MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
OF THE HINDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

The Board of Trustees of the Hinds Community College District met at 1:00 p.m., April 1, 2026, on the Raymond Campus. The following members were present:

Mr. Jimmy Morton, President, in-person
Dr. Kevin Abraham, Vice President, in-person
Mr. Rickey Clopton, in-person
Mr. Jeff Brunson in-person
Dr. Homer Burns in-person
Mr. Mark Buys in-person
Mrs. Jackie Granberry in-person
Dr. Sandra Nash-via Zoom
Ms. Jamie Rasberry in-person
Mr. Shane Sanders in -person
Dr. Mitchell Shears in-person
Mrs. Dana Stringer- via Zoom
Mr. Larry Swales in-person
Dr. Bendalonne Thompson-Griffith via Zoom
Dr. Cardell Williams via Zoom
Mr. Calvin Williams via Zoom
Mr. Johnny Young via Zoom

Others present were Dr. Stephen Vacik, President of Hinds Community College; John Hooks, Board Attorney; Bill Campbell & Laura Taylor, District Project Architects; members of the Executive Leadership Team: Dr. Vic Parker, Vice President of Finance; Andrea Janoush, Vice President of Human Resources; Marvin Moak, Vice President of Auxiliary Services & Facilities Management; Jonathan Townes, Vice President of Career and Technical, Sponsored Grants and HBCU Initiatives; Dr. Ginger Robbins, Executive Director of Governmental Affairs; Dr. Keri Cole, Vice President of Planning, Effectiveness, and Technology; Dr. Thomas Ware, Vice President of Instruction & Academic Transfer Programs; and Matt Jones, Vice President of Advancement.

Call to Order

Board President Mr. Jimmy Morton called the meeting to order and opened in prayer.

Upon motion by Dr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Granberry, the Board voted unanimously to amend the agenda for this meeting to include the Hinds Idealist for Spring 2026. A copy is on file and included in the minutes of the meeting.

Induction of Hinds Idealist for Spring 2026 by Vice President, Andrea Janoush

Beverly Trimble, WIOA ITA ETPL Coordinator, Utica

Kelly White, District Licensed Professional Counselor, Raymond

Penny Bishop, Criminal Background and Health Records Specialist, NAHC

Rebecca McCalpin, Director of Assessment, Raymond

Kelton Kemp, Instructional Design and Technology Coordinator, Raymond

LaSandra Davis, Learning Lab Specialist, Vicksburg

Eric Bobo, History Instructor, Raymond

Kathryn Rogers, Psychology Instructor, Rankin

Rod Jones, Physical Education Instructor, Raymond

Tammy Wood, Director of Procurement, Raymond

Ward "WP" Marsh, Air Frame Power Plant Instructor, Raymond

Dr. Vanda Brumfield, Dean of Instruction, Rankin/Vicksburg

Approve Agenda

Upon motion by Mr. Clopton, seconded by Dr. Abraham, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda for this meeting. A copy is on file and included in the minutes of the meeting.

Approve March 4, 2026, Minutes.

Upon motion by Dr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Buys, the Board voted unanimously to approve the March 4, 2026, minutes. A copy is on file and included in the minutes of the meeting.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Upon motion by Mr. Swales, seconded by Dr. Shears, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda. A copy is on file and included in the meeting minutes.

Matters of Special Order

a. Board Bylaws Changes- We discussed changing Section V. amendment to the bylaws, removing the instrument requirement, and allowing for an optional meeting in July instead of January. These revisions will be updated as discussed and presented to the Board of Trustees next month for a vote.

b. Emeritus Nominations-. Mrs. Jackie Granberry informed the Board of Trustees that the Hinds Community College Emeritus Committee met on March 25, 2026. The committee reviewed the eligibility criteria and will be submitting proposed revisions for Board approval in the near future. The following retirees were selected for Emeritus Status: Sherry Franklin Bellmon, Terri Black, Lamar Currie, Dr. Roger Jones, and Cindy West

Upon motion by Mr. Clopton, seconded by Mr. Brunson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Emeritus Nominations. A copy is on file and included in the minutes of the meeting.

c. Officer Nomination- The bylaws require that officer nominations be submitted at the April Board meeting. All nominees must confirm their willingness to serve prior to their names being placed on the ballot for consideration. The current Executive Committee members—Jimmy Morton (President), Dr. Kevin Abraham (Vice President), and Rickey Clopton (Secretary)—each indicated a willingness to continue serving; therefore, their names were submitted as official nominees.

   Board members were provided with a nomination form and given the opportunity to submit additional candidates. At the conclusion of the meeting, nominations were reviewed. As no additional nominations were received, the current slate of officers will be presented at the May meeting for formal approval.

d. Mississippi Ethics Commission- Statement of Economic Interest (SEI)- Dr. Ginger Robbins reminded the Board of Trustees that all elected officials are required to complete the Statement of Economic Interest (SEI) by the deadline on May 1 each year.

Budget Summary

The Board President, Mr. Jimmy Morton, called on Dr. Parker to present the Budget Summary update. Dr. Parker reported that the college is projected to spend 8.33% monthly. Hinds Community College should be at 25.00 % after the month of March. The college currently has 26.47% available. Current Net Position 1.47% = $1,337,700 ahead of the average monthly projected rate.

Approve Claims Docket

The ending balance at the end of March 2026 is $16,725,929.36 in cash. The ending balance in the money market is $1,000.00, and $7,105,111.09 is in the Raymond James investment account. The total net position is $ 23,832,040.45.

The monthly expenses for March 2026 totaled $2,153,484. The Fund 1 Unrestricted Funds expense total is $908,629; Fund 2, Grants/Partnerships expense total is $475,778; Fund 3, Auxiliaries expense total is $426,822; and Fund 7, Capital Improvement expense total is $ 342,254.

Following discussion of the Claims Docket and upon motion by Mr. Swales, seconded by Dr. Abraham, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Claims Docket. A copy is on file and included in the minutes of the meeting.

Recommend Personnel

The College President brought two (2) new faculty members before the Board for approval.

a. Vicent Jordan, Animation & Simulation Design Instructor, Rankin Campus, Salary-$52,000, effective date of employment March 2, 2026, replacing Arryn Peterson.

b. Lea Mack-Marshall, Licensed Practical Nursing Instructor, Nursing Allied Health Campus, Salary-$63,152.88, effective date of employment March 2, 2026.

Upon motion by Mr. Clopton, seconded by Mr. Brunson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the recommended personnel. A copy is on file and included in the minutes of the meeting.

President's Report

I. Project Updates

a. Legislative Update -Dr. Ginger Robbins gave a legislative update. A copy of that information is on file and included in the minutes of the meeting.

b. Program Health Index-We currently have eight programs entering an 18–24 month teach-out period, allowing enrolled students to complete their studies. As part of this process, some programs will see a reduction in the number of locations, while others will be phased out entirely. We are consolidating four culinary programs into a single program at the Jackson campus. Similarly, our four childcare programs will be streamlined into two programs located at the Jackson and Rankin campuses. An improvement plan is being developed for the Beef Production program. In addition, we are exploring how to best consolidate Radio & TV Broadcasting, Filming & Videography, and Entertainment Media into a single program. The Brick Mason program will be reinstated and will likely be housed at the Utica Campus. We will also continue to review program metrics to ensure alignment with the federal guidance and state priorities. Our overarching goal is to increase enrollment while ensuring students graduate with the skills and opportunities needed to secure employment and support their families.

c. Budget Planning – Budget managers developed their requests based on program needs. The Executive Leadership Team dedicated more than 40 hours to a thorough review of all submissions. Initial projections showed expenses exceeding revenue by $27 million, but were later adjusted to balance. State appropriations were finalized during the legislative session; in response, two additional reductions totaling $813,000 were implemented. Through these efforts, we have achieved a balanced budget that includes cost reductions and a proposed tuition increase. The proposed increase will be submitted to the Finance Committee on April 6, 2026, for review and recommendation before being presented to the Board of Trustees.

II. Key Accomplishments

a. Humanities Award Ceremony -Selected as Educator of the Year for our prison education
b. Counselor Principal Workshop – 60 Counselors, career coaches, etc., attended
c. Hinds Cares Day -291 employees volunteered at 14 agencies
d. Hinds County School District MOU Signing -Hinds County Academy-Early College program at the Utica Campus

III. Upcoming Opportunities

a. April 3 – College Closed – Good Friday
b. April 5 – Sunday Brunch Raymond Campus
c. April 17 – Retiree Brunch Raymond Campus; 10:00 am
d. April 24 – Employee Appreciation Muse Center; 9:00 am

Executive Leadership Team Reports

Executive Leadership Team Board Reports are included.

Announcements

The finance committee will meet on Monday, April 6, at 2:00 pm. The Request for Proposal (RFP) committee will meet immediately following this meeting.

The Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for May 6, 2026, will be held at the Muse Center on the Rankin Campus. Lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m., and the meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Bill Campbell introduced our new hire, Laura Taylor, who will replace him when he retires.

Adjournment

There was no further business to discuss, and the meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Upon motion by Dr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Clopton, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 2:23 p.m. as declared by Board President Mr. Morton.

Jimmy Morton

Mr. Jimmy Morton, President

Rickey Clopton

Mr. Rickey Clopton, Secretary