

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

Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 10:00 a.m.
Mississippi Public Broadcasting Board Room

**+
TEAMS Videoconference**

MINUTES

Call to Order Chairman Mackey

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

Roll call/Establish quorum Marvin Jeter

Members Present:

Dr. Shawn Mackey, Chair/MCCB; Dawn Barham, Secondary Rep; Ric Sawyer, Elementary Rep;

Members via TEAMS:

Dr. Ormella Cummings, IHL Rep; Dr. Judy Nelson, MDE Rep; Russ Latino, Vice Chair

MPB Staff Present: *Royal Aills, MPB ED; Anna Neel, MPB COO; Alicia Harris, MPB CFO; Dr. Marvin Jeter, COS; Kevin Cornel, IT Service*

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

Introduction of Visitors & New Members Chairman Mackey

No Visitors; Dr. Mackey announced the resignation of Whitney Lipscomb, Board Member

Approval of Agenda Chairman Mackey

With a motion by R. Sawyer/seconded by D. Barham, the Agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

Approval of Minutes Tab 1 Chairman Mackey

March 5, 2024, Regularly Scheduled Meeting Minutes

Consideration & Vote to Accept/Amend Meeting Minutes

With a motion by O. Cummings/seconded by R. Sawyer, the March 5, 2024, Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Mackey

Dr. Mackey reported that there was no new information to share.

Old Business

Chairman Mackey

CFO, A. Harris reported on travel expenses for Board Members:

- *Chair Mackey to travel to Washington, D.C., February 25-29, 2024, to attend the APTS Public Media Summit accumulating \$230.80 in expenses.*
- *Member R. Sawyer to travel to Columbus, MS, April 20, 2024, as an education subcommittee representative to attend the Columbus Family Fun Day Event accumulating \$386.50 in expenses.*

With a motion by D. Barham/seconded by O. Cummings, the Board Member travel was approved by unanimous consent.

New Business

- Executive Director Report Tab 2 Royal Aills
 - Legislative Update
 - FY25 Budget Review
 - Human Resources Report – Tab 4: Alicia Harris
 - MPB Learning Report: Dr. Marvin Jeter
 - MS Antiques Showcase – Columbus Report
 - WZZQ Screening – Anna Neel
 - Strategic Planning Session Scheduled

Division Reports

- Finance Tab 3 Alicia Harris

3A Monthly Financial Report April

CFO Alicia Harris presented the Monthly Financial Report.

3B Proposed FY25 Budget

Consideration & Vote to Accept/Amend FY25 Budget

With a motion by R. Sawyer/seconded by D. Barham, the Proposed FY25 Budget projected for allocations in the recent legislative session was approved by unanimous consent.

3C Approval of Expenses over \$50,000

Consideration & Vote to Accept/Amend Anticipated Expenses

With a motion by O. Cummings/seconded by R. Sawyer, the Projected Expenses of \$1,543,966 for PBS were approved by unanimous consent.

- Human Resources Tab 4 Bobby Wicker

This report was presented by Alicia Harris during the ED Report.

- Foundation Report

Angela Ferraez

- Radio & TV Pledge
- Promote the Vote
- Legislative Dinners/Reception
- CDP Conference in Denver
- Radio Collaboration – Juke Joint
- MPB Learning Collaboration – Family Fun Day-Columbus
- Antiques Showcase – Top 5 Most Watched Show
- Underwriting Needs to Balance Budget
- Underwriting Process in Place
- Grant writer Software
- Membership/Donations Report

Dr. Mackey expressed appreciation to MPB staff for hosting MCCB Annual Accountability Meeting in March.

Consideration of Executive Session

Chairman Mackey

With a motion by R. Latino the board unanimously agreed to enter into closed session at 11:19AM. to determine whether executive session was necessary.

In closed session, the board determined to enter executive session for discussion of pending litigation in four EEOC matters.

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

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

With a motion by D. Barham/seconded by R. Sawyer, the board unanimously agreed to exit into open session.

Adjournment

Chairman Mackey

With a motion by O. Cummings/seconded by R. Sawyer, a recommendation to adjourn passed unanimously at 11:256AM.

SIGNED, this the 9th day of July, 2024.

Dr. Shawn Mackey, Chairman
Board of Directors

Royal Aills
Executive Director