

## **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., January 7, 2026, on the Utica 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. Toriano Holloway-Via Zoom  
Dr. Sandra Nash-Via Zoom  
Mrs. Jamie Rasberry in-person  
Mr. Shane Sanders in-person  
Dr. Mitchell Shears Via Zoom  
Mrs. Dana Stringer- in-person  
Mr. Larry Swales in-person  
Dr. Bendalonne Thompson-Griffith Via Zoom  
Mr. Calvin Williams in-person  
Mr. Johnny Young Via Zoom

Others present were Dr. Stephen Vacik, President of Hinds Community College; John Hooks, Board Attorney; Bill Campbell, District Project Architect; 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; Renee Cotton, Chief of Staff; Dr. Jennifer Scott-Gilmore, Vice President of Student Services; 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 thanked everyone for attending the Heritage Hall Residence Ribbon Cutting. He then called on Vice President Dr. Kevin Abraham, who offered an opening prayer.

**Approve Agenda**

**Upon motion by Dr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Clopton, the Board voted unanimously to amend the agenda for this meeting to include: (1) a brief President's report by Dr. Vacik, and (2) Dr. Jennifer Scott Gilmore will lead the Board Education portion of the meeting. A copy is on file and included in the minutes of the meeting.**

**Approve December 3, 2025, Minutes.**

**Upon motion by Mr. Buys, seconded by Mr. Brunson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the December 3, 2025, minutes. A copy is on file and included in the minutes of the meeting.**

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

- a. Approve Property Recommended Surplus to the Needs of the College

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

**Approve Bid Log**

- a. Approve Bid #3307-The Commons Building at Rankin, Thrash Commercial Contractors, Inc. \$ 39,076,730

**Upon motion by Dr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Stringer, the Board voted unanimously to approve Bid Log #3307. A copy is on file and included in the meeting minutes.**

- b. Bid #3314-Reverse Auction Medical Headwalls, DiaMedical USA, \$439,872.26 funded by Accelerate MS

**Upon motion by Mr. Swales, seconded by Dr. Burns, the Board voted unanimously to approve Bid Log # 3314. A copy is on file and included in the meeting minutes.**

- c. Bid # 3315-Reverse Auction Hospital Beds, Henry Schein Medical, \$145,296.36 funded by Accelerate MS

**Upon motion by Mrs. Stringer, seconded by Dr. Abraham, the Board voted unanimously to approve Bid Log # 3315. A copy is on file and included in the meeting minutes.**

### **Matters of Special Order**

- a. Proposed Legislative Letter

A draft of a letter crafted by Jeff Brunson and Ginger Robbins was presented to the Board for consideration. The Hinds Community College Board of Trustees will distribute the letter to our legislators (particularly those in key positions and/or serving on key committees). The letter demonstrates the college's commitment to the workforce, particularly through the recently established partnership with AccelerateMS. We also want to clearly identify the importance of recruiting and retaining not only qualified instructors to support these initiatives but also the support staff that drives the college. To achieve and support Mississippi's workforce goals, it is imperative that appropriate funding be allocated to Hinds Community College. Board members were allowed to review and provide feedback on the letter's content and the list of recipients. The letter will be distributed in the coming weeks. We may also ask Board members to attend meetings at the Capitol if needed.

### **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 50.00 % after the month of December. The college currently has 51.05% available. Current Net Position 1.05% = \$955,500 ahead of the average monthly projected rate.

### **Approve Claims Docket**

The ending balance at the end of December 2025 is \$2,583,694.60 in cash. The ending balance in the money market is \$1,000.00, and \$3,803,906.17 is in the Raymond James investment account. The total net position is \$ 6,388,600.77.

The monthly expenses for December 2025 totaled \$3,994,942. The Fund 1 Unrestricted Funds expense total is \$464,345; Fund 2, Grants/Partnerships expense total is \$880,393; Fund 3, Auxiliaries expense total is \$126,947; and Fund 7, Capital Improvement expense total is \$2,523,258.

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

### **Recommend Personnel**

No Personnel to approve.

### **President's Report**

- Great support at today's ribbon cutting at the new Residence Hall.
- Great attendance at the Christmas Party. Largest attendance we have had in a while.
- We hosted 5 graduations with 734 graduates and 1,036 degrees awarded.
- The 2025 Annual Report has been distributed, and I encourage you to take some time to review it.
- The Legislative Session has kicked off. The Senate passed a bill for a \$2,000 pay raise for K-12 instructors.
- The PERS Stability Act passed the Senate and is waiting for action from the House. The bill could affect the Capital funding we might receive.
- We received a \$100,000 donation from Entergy to support our Workforce and CTE Programs.

- The Thurgood Marshall Fund chose us to host the SOAR event again on the Utica campus this summer. We are one of the few community colleges in the country that have hosted, and we are the only community college in Mississippi.
- We are working with a group that will pay to make modifications to the Muse Center to allow us to host indoor car shows.
- We currently have 30 participants enrolled in the Jackson Campus Learning Circle. This initiative is designed to increase enrollment at the Jackson Campus. Dinner will be provided between the two classes, and childcare will be available. This will be on Tuesday nights from 5:30 pm - 8:45 pm.
- The Bower Foundation has offered to support our Health Science Complex with a \$1.3 million donation.

### **Executive Leadership Team Reports**

Executive Leadership Team Board Reports are included.

### **Board Education**

Vice President of Student Services Dr. Jennifer Scott-Gilmore gave an enrollment update.

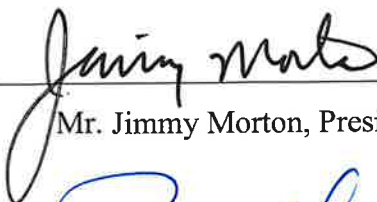
### **Announcements**

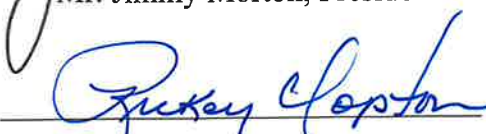
Our Board meeting for February 4, 2026, will be on the Raymond Campus.

### **Adjournment**

There was no further business to discuss, and the meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

**Upon motion by Mr. Clopton, seconded by Dr. Burns, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 1:47 p.m. as declared by Board President Mr. Morton.**

  
Mr. Jimmy Morton, President

  
Mr. Rickey Clopton, Secretary