

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

Tuesday, January 14, 9:00 a.m.  
Mississippi Public Broadcasting Board Room

**MINUTES**

Call to Order 9:07AM

Chair Sawyer

Roll call/Establish quorum

Michelle Mangum

**Members Present:**

*Ric Sawyer, Chair/Elementary Educator; Dr. Ormella Cummings, IHL Representative; Dawn Barham, Vice-Chair/Secondary Educator; Charles Cowan, Member At-Large; Cory Custer, Member At-Large; Wendy Clemons, MDE Representative*

**Staff Present:**

*Royal Aills, MPB ED; Anna Neel, MPB COO; Alicia Harris, CFO; Sarah Mann, DHR; Michelle Mangum, Executive Assistant*

**Also Present:**

*Kim Turner, Office of the Attorney General; Angela Ferraez, MPB Foundation Executive Director*

Introduction of Visitors & New Members

Chair Sawyer

There were no new members or visitors present for the meeting.

Approval of Agenda

Chair Sawyer

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

Approval of Minutes

Tab 1

Chair Sawyer

1A November 12, 2024, Regularly Scheduled Meeting Minutes

*Consideration & Vote to Accept/Amend Meeting Minutes*

*With a motion by W. Clemons/second by D. Barham, the November 12th Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.*

Chairman's Report

Chair Sawyer

*The Chair had no information to report to the board.*

Old Business

Chair Sawyer

*The Chair had no new business to report to the board.*

New Business

- Executive Director Report                      *Tab 2*                      Royal Aills

*The Executive Director provided an update:*

- *MPB FY 2026 Budget Request Summary*
- *FY 26 LBO Budget request as submitted August 2024*
  - *Capital Expense Funds Infrastructure Request for FY26*
  - *EEF Re-Appropriations from FY23*
  - *EEF Re-Appropriations from FY24*

Division Reports

- Finance    *Tab 3*    Alicia Harris

- 3A Monthly Financial Report December
- 3B Approval of Expenses over \$50,000
  - eGlass Platform & Equipment

*Consideration & Vote to Accept/Amend Anticipated Expenses*

*With a motion by C. Custer/second by W. Clemons to approve the Financial Report subject to audit, the motion passed unanimously.*

*With a motion by O. Cummings/second by D. Barham for the Expense Report and eGlass Platform & Equipment were approved unanimously.*

- Foundation Report    Angela Ferraez

*The Executive Director of the MPB Foundation provided an update on upcoming events.*

*Consideration of Executive Session*

No executive session was held.

- Adjournment    Chair Sawyer

*With a motion by W. Clemons/seconded by O. Cummings, a recommendation to adjourn passed unanimously at 9:32AM.*

**SIGNED, this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025**

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Ric Sawyer, Chairman  
Board of Directors

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Royal Aills  
Executive Director