

MISSISSIPPI AUTHORITY FOR EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION

Regular Meeting/Teleconference of the Board of Directors

Tuesday, May 9, 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; Edward Wiggins for Sarah Mann, Counsel-AG Office

via Zoom: Judy Nelson, Member; Ric Sawyer, Member; Jeanne Luckey, Member.

Members Absent: Russ Latino, Vice Chair; David Allen, Member; Whitney Lipscomb, Member

MPB Staff Present: Royal Aills, MPB ED; Anna Neel, MPB COO; Alicia Harris, MPB CFO; Marvin Jeter, COS; Bobby Young, HR Director

MPB Foundation Staff Present: Angela Ferraez, MPB Foundation Executive Director

Introduction of Visitors Chairman Mackey

Chairman Mackey asked introduce Visitors: Edward Wiggins from the AG office. ~~representing Sarah Mann~~

Approval of Agenda Chairman Mackey

With a motion by R. Sawyer/second by J. Nelson, the agenda was adopted unanimously without changes.

Approval of Minutes Tab 1 Chairman Mackey
March 7, 2023

With a motion by R. Sawyer/second by J. Nelson, the minutes were approved unanimously without changes.

Chairman's Report Chairman Mackey

Chairman Mackey reported that he continues his bimonthly meetings with the ED, and they met with the IHL Liasons.

Old Business

Chairman Mackey

The Board did not entertain any Old Business.

New Business

Royal Aills

- Executive Director Report

Royal Aills

The ED presented his report that included updates regarding:

- *2023 Legislative Appropriations*
- *Fiber-to-Towers Project*
- *Master Control Refresh*
- *Top Ten MPB TV Programs & Viewership*
- *Communications*
- *Past & Upcoming MPB Events*
- *MPB Rebranding*
- *Strategic Planning Process*
- *MAB Awards*
- *Condolences for former MPB Executive Director Passing*

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

- Division Reports

- Finance

Tab 2

Alicia Harris

2A Monthly Financial Report

A. *Harris presented the Monthly Financial Report (Attached)*

2B Mississippi Public Broadcasting FY24 Appropriations Budget

A. *Harris presented the Appropriations Budget (Attached)*

With a motion by J. Nelson/second by R. Sawyer, the FY24 Appropriations Budget was accepted unanimously.

2C Approval of Expenses over \$50,000

PBS Annual Invoice

Revise Tower Engineering Professionals Contract

Pending Bid: Master Control to be opened May 11, 2023

Pending Bid: Fiber to be opened June 6, 2023

Pending Bid: Website Design TBD

A. *Harris presented the List of Projected Expenses over \$50,000 (Attached)*

With a motion by J. Nelson/second by R. Sawyer, the consent to pay, amend, and approve projected funds with defined parameters was unanimously granted.

B. Wicker presented Human Resources Report (Attached)

- Foundation Report

Angela Ferraez

The Foundation Report was received and placed on file.

Consideration of Executive Session

Chairman Mackey

At the suggestion of R. Sawyer, the Board went into executive session. When they returned, Chairman Mackey reported that the board had completed its six-month evaluation of the Executive Director and unanimously agreed to extend the provisions of his contract.

Adjournment

Chairman Mackey

With a motion by R. Sawyer /second by J. Nelson, a recommendation to adjourn passed unanimously at 11:53AM.

SIGNED, this the 9th day of March, 2023.

Dr. Shawn Mackey, Chairman
Board of Directors

Royal Aills
Executive Director