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 1, 2026, on the Raymond Campus. The following members were present:

Mr. Jimmy Morton, President, in person
Dr. Kevin Abraham, Vice President, via Zoom
Mr. Rickey Clopton, Secretary, 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 via Zoom
Mrs. Dana Stringer in person
Mr. Larry Swales via Zoom
Dr. Bendalonne Thompson-Griffith via Zoom
Dr. Cardell Williams via Zoom
Mr. Calvin Williams via Zoom
Mr. Johnny Young in person

Others present were Dr. Stephen Vacik, President of Hinds Community College; Steve Brandon, Esq., interim Board Attorney; Bill Campbell & Laura Taylor, District Project Architects; Emiko Hemleben, Esq., In House Counsel; 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. Keri Cole, Vice President of Planning, Effectiveness, and Technology; 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. Also present were Nathan Werremeyer, Athletic Director; Jonathan Nevol, Assistant Athletic Director and Men's Basketball Coach; Lauren Dixon, Women's Basketball Coach; and Adam Simmons, Information Technology

Call to Order

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

Athletic Report

Nathan Werremeyer gave an athletic update and introduced Assistant Athletic Director and Men's Basketball Coach Jonathan Nevol, as well as Women's Basketball Coach Lauren Dixon.

Approve Agenda

Upon motion by Mr. Clopton, seconded by Mr. Buys, 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 2, 2026, Minutes.

Upon motion by Dr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Brunson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the June 2, 2026, minutes. A copy is on file and included in the minutes of the meeting.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Board members received an updated copy of the Board Counsel Agreement. The terms have been revised from an annual contract to a month-to-month agreement. Under the new terms, either party may terminate the agreement by providing 30 days' written notice. If the Board no longer requires the Board Counsel's services, it will provide 30 days' notice, and the Board Counsel will provide the same notice if he chooses to end the agreement.

Upon motion by Mr. Clopton, seconded by Mr. Young, 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. Policy Manual

Upon motion by Mr. Clopton, seconded by Mrs. Granberry, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Policy Manual updates. A copy is on file and included in the minutes of the meeting.

b. Board Commitment Letter & Self Evaluation

Chief of Staff, Renee Cotton, requested that all Board of Trustees review the Board Commitment Letter, sign, and return. Additionally, a link to the Board self-assessment will be emailed to all trustees. Please take a few moments to complete the assessment upon receipt.

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 0.00 % after the month of June. The college currently has 1.19% available. Current Net Position 1.19% = 1,082,900, ahead of the average monthly projected rate.

Approve Claims Docket

The ending balance at the end of June 2026 is $6,852,061.30 in cash. The ending balance in the money market is $1,000.00, and $ 11,134,901.94 is in the Raymond James investment account. The total net position is $ 18,986,963.24.

The monthly expenses for June 2026 totaled $6,933,977. The Fund 1 Unrestricted Funds expense total is $1,082,308; Fund 2, Grants/Partnerships expense total is $1,959,252; Fund 3, Auxiliaries expense total is $419,323; and Fund 7, Capital Improvement expense total is $ 3,473,094.

Following discussion of the Claims Docket and upon motion by Mrs. Stringer, 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.

Personnel Recommendation

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

a. Hayden Fortenberry, Physical Therapist Assistant Technology Instructor, Nursing Allied Health Center, Salary-$62,970.22, effective date of employment May 26, 2026, replacing Melinda Roberson.

b. Calen Lewis, Licensed Practical Nursing Instructor, Nursing Allied Health Center, Salary-$60, 680.04, effective date of employment June 2, 2026, replacing Celinda Walters.

Upon motion by Dr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Buys, 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. Health Sciences Relocation- We have been given possession of the building; furniture and equipment are being delivered; faculty will move in by the end of July. We are on track to be ready for classes when the fall semester begins on August 10.

b. Capital Campaign- scheduled visits have begun. We have 2.4 million committed towards our goal.

II. Key Accomplishments

a. Employee Incentive- We had 100% employee participation.

b. Alumnus of the Year Selection- Dr. Melvin Oakes; Young Alumnus of the Year -Dr. Mark Jimerson; and Alumni Service Award- Vicksburg Medical Center

c. Hinds Community College Sports Hall of Fame Selection- John Camacho (Football); Cedric Donaldson (Football); Bill Ricks (Multiple Sports); Marcus Spriggs (Football); and Sam Temple (Baseball)

d. ELT Work Session- Spent 2 days planning for the upcoming year.
e. American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) -Dr. Vacik was selected to serve a three-year term on the AACC Mission on Student Success.
f. Mississippi Postsecondary Attainment Council (MPAC)-Dr. Vacik was appointed to serve on the MPAC.
g. Leadership Training- Attorney Steve Brandon shared some valuable information regarding workplace violence and Title IX topics.
h. Adult Education Graduation- We had a large number of students graduate.
i. MACC Trustees Conference- We had 2 Trustees who earned Service Award Plaque- Dr. Sandra Nash 5 years and Dr. Cardell Williams 20 years.

III. Upcoming Opportunities
a. July 2 & 3 College Closed
b. SACSCOC Advisory Visit
c. Fall Convocation – August 4

Executive Leadership Team Reports

Executive Leadership Team Board Reports are included.

Board Education

Steve Brandon, Esq., shared that he is an employment lawyer and that it is both an honor and privilege to serve as the legal counsel for the Hinds Community College Board of Trustees. He added that he serves at the Board's pleasure.

Board Attorney Brandon shared that the board's primary responsibility is governance. He emphasized the importance of understanding and supporting the College's mission and goals while ensuring that the institution fulfills its statutory responsibilities.

President's Evaluation Results

Board President Jimmy Morton requested consideration to enter Closed Session.

Upon motion by Mrs. Stringer, seconded by Mrs. Granberry, the Board voted unanimously to enter into closed session to determine the need for Executive Session.

Upon motion by Homer Burns, seconded by Mark Buys, the Board voted unanimously to enter an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter.

Upon motion by Mrs. Stringer, seconded by Dr. Abraham, the Board voted unanimously to exit the Executive Session.

Upon motion by Mrs. Stringer, seconded by Mr. Young, the Board voted unanimously to leave the closed session.

The Board announced its decision to extend Dr. Vacik's contract for one additional year, through June 30, 2030. Mr. Morton presented the contract extension, and Dr. Vacik accepted the offer.

Adjournment

There was no further business to discuss, and the meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

Upon motion by Dr. Burns, seconded by Dr. Cardell Williams, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 2:09 p.m. as declared by Board President, Mr. Jimmy Morton.

Jimmy Morton

Mr. Jimmy Morton, President

Rickey Clopton

Mr. Rickey Clopton, Secretary