

# MISSISSIPPI AUTHORITY FOR EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION

## Regular Meeting/Teleconference of the Board of Directors

Tuesday, November 14, 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/MCCB Rep; Member; Dr. Ormella Cummings, IHL Rep

Members via Zoom: Russ Latino, Vice Chair; Dr. Judy Nelson, MDE Rep

Members Absent: Whitney Lipscomb; Ric Sawyer, Elementary Rep

MPB Staff Present: Royal Aills, MPB ED; Dr. Marvin Jeter, COS; Anna Neel, MPB COO; Bobby Wicker, HR Director

Also Present: Sarah Mann, Board Counsel, Office of the Attorney General; Angela Ferraez, MPB Foundation Executive Director; Amy Whitten, Consultant; Meg Miller (via Zoom), D.C. Attorney

Introduction of Visitors & New Members

Chairman Mackey

*Chairman Mackey recognized visitors Amy Whitten, Consultant, and Meg Miller (via Zoom), D.C. Attorney*

Approval of Agenda

Chairman Mackey

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

Approval of Minutes

Tab 1

Chairman Mackey

1A-September 19, 2023

1B-October 27, 2023

*With a motion by J. Nelson/second by O. Cummings, both the September 19, 2023, and the October 27, 2023, Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously without changes.*

Chairman's Report

Chairman Mackey

*Chairman Mackey reminded of the January 9-10 Board Retreat.*

*No old business was introduced.*

## New Business

- Executive Director Report Tab 2 Royal Aills

*The ED presented his report that included updates regarding:*

- *FY25 Budget Request Summary Update*
- *Mississippi Fellowship for Historical Films Collaborative*
- *Digitization Project Update*
- *Engineering Outages Update*
- *Fiber-to-Towers Project Update*
- *CPB Grant for Encoders & FCC Deadline Update*

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

## Division Reports

- Finance Tab 3 Royal Aills

*3A Monthly Financial Report October FY24*

*3B Approval of Expenses over \$50,000*

*With a motion by O. Cummings/second by J. Nelson, the consent to approve pending approval from the Public Procurement Board, \$85,950 for the George Blood LP digitization project was unanimously granted.*

- Human Resources Tab 4 Bobby Wicker
- Foundation Report Angela Ferraez

*With a motion by O. Cummings/second by J. Nelson, the MPB Foundation Report was tabled until the MPB/MPB Foundation Joint Board Meeting at 1:00PM.*

## Consideration of Executive Session

Guest, Amy Whitten, Consultant, to discuss personnel issues

*With a motion by O. Cummings/second by Nelson and passed unanimously, the Board entered closed session to discuss whether executive session was necessary. Sarah Mann publicly announced the Board deliberated and determined executive session was necessary to discuss agency strategy and recent employee terminations.*

*At 12:25PM, the board exited executive session and announced that no action had taken place.*

Adjournment

Chairman Mackey

*With a motion by R. Latino/seconded by O. Cummings, a recommendation to adjourn passed unanimously at 12:30PM.*

**SIGNED, this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.**

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Dr. Shawn Mackey, Chairman  
Board of Directors

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Royal Aills  
Executive Director