

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

MINUTES

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.

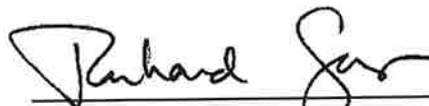
With a motion by R. Sawyer/seconded by O. Cummings, the board unanimously agreed to exit into open session.

Adjournment

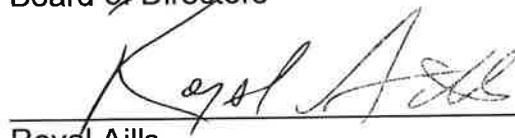
Chairman Mackey

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

SIGNED, this the 12th day of November, 2024.



Ric Sawyer, Chairman
Board of Directors



Royal Aills
Executive Director