COO; Alicia Harris, MPB CFO; Dr. Marvin Jeter, COS; Bobby Wicker, HR Director; Angela Ferraez, MPB Foundation Executive Director

Also Present: Sarah Mann, Board Counsel, Office of the Attorney General; Amy Whitten, Consultant

Introduction of Visitors & New Members Chairman Mackey

Chairman Mackey introduced and welcomed new member, Dawn Barham.

Approval of Agenda Chairman Mackey

With a motion by W. Lipscomb/seconded by O. Cummings, the agenda was adopted unanimously without changes.

Approval of Minutes November 14, 2023 Tab 1 Chairman Mackey

Consideration & Vote to Accept/Amend Meeting Minutes

With a motion by O. Cummings/seconded by D. Barham, the November 14, 2023, Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously without changes.

Chairman's Report Chairman Mackey

Chairman Mackey expressed his appreciation for members attendance at the meeting and the retreat to follow.

Old Business Chairman Mackey

No old business was introduced.

New Business

Set Calendar for 2024 Board Meetings

- March 5 1st Tuesday before 3 weeks of Spring Breaks begin
- May 14 2nd Tuesday
- July 9 2nd Tuesday
- September 10 2nd Tuesday
- November 12 2nd Tuesday

Consideration & Vote to Accept/Amend 2024 Meeting Schedule

After some discussion, with a motion by R. Latino/seconded by W. Lipscomb, the proposed schedule of meetings was adopted with additional designation of a start time of 10:00AM for all and the November 12 Meeting to be followed immediately by a joint lunch and shared meeting with the Foundation Board.

Nominations & Vote to select 2024 MPB Board Officers

Chairman Mackey opened the floor for nomination of officers for 2024. W. Lipscomb nominated Dr. S. Mackey for Chair and R. Latino for the Vice Chair. With a motion by R. Sawyer/seconded by D. Barham, Dr. S. Mackey and R. Latino were unanimously elected as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively.

- Executive Director Report Tab 2 Royal Aills

The ED indicated that he in the essence of time, he would delay his report.

Division Reports

- Finance Tab 3 Alicia Harris
- Human Resources Tab 4 Bobby Wicker

A. Harris presented the Monthly Financial Report

B. Wicker presented Human Resources Report

- Foundation Report Angela Ferraez

The Executive Director of the MPB Foundation reported on underwriting, a strong close to 2023, and the Antique Showcase scheduled in May.

Consideration of Executive Session

Chairman Mackey

Guest, Amy Whitten, Consultant, to discuss personnel issues

With a motion by O. Cummings/seconded by R. Sawyer, the board unanimously agreed to enter into closed session at 9:30AM to make a determination if executive session was necessary. The board exited closed session at 11:15AM indicated that executive session was necessary to discuss personnel matters.

Executive Session

Chairman Mackey

With a motion by R. Latino/seconded by W. Lipscomb, the board unanimously voted to authorize mediation for two EEOC Complaints.

With a motion by R. Latino/seconded by O. Cummings, the board unanimously voted to exit executive session.

Adjournment

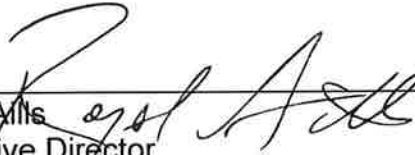
Chairman Mackey

With a motion by O. Cummings/seconded by R. Sawyer, a recommendation to adjourn passed unanimously at 11:20AM.

SIGNED, this the 5th day of March, 2024.



Dr. Shawn Mackey, Chairman
Board of Directors



Royal Mills
Executive Director