

**MISSISSIPPI AUTHORITY FOR EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION**  
**Regular Meeting/Teleconference of the Board of Directors**

Tuesday, September 10, 2024, 10:00 a.m.  
Mississippi Public Broadcasting Board Room

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**TEAMS Videoconference**

**AGENDA**

Call to Order 10:09AM Chairman Mackey

Roll call/Establish quorum Marvin Jeter

*Members Present: Dr. Shawn Mackey, Chair/MCCB Rep; Ric Sawyer, Vice-Chair/Elementary Educator Rep; Dr. Ormella Cummings, IHL Rep; Dawn Barham, Secondary Educator Rep; Charles Cowan, Member; Dr. Judy Nelson, MDE Rep*

*MPB Staff Present: Royal Aills, MPB ED; Anna Neel, MPB COO; Dr. Marvin Jeter, CAO; Michelle Mangum, Executive Assistant; Kevin Cornell, MPB ITS; Sahana Maheswaran, MPB Animator*

*Also Present: Sarah Mann, Board Counsel, Office of the Attorney General; Angela Ferraez, MPB Foundation Executive Director*

*Present via TEAMS: Alicia Harris, MPB CFO*

Introduction of Visitors & New Members Chairman Mackey

*Former Board Member Whitney Lipscomb*

Approval of Agenda Chairman Mackey

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

Approval of Minutes Tab 1 Chairman Mackey  
July 09, 2024, Regularly Scheduled Meeting Minutes

*Consideration & Vote to Accept/Amend Meeting Minutes*

*With a motion by D. Barham /second by O. Cummings, the July 9 Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously with the addition of recognition of a former MPB Board Member.*

Chairman's Report Chairman Mackey

*The Chair reported regular meetings with Royal Aills to monitor agency business. He then recognized Whitney Lipscomb for her board service. He, in addition to other Board Members expressed appreciation to W. Lipscomb for her service.*

Old Business

Chairman Mackey

- Discussion of Proposed Board Retreat

*It was announced that the MPB Board Retreat for 2024 was scheduled to immediately follow the regularly scheduled meeting on January 14, 2025, at the Mississippi Library Commission Conference Room.*

New Business

- Executive Director Report                      *Tab 2*                      Royal Aills

*The Executive Director provided an update:*

- *Collaboration to Support the Governor's Office*
- *FY26 Budget Summary*
- *Inter-Agency Collaboration*
  - *Mississippi Department of Education*
  - *Mississippi State Board of Health*
- *FCC Licensure*
- *EBS Licenses – EDNET*
- *News Collaborative*
- *New Executive Assistant*

*Anna Neel, COO*

Division Reports

- Finance                      *Tab 3*                      Alicia Harris
  - 3A Monthly Financial Report August
  - 3B Approval of Expenses over \$50,000

*Consideration & Vote to Accept/Amend Anticipated Expenses*

*With a motion by R. Sawyer/second by O. Cummings, the Projected Expenses over \$50,000 were approved by unanimous consent.*

*With a motion by O. Cummings/second by C. Cowan, it was approved unanimously to amend the agenda to consider approval of the MPB Education Committee members to attend a meeting October 2 with the Mississippi Department of Education.*

*With a motion by D. Barham/second by J. Nelson, funding the travel for MPB Board Education Committee members to attend a meeting October 2 with MDE was approved by unanimous consent.*

- Foundation Report

Angela Ferraez

*The Executive Director of the MPB Foundation provided an update:*

- *Think Radio at the Ag Expo on Next Stop Mississippi*
- *PMDMC in San Diego*
- *Grant Consultant*
- *MS Book Festival*
- *MPB On the Move*
- *Radio Pledge*
- *Holiday Mississippi Antiques Showcase*
- *Budget*

Consideration of Executive Session

Chairman Mackey

*The Chair recognized the appointment of a new MPB Human Resources Director.*

*With a motion by O. Cummings the board unanimously agreed to enter into closed session to determine whether executive session was necessary.*

*In closed session, the board determined to enter executive session for discussion of pending litigation.*

*With a motion by D. Barham/seconded by R. Sawyer, the board unanimously agreed to enter into executive session.*

*The board did not take any action during the executive session.*

*With a motion by R. Sawyer/seconded by O. Cummings, the board unanimously agreed to exit into open session.*

Adjournment

Chairman Mackey

*With a motion by O. Cummings/seconded by D. Barham, a recommendation to adjourn passed unanimously at 12:01PM.*

**SIGNED, this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.**

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Dr. Shawn Mackey, Chairman  
Board of Directors

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Royal Aills  
Executive Director