

**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., February 4, 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. Toriano Holloway-Via Zoom  
Dr. Sandra Nash-in-person  
Ms. 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  
Dr. Cardell Williams in-person  
Mr. Calvin Williams via Zoom  
Mr. Johnny Young in-person

Others present were Dr. Stephen Vacik, President of Hinds Community College; John Hooks, Board Attorney; 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 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 opened in prayer.

### **Approve Agenda**

**Upon motion by Mr. Buys, seconded by Mrs. Stringer, 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 January 7, 2026, Minutes.**

**Upon motion by Dr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Brunson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the January 7, 2026, minutes.** A copy is on file and included in the minutes of the meeting.

### **Approval of Consent Agenda**

**Upon motion by Mr. Clopton, seconded by Dr. Williams, 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. Emergency Purchase-Main Electrical Breaker for the Raymond Cafeteria

**Upon motion by Mr. Brunson, seconded by Ms. Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Emergency Purchase for the Main Electrical Breaker for the Raymond Cafeteria.** A copy is on file and included in the meeting minutes.

- b. Board Orientation-Renee Cotton, Chief of Staff

The Board Orientation packet is on file and included in the minutes of this meeting.

### **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 41.67% after the month of January. The college currently has 43.57% available. Current Net Position 1.90% = \$1,815,450 ahead of the average monthly projected rate.

### **Approve Claims Docket**

The ending balance at the end of January 2026 is \$3,517,023.56 in cash. The ending balance in the money market is \$1,000.00, and \$3,840,905.07 is in the Raymond James investment account. The total net position is \$ 7,358,928.63.

The monthly expenses for January 2026 totaled \$1,530,993. The Fund 1 Unrestricted Funds expense total is \$654,312; Fund 2, Grants/Partnerships expense total is \$188,887; Fund 3, Auxiliaries expense total is \$143,850; and Fund 7, Capital Improvement expense total is \$ 543,945.

**Following discussion of the Claims Docket and upon motion by Dr. Abraham, seconded by Mr. Young, 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 five (5) new faculty members before the Board for approval.

- a. Daniel Anderson, Associate Degree Nursing Instructor, Nursing Allied Health Center, Salary-\$62,057.82, effective date of employment January 8, 2026.
- b. Hena Arora, Associate Degree Nursing Instructor, Nursing Allied Health Center, Salary-\$62,057.82, effective date of employment January 8, 2026, replacing Lisa Lathem.
- c. Elizabeth Bragg, Associate Degree Nursing Instructor, Nursing Allied Health Center, Salary-\$66,313.99, effective date of employment January 8, 2026, replacing Taylor Hawk.
- d. Courtney Reed, Mathematics Instructor, Raymond Campus, Salary-\$41,580.91, effective date of employment January 8, 2026, replacing Saadat Faizi.

- e. Dewana Wright, Licensed Practical Nursing Instructor, Nursing Allied Health Center, Salary-\$62,382.51, effective date of employment January 8, 2026, replacing Celinda Walters.

**Upon motion by Mr. Brunson, seconded by Mrs. Stringer, 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**

- a. Vicksburg Warren School District MOU

Dr. Vacik explained that this proposal differs from our current dual credit programs. This initiative would serve as a pilot program and would eliminate the secondary center at Vicksburg. The model would focus on dual-credit Career and Technical Education (CTE).

Instead of offering traditional secondary programs, we would offer dual-credit CTE courses for seniors, enabling students to earn a credential upon graduation.

The Vicksburg Warren School District has approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). At this time, we are requesting that the Hinds Community College Board of Trustees review the financial terms of the MOU. Under this proposed model, instead of charging Average Daily Attendance (ADA), we would assess a fee of \$100 per credit hour plus a \$30 book fee.

**Following discussion of the Vicksburg Warren School District MOU, and upon motion by Mr. Buys, seconded by Mr. Swales, the Board voted unanimously to approve the MOU.** A copy is on file and included in the minutes of the meeting.

Dr. Vacik provided an update on the Hinds County School District Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). We began collaborating with Dr. Mitchell Shears to develop a program at Utica modeled after Vicksburg's River City Early College program.

Under the proposed structure:

- Ninth and tenth-grade students will enroll in one secondary course per semester.
- Eleventh and twelfth-grade students will take a full college course load and complete the program with an Associate of Arts degree, either Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) based or non-STEM-based.

Hinds County School District will cover full tuition, books, tools, and transportation costs. The district will also fund the salaries of the ninth- and tenth-grade instructors.

I. Project Updates

- a. Legislative Update -Dr. Ginger Robbins gave a legislative update. A copy of her handout is on file and included in the minutes of the meeting. The letter that was discussed at last month's meeting has been sent out.
- b. Program Health Index
- c. PEP On-Site Visit Scheduled – February 16-18, 2025. We hope to expand that program.
- d. Budget Planning-Building the budget based on needs.
- e. Hinds County Schools MOU
- f. Vicksburg Warren County Schools MOU
- g. Capital Campaign-We are waiting on the results.
- h. Groundbreaking for the Commons (considering March dates)
- i. Hosting the Mississippi Community College Leadership Academy at Eagle Ridge – February 11-13, 2026

II. Key Accomplishments

- a. Spring Convocation Filming Completed -will be virtual.
- b. Hinds Leadership Academy Graduation- We graduated the 2<sup>nd</sup> class for the Hinds Leadership Academy. The 3<sup>rd</sup>-year class is getting started.
- c. EMS Site Visit -Hinds had no findings and one recommendation.

III. Upcoming Opportunities

- a. Athletics- Baseball, Softball, Tennis, Track, and Basketball are all in season. We would love to see you at a game.
- b. Preview Day – Raymond Campus, February 6
- c. First Pitch Dinner – Raymond Campus, February 6

- d. MACCT Conference, Biloxi, June 1-3-The Mississippi Association of Community College Trustees Conference will be held June 1-3, 2026, at the Beau Rivage in Biloxi, MS. If you would like to attend, please let Rene Cotton know before the March board meeting so accommodations can be arranged.

### **Executive Leadership Team Reports**

Executive Leadership Team Board Reports are included.

### **Board Education**

Board President Mr. Jimmy Morton asked Dr. Keri Cole to wait and present her board education at the March 4, 2026, meeting due to time constraints.

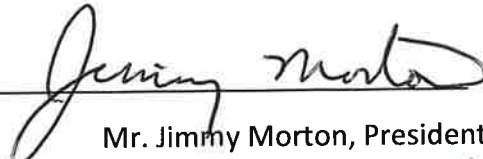
### **Announcements**

The Board of Trustees meeting for March 4, 2026, will be at the Jackson Campus in Bivens 155. Lunch will be served at noon, and the meeting will begin at 1:00 pm.

### **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.**

  
Mr. Jimmy Morton, President

  
Mr. Rickey Clopton, Secretary