

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., July 9, 2025, on the Raymond Campus. The following members were present:

Mr. Jimmy Morton, 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. Bendalonne Thompson-Griffith 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 in person
Mr. Larry Swales in-person
Dr. Cardell Williams in-person
Mr. Calvin Williams in-person
Mr. Johnny Young in-person

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; Dr. Ginger Robbins, Executive Director of Governmental Affairs; Dr. Keri Cole, Vice President of Planning, Effectiveness, and Technology; Renee Cotton, Chief of Staff; Dr. Jennifer Scott-Gilmore, Vice President of Instruction & Academic Transfer Programs; Dr. Thomas Ware, Vice President of Instruction & Academic Transfer Programs; and Matt Jones, Vice President of Advancement. Additionally, two representatives from Forvis Accounting were present at the beginning of the meeting to review the Audit for FY24.

Call to Order

Board President Mr. Jimmy Morton called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Mark Buys to open in prayer. The Board President then welcomed the new board members, Dr. Mitchell Shears, Hinds

County Superintendent of Education, and Mr. Shane Sanders, Rankin County Superintendent of Education.

Auditor's Report.

Wilkins Crawford with Forvis Accounting Firm discussed the FY24 Audit. Hard and electronic copies were provided and can be found on the Office of the State Auditor's website. Copies of this report are on file and made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

Approve Agenda

We have removed the Conflict of Interest Policy from the agenda and sent it back to the committee for further review. It will be presented at a future date.

Upon motion by Mr. Buys, seconded by Mrs. Granberry 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 June 4, 2025 Minutes.

Upon motion by Dr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Swales, the Board voted unanimously to approve the June 4, 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
- b. Approve Bid #3306-Seal Coat and Crack Seal Runway 13-30, Taxiways, T-Hangar Taxi Lanes, Hi-Lite Airfield Services, LLC, \$498,640.50 funded by FAA Grant
- c. Approve Bid #3305-Schedule I-Construct Box Hangars (2 – 65' x 60'), Schedule I-Alternate I-Construct Box Hangar (65' x 60'), Schedule II-Install Wastewater Treatment Plant, Schedule III-Drainage Improvements, Timo's Construction, Inc., \$ 1,427,732.30 funded by FAA Grant.*Note-Schedule III-Drainage Improvements is being removed from this project due to funding.

Upon motion by Mr. Brunson seconded by Mr. Buys the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda. A copy is on file and included in the minutes of the meeting.

Matters of Special Order

- a. STAR (Students' Thoughts & Reflections) Survey Results- 1,471 students completed the Spring 2025 survey with valuable feedback.

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. HCC should be at 0.00% after the month of June. The college currently has 4.74% available. After final adjustments, it is projected to add \$298,659.23 to the FY25 end of the year net position.

Approve Claims Docket

The ending balance at the end of June 2025 is \$8,442,553.18 in cash. The ending balance in the money market is \$2,000,041.10, and \$8,162,851.14 is in the Raymond James investment account. The total net position is \$18,605,445.42.

The monthly expenses for June 2025 totaled \$1,892,269. The Fund 1 Unrestricted Funds expense total is \$882,035; Fund 2, Grants/Partnerships expense total is \$207,720; Fund 3, Auxiliaries expense total is \$719,901; and Fund 7, Capital Improvement expense total is \$82,613.

Following discussion of the Claims Docket and upon motion by Mr. Clopton, seconded by Dr. Williams 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 one (1) new faculty member before the Board for approval.

- a. Brandi Cook, Emergency Medical Science Instructor, Nursing Allied, Salary- \$53,052.18, effective date of employment June 11, 2025.

Upon motion by Mr. Swales, seconded by Mr. Clopton, 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

Today, Dr. Cole and her team locked in our Spring Audit numbers. We were the first community college to do so. They have done an outstanding job of reporting in a timely manner.

I. Project Updates

- a. Federal Funding Update-We received our letter detailing our allotment for parts B & F of Title III. We were cut by around \$2 million. We will need to make some adjustments going forward; some contracts will not be able to be renewed as intended, and as a result, specific projects will not be completed.
- b. Sports Hall of Fame Selection- Lou Anne Askew, Ervin Dillon, Matt Fulton, Robert Saums, and Christopher "Ron" Davis will be inducted into our Sports Hall of Fame in the Fall.
- c. Alumni Awards Selections- Alumni Service Award -Dr. Roger Jones and Lamar Currie, Young Alumnus of the Year- Dr. Mioshi Smith and Alumnus of the Year- Dr. Ann "Ryn" Laster will be honored in the Fall.
- d. Commons Project – Rankin Campus – As we were bonding out our funding from the state and Rankin County to support our Health Sciences complex, we realized we would be able to look at a second project for the Rankin campus, which we are calling the Commons, due to the Health Sciences project coming in at a lower-than-expected bid. The Commons would be front-facing on Highway 80 and would house a residence hall, dining facility, wellness center, and volleyball court, which we plan to develop in the future. Mr. Campbell shared that he intended to bring the bid to the board in September or October.

The Health Science Complex is on schedule.

We are close to having the Residence Hall on the Utica campus turned over to the college, so we can furnish and equip it with security cameras, among other preparations, to be ready to open in January 2026.

We are working with our school districts to finalize our dual credit/dual enrollment agreements and will be collaborating with the superintendents on these efforts.

Renee Cotton and Andrea Janoush recently met with board attorney Mr. John Hooks to discuss the staff attorney position, which will assist with day-to-day human resource matters, policy issues, and EEOC matters that arise daily. We've got some good candidates who have applied.

II. Key Accomplishments

- a. ELT Summer Work Session -Very effective work session, making future plans.
- b. Taylor Power Apprenticeship Signing – We are helping serve our industry and getting people ready for the workforce.
- c. Adult Education Graduation – We had 115 students walk at graduation, which is considerably more than we have had in the past. Dr. Vacik encouraged our Board of Trustees to attend an ABE Graduation in the future.
- d. Summer Leadership Training-We will sit down with all our managers and talk about our vision for the future.

III. Upcoming Opportunities

- a. Nursing & Allied Health Pinning Ceremony – July 23 at 10:00 am at Cain Cochran Hall on the Raymond Campus.
- b. Central Mississippi Correctional Facilities Graduation- We have one Graduate who will be graduating, and we are planning to go and celebrate that individual as they received their Associate of Arts degree.
- c. Fall Convocation- August 5 at 1:00 pm at the Muse Center. You are welcome to attend.

The Muse Center has received some donated electrical equipment/Sound Systems, and jumbotron-type boards, and is receiving a much-needed electronic update.

Housing on the Raymond campus is at capacity for both males and females for the fall. Utica is at capacity for females. We have a waiting list for housing for the fall of over 200 students.

Executive Leadership Team Reports

Executive Leadership Team Board Reports are included, and Board President Mr. Morton encouraged Board members to review the Reports.

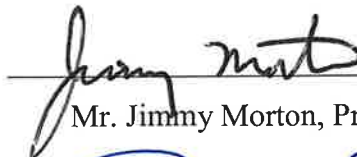
Announcements

Our Board of Trustees meeting for August will take place at the Utica Campus on August 6, 2025. We will provide transportation from the Raymond campus if needed. Additionally, each board member received a schedule for the 2025-2026 Board of Trustees meetings, as well as the meeting locations.

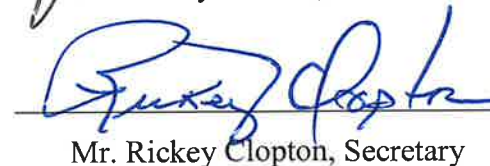
Adjournment

There was no other business for discussion, and the meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Upon motion by Dr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Clopton the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 2:16 p.m. as declared by Board President Mr. Morton.



Mr. Jimmy Morton, President



Mr. Rickey Clopton, Secretary