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MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE
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Board Meeting Outline

MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING

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	Joint Finance & Budget and Audit Committees June 17, 2026, Immediately Following the Health Affairs Committee IHL Board Room
	IHL Board Meeting June 18, 2026, 9:00 a.m. IHL Board Room

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
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BE IT REMEMBERED, That the Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi met in a regular session in the Gold Room on the 2nd Floor of the Dr. Clinton Bristow, Jr. Dining Facility at Alcorn State University in Lorman, Mississippi, at 9:00 a.m., and pursuant to notice in writing mailed by certified letter with return receipt requested on November 24, 2025, to each and every member of said Board said date being at least five days prior to this May 21, 2026 meeting. At the above-named place the following members were present to wit: Ms. Amy Arrington, Mr. Don Clark, Jr. (via Zoom), Dr. Ormella Cummings, Dr. Steven Cunningham, Mr. Jerry L. Griffith, Ms. Teresa Hubbard, Mr. Bruce Martin, Mr. Gee Ogletree, Mr. Hal Parker, Mr. Gregg Rader (via Zoom), and Mr. Charlie Stephenson. Mr. Jimmy Heidelberg was absent. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Steven Cunningham, President, with Trustee Arrington providing the invocation.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

President Cunningham welcomed Dr. Lance Nail, Provost and Senior Vice Present for Academic Affairs at The University of Southern Mississippi who is representing Dr. Joe Paul, President of The University of Southern Mississippi who was unable to attend.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On motion by Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Hubbard, with Trustee Heidelberg absent and not voting and Trustees Clark and Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the Board meeting held on April 16, 2026.

PRESENTATIONS

- The Board received a presentation about Alcorn State University from President Dr. Tracy Cook.
- The Board received a presentation from Dr. Brian Prescott, President, and Dr. Sarah Pingel, Vice President, of the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS).

CONSENT AGENDAS

On motion by Trustee Stephenson, seconded by Trustee Cummings, with Trustee Heidelberg absent and not voting and with Trustees Clark and Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve the following Consent Agendas.

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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

1. **DSU** – Approved the modification of an existing academic unit, as follows:

Reorganize

Unit titles: School of Management, Marketing, and Business Administration and School of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Effective date: August 2026

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2. **DSU** – Approved the request to enter a laundry room lease agreement with Caldwell & Gregory, LLC to provide laundry services and equipment for students residing in campus housing. The contract will commence on August 20, 2026, or upon the date of installation, whichever occurs later, and will continue for a period of sixty (60) months from the commencement date. The agreement may be renewed under the same terms and conditions upon mutual written agreement of both parties. The University will pay \$54.00 per machine per month, subject to a 2% annual increase. Billing will occur semi-annually in December and June for upcoming service periods, with payment due within thirty (30) days of invoice. Based on the current machine count and pricing structure, the estimated total value of the contract is approximately \$293,383.00 over the initial sixty (60) month term, with a potential additional \$324,321 for a subsequent sixty (60) month renewal period, inclusive of the 2% annual price increase. The contract will be funded through auxiliary funds associated with student housing operations. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.
3. **MUW** – Approved the request to renew an agreement with Instructure, Inc. (CANVAS) as the university's official Learning Management System. Amendment #3 extends the contract for one year, starting August 18, 2026, and ending on August 17, 2027. The total contract cost of Amendment #3 is \$88,808.68, bringing the aggregate total to \$1,068,689.52. The contract will be funded from E&G funds. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.

REAL ESTATE

4. **MSU** – Approved the initiation of IHL 205-369, Davis Wade Stadium Sound System Upgrades and authorized the utilization of the Design-Build (DB) delivery method for the project in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 31-7-13.1. This request is based on the specialized nature of the work, the need for integrated system performance, and project schedule constraints. The proposed project involves the replacement and integration of a performance-based audio system within an existing stadium environment. The estimated project budget is \$5 million. Funds are available from Internal Athletic Funds (\$5,000,000).
5. **UM** – Approved the initiation of IHL 207-527, Jackson Avenue Center West Renovation, and the appointment of Allen & Hoshall, PLLC as the design professional. This project will renovate approximately 30,000 square feet of the former Malco Building at the Jackson Avenue Center to accommodate classrooms, student spaces, and a permanent

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6. **ASU** – Approved the request to increase the budget for GS 101-338, ARPA Water Transmission and Distribution, from \$8,172,204.45 to \$8,600,912.75 for an increase of \$428,708.30. This project will replace approximately 30,000 linear feet of eight-inch pipe, install fire hydrants, valves, appurtenances, and service connections to the existing buildings to improve their water distribution system. Funds are available from Federal ARPA Funds (\$8,600,912.75).
 7. **DSU** – Approved the request to increase the budget for GS 102-292, Storm Damage Repairs, from \$4,918,183.67 to \$6,713,485.13 for an increase of \$1,795,302.13. The scope of work has increased and now includes 34 roofs on campus. Funds are available from DSU internal funds (\$897,375.67); SB 2468, Laws of 2024 (\$4,020,808); and DSU internal funds (\$1,795,302.13).
 8. **ERC** – Approved the request to increase the budget for GS 111-077, IHL Parking Lots and Street Repairs, from a preplan budget of \$132,000.00 to \$3,500,000.00 for an increase of \$3,368,000.00 and to clarify the scope of the project to include Phase A and Phase B and the funding sources. The road assessment conducted in 2025 on the condition of the asphalt pavement at the Education and Research Center (ERC) revealed multiple issues of varying degrees of concern, some of which require immediate attention. Phase A of the project will address critical issues with parking lots A, B, and C on the south side of campus as well as the street infrastructure failures around the loop road on the north and south sides of campus that were identified as part of the initial road assessment. Phase B of the project will address the ERC access entrance road at the intersection of Eastover Drive and Eastwood Drive and continue to the west loop road that runs in front of the Alyce G. Clarke Center for Medically Fragile Children property. Funds are available from HB 1614, Laws of 2023 (\$37,006.95); IHL Internal Capital Funds (\$206,544.57); HB 603, Laws of 2023 (\$94,994.05); and SB 3053, Laws of 2026 (\$3,161,454.43).
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 10. **UM** – Approved the request to enter a lease with Northwest Community College to continue to house the University’s UM-DeSoto Regional Campus operations. This space lease agreement will be for the lessor’s satellite campus located in Southaven, Mississippi, known as the "DeSoto Center" and located at 5197 W.E. Ross Parkway, Southaven, MS 38671. The lease includes dedicated space of 17,962 square feet as follows: 13,329 square feet for classrooms and 4,873 square feet for offices, including two new faculty office spaces. The University will re-purpose Room 240 with cubicles or partitions. The lease also includes 20,098 square feet of shared instructional space between the two institutions, and 55,633 square feet of common shared space. The primary term of this lease is thirty-six (36) months, commencing on July 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2029. The total cost associated with the space lease is \$1,255,000 over the thirty-six (36) month period commencing July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2029. Legal Staff has reviewed the

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- proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.
11. **USM Gulf Coast Research Laboratory** – Approved the request to demolish and delete from inventory Building #23 Fisheries Lab Building located in Ocean Springs, MS. The building does not conform to the campus’ architectural style and poses a health, safety, and welfare risk. The letter of approval has been received from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, stating Building #23 is not eligible for designation as a Mississippi Landmark and approval to demolish the building has been granted. All legal documentation will be kept on file in the IHL Office of Real Estate and Facilities.
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 13. **USM** – Approved the request to demolish and delete from inventory Building #235 located at 3403 Morningside Drive in Hattiesburg, MS. The building does not conform to the campus’ architectural style and poses a health, safety, and welfare risk. The letter of approval has been received from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, stating Building #235 is not eligible for designation as a Mississippi Landmark and approval to demolish the building has been granted. All legal documentation will be kept on file in the IHL Office of Real Estate and Facilities.
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 15. **USM** – Approved the request to demolish and delete from inventory Building #896 located at 509 North 36th Ave. in Hattiesburg, MS. The building does not conform to the campus’ architectural style and poses a health, safety, and welfare risk. The letter of approval has been received from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, stating Building #896 is not eligible for designation as a Mississippi Landmark and approval to demolish the building has been granted. All legal documentation will be kept on file in the IHL Office of Real Estate and Facilities.

LEGAL

16. **ASU** – Pending approval of the Attorney General’s Office, the Board approved the request to enter a contract with the Blair Law Firm as outside counsel to perform services necessary in assisting the university with various issues in the area of oil, gas, and other mineral rights. The Board approved a contract with the law firm Blair, Bondurant & Patterson in April. That firm subsequently dissolved and attorney William Blair established this

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successor firm. This contract is with the successor firm to ensure continuity of specialized legal counsel in this practice area. The term of the new contract will be one-year effective May 22, 2026. The hourly rate for attorney William Blair is \$350 and the maximum amount payable under the term of the agreement is \$30,000. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$2 million per claim with an annual aggregate of \$2 million.

17. **IHL** – Approved the request to renew a contract for legal services with the law firm of Reed Smith, LLP, for the provision of legal advice and counsel in connection with an ongoing Public Private Partnership (“P3”) involving the University of Mississippi. The term of the agreement is one-year effective May 1, 2026. The hourly rates are \$1,010 for Michael A. Kostiew, \$850 for Alison Andronic, \$660 for associate attorneys and \$445 for paralegal services. The maximum amount payable under the term of the agreement is \$50,000. During the term of this agreement, the firm will carry professional liability insurance coverage in an amount of \$1 million per claim and \$2 million annual aggregate, at a minimum. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.
18. **UM** – Approved the request to renew a contract for professional legal services with the law firm Bond Schoeneck & King, PLLC as outside counsel for the provision of legal advice and counsel on Title IX related matters and other legal matters as assigned. The term of the agreement is three years effective July 1, 2026. The hourly rates are \$370 for partners, \$250 for associate attorneys, and \$200 for paralegal services. The maximum amount payable under the term of the agreement is \$75,000 annually. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$10 million per claim with an annual aggregate of \$10 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.
19. **UM** – Approved the request to renew a contract for professional legal services with the law firm of Brunini, Grantham, Grower & Hewes, PLLC for the provision of legal advice and counsel on general construction matters, including but not limited to legal and regulatory issues related to construction management advisor and construction manager at risk project delivery methods, contract preparation, negotiations, litigation, internal reviews, bid protests, dispute resolution, claim preparation/evaluation, and other construction matters as assigned. The term of the agreement is three years effective July 1, 2026. The hourly rates are \$400 for partners, \$275 for associate attorneys, and \$125 for paralegal services. The maximum amount payable under the term of the agreement is \$75,000 annually. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$15 million per claim with an annual aggregate of \$30 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.
20. **UM** – Approved the request to renew a contract for professional legal services with the law firm of Kaplan Kirsch, LLP as outside counsel for the provision of legal advice and counsel on FAA legal and regulatory issues and other legal matters as assigned. The term of the agreement is three years effective July 1, 2026. The blended hourly rate is \$515 for all attorneys and \$150 for paralegal services. The maximum amount payable under the term of the agreement is \$75,000 annually. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$5 million per claim with an annual aggregate of \$5 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

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21. **UM** – Approved the request to renew a contract for professional legal services with the law firm of Lightfoot, Franklin & White, LLC as outside counsel for the provision of legal advice and counsel on athletics-related matters and other matters as assigned. The term of the agreement is three years effective July 1, 2026. The hourly rates are \$515 for senior partners, \$465 for junior partners, \$255 for NCAA specialist, and \$250 for tech support. The maximum amount payable under the term of the agreement is \$200,000 annually. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$15 million per claim with an annual aggregate of \$30 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.
22. **UM** – Approved the request to renew a contract for professional legal services with the law firm of Mayo Mallette, PLLC as outside counsel to assist the University on real estate, compliance, internal investigations, employment, and other legal matters, as assigned. The term of the agreement is three years effective July 1, 2026. The hourly rates are \$250 for partners, \$200 for associate attorneys, and \$100 for paralegal services. The maximum amount payable under the term of this agreement is \$100,000 annually. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$2 million per claim with an annual aggregate of \$2 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.
23. **UM** – Approved the request to renew a contract for professional legal services with Sun Sovereign, LLC d/b/a Ware Immigration, as outside counsel to provide legal advice and counsel on immigration matters, including but not limited to the preparation of labor certification applications on behalf of the University for its employees who seek permanent residence status. The term of the agreement is three years effective July 1, 2026. The costs for these services are set out in the fee schedule below. The maximum amount payable under the term of this agreement is \$100,000 annually. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$3 million per claim with an annual aggregate of \$3 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

SCHEDULE OF LEGAL FEES

Nonimmigrant Petitions and Processes:

H-1B petition	\$2500*
H-1B extension or amendment petitions (if firm handled original petition)	\$2500*
H-1B withdrawal	\$200
H-4 EAD	\$750
*additional legal fee of up to \$2,500 may apply for substantive requests for evidence	
TN petition or border/consulate processing	\$2500
TN extension petition (if firm handled original)	\$2500
E-3 petition or consular processing	\$2500
E-3 extension petition (if firm handled original)	\$2500
O-1 petition	\$8000
O-1 extension or amendment petition (if firm handled original)	\$4000
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J-1 waiver (IGA or hardship)	\$8000
J-1 waiver (Conrad)	\$8000
J-1 waiver (no objection)	\$2000
I-539 Fee for Dependents	\$1000

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Permanent Residence Process with Labor Certification: Faculty

Special Handling labor certification	\$3000
(If position must be readvertised)	\$2500
Additional fee if audited	\$1500-2500
Immigrant petition (I-140)	\$2500

Permanent Residence Process with Labor Certification: Non-Faculty

Labor certification	\$6000
Additional fee if audited	\$1500-2500
Additional fee if subject to supervised recruitment	\$3000
Immigrant petition	\$2500

Permanent Residence Process: Extraordinary Ability/Outstanding Professors and Researchers and National Interest Waiver

Immigrant petition	\$8000
EA, OP/OR, or NIW RFE or NOID: case by case determination up to	\$2500

Adjustment of Status (any Employment-Based Permanent Residence Matter)

Adjustment of status (AOS) and related applications (I-765, I-131, etc.), principal	\$2500
“Standalone” AOS and related applications, principal	\$3000
Adjustment of status and related applications, spouse, if together with principal application and I-140	\$1500
Adjustment of status of each child, concurrent with I-140	\$1000
“Standalone” adjustment of status, spouse (not concurrent with I-140)	\$2000
“Standalone” adjustment of status, child	\$2000
I 485 J (standalone cases)	\$1500

Employment Authorization and Advance Parole Renewal

Employment Authorization Renewal per individual	\$750
Advance Parole Renewal per individual	\$750

Marriage Based Permanent Residence

Principal Applicant	\$4000
Each child, if any	\$2500

Other Services

AR-11 Change of Address	\$150
Interview rescheduling	\$150
Biometrics rescheduling per person	\$150
Advisory Opinion	\$500
Expedite requests	\$500-750
Auto Revalidation Letter	\$200
Administrative Fee (Copies, Postage, FedEx, etc.)	\$150

General Legal Advice and Unusual Matters Which Fall Outside This Fee Schedule

Such matters will be billed at our hourly rates:

Of Counsel	per hour billed	\$450
Partners	per hour billed	\$350
Associate Attorneys	per hour billed	\$250
Paralegals	per hour billed	\$150

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24. **UM** – Approved the request to renew a contract for professional legal services with the law firm of Thomas | Horstemeyer LLP for the provision of legal advice and counsel on intellectual property (IP) matters (including patent prosecution), trademarks, IP litigation, IP licensing, copyrights, transactions, and the applications, filings, and submissions specified in Appendix A attached to the contract. The term of the agreement is three years effective July 1, 2026. The hourly rates for attorneys range from \$270 to \$580, \$195 to \$500 for patent agents, and \$125 to \$300 for paralegal services. T|H will also handle certain transactional IP matters for a flat fee based on category of services, at an additional savings to the University. That fee schedule is set out below and in Appendix A attached to the contract for legal services. The maximum amount payable under the term of the agreement is \$250,000 annually. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$5 million per claim with an annual aggregate of \$5 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

Fee Schedule (Appendix A)

Category 3 \$1500	Includes, where applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preparing, filing and reporting response to restriction requirement with group election and detailed traversal
Response to Office Action/Appeal Brief	
The Parties will mutually agree upon the billing category of a response to office action or appeal brief before work on response or brief is authorized.	
Category 1 \$1500	Includes, where applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review and analysis of less complex office actions and cited publications • developing strategy for response • preparing, filing, and reporting response or appeal brief
Category 2 \$2500	Includes, where applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review and analysis of more complex office actions and cited publications • developing strategy for response • preparing, filing and reporting response or appeal brief
Category 3 \$3500	Includes, where applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review and analysis of most complex office actions and cited publications • developing strategy for response • preparing, filing and reporting response or appeal brief
Category 4 \$4500	Includes, where applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review and analysis of most complex office actions and cited publications • developing strategy for response • preparing, filing and reporting response or appeal brief: • developing strategy for evidentiary declaration under 131 or 132 • consultation with declarant • gathering evidence; preparing declaration • sending declaration out for signature by declarant • filing and reporting declaration

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Filing Notice of Appeal \$100	Includes, where applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preparing, filing and reporting notice of appeal • review and analysis of office action and cited publications
Additional Filings or Reports	
Continuation or Divisional Patent Application \$1000	Includes, where applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preparation of transmittal papers and application including priority claim • filing of and reporting filed application • preliminary amendment with new or restricted claims
Continuation or Divisional Patent Application \$1000	Includes, where applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preparation of transmittal papers and application including priority claim • filing of and reporting filed application • preliminary amendment with new or restricted claims
National Phase Patent Application (simple/complex) \$400 or \$1000	Includes, where applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preparation of transmittal papers and application including priority claim • filing of and reporting filed application • filing with existing claims (simple) • preliminary amendment with amended or added claims (complex)
Continuation-in-part Patent Application See Categories for U.S. Utility or PCT Patent Application	Category of continuation-in-part application will be agreed at the time the application is authorized based on the goals for the application. The scope and quality of the application are the primary factors distinguishing the categories.
Request for Continued Examination \$150	Includes, where applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preparation, filing and reporting request for continued examination
Patent Assignment Preparation and Recording \$250	Includes, where applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preparation of assignment and recordation cover sheet • filing assignment for recordation • reporting filing and recordation of assignment
Information Disclosure Statement (simple/complex) \$250/\$600	Includes, where applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preparation of list of publications and applications to be cited from relevant sources • preparation of transmittal papers • filing and reporting filed statement
Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Payment \$500	Includes, where applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review and reporting of notice of allowance • attention to extensive allowance checklist, including, for example, identifying need to file a continuation or divisional • monitoring of issue fee payment due date • preparation and filing of issue fee transmittal • review of patent application for errors

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Report Office Action/other Reporting letters/Formality Response \$150	Includes, where applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reporting office action by email and monitoring of due date • preliminary review and analysis of office action • telephone conference with the University regarding preliminary analysis • other reporting letters for assignments, publication, etc.
Report/Payment of Maintenance Fee/Annuity Fee \$100	Includes, where applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reporting of maintenance fee due date to client • confirmation of maintenance fee instructions • instruction/confirmation of maintenance fee payment
Review/Correction of Patent Term Adjustment \$150	Includes, where applicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • preliminary review and analysis of patent term calculation • telephone conference with the University regarding patent time
Additional Attorney Analysis	
Detailed inventorship analysis Not to exceed \$2500	The Parties will mutually agree upon the cost of inventorship analysis before authorization to begin work based on the information for the application. The scope and quality of the analysis are the primary factors distinguishing the cost.
Assignee analysis Not to exceed \$2000	The Parties will mutually agree upon the cost of assignee analysis before authorization to begin work based on the information for the application. The scope and quality of the analysis are the primary factors distinguishing the cost.
Prior art search or patentability analysis Not to exceed \$2500	The Parties will mutually agree upon the cost of search or patentability analysis before authorization to begin work based on the goals for the application. The scope and quality of the search and/or analysis are the primary factors distinguishing the cost. Fees for a third party search firm, if applicable, are separate and will be mutually agreed to before authorization to begin the search.

PERSONNEL REPORT

25. **Employment**

Mississippi State University

Margaret B. Sherrer; *rehired retiree*; Financial Aid Counselor, Financial Aid and Scholarships, salary of \$20,800.00 per annum, pro-rata; Designated Funds; 12-month contract; effective February 19, 2026

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26. **Change of Status**

Mississippi State University

Colleen Stouffer; *rehired retiree*; Lecturer, Sociology; *from* salary of \$22,380 per annum, pro-rata; *to* salary \$22,497.30 per annum, pro-rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; effective January 1, 2026

University of Southern Mississippi

Jeff Hinton; *from* Associate Provost for Gulf Coast and Lifelong Learning Success; salary \$180,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; and \$24,000 per annum, pro rata; USM Foundation Funds; 12-month contract; *to* Interim Dean, College of Education and Human Sciences; salary \$225,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; effective July 1, 2026

ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

27. **SYSTEM** – Approved the following individuals to serve on the Mississippi University Research Authority (MURA) in accordance with the MURA Act MS Code 37-147-1.

By virtue of the Act, the following are MURA members:

Vice President of the Board of Trustees – Mr. Gregg Rader.

Executive Director of the Mississippi Development Authority – Bill Cork or his designee

Ex Officio Commissioner of Higher Education – Dr. Alfred Rankins, Jr.

By virtue of the Act, the following are to be appointed by the IHL Board from among the research officers of the eight institutions and the University of Mississippi Medical Center as MURA members:

Dr. Kelly Lucas, Vice President for Research

University of Southern Mississippi

Dr. Scott Willard, Interim Vice President for Research and Economic Development

Mississippi State University

Dr. Almesha Campbell, Vice President of Research and Economic Development

Jackson State University

Dr. John Higginbotham, Vice Chancellor of Research and Economic Development

University of Mississippi

Dr. Caroline Compretta, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research

University of Mississippi Medical Center

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REGULAR AGENDAS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Presented by Trustee Teresa Hubbard, Chair

On motion by Trustee Hubbard, seconded by Trustee Cummings, with Trustee Heidelberg absent and not voting and Trustees Clark and Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #1 as submitted on the Academic Affairs Agenda. On motion by Trustee Hubbard, seconded by Trustee Ogletree, with Trustee Heidelberg absent and not voting and Trustees Clark and Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #2. On motion by Trustee Hubbard, seconded by Trustee Cummings, with Trustee Heidelberg absent and not voting and Trustees Clark and Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #3. On motion by Trustee Hubbard, seconded by Trustee Cummings, with Trustee Heidelberg absent and not voting and Trustees Clark and Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #4.

1. **STATE** – Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §37-129-1, based on the evaluation of annual reports documenting compliance with the state nursing accreditation standards, the Board approved the accreditation of the Mississippi Nursing Degree Programs as indicated below.

SCHOOL OF NURSING	PROGRAM TYPE	ACCREDITATION STATUS
Alcorn State University	ASN	Continuing Accreditation
	BSN	Continuing Accreditation
	MSN	Continuing Accreditation
	DNP	Continuing Accreditation
Belhaven University	BSN	Continuing Accreditation
Blue Mountain Christian University	BSN	Continuing Accreditation
Coahoma Community College	ADN	Continuing Accreditation
Copiah-Lincoln Community College	ADN	Continuing Accreditation
Delta State University	BSN	Continuing Accreditation
	MSN	Continuing Accreditation
	DNP	Continuing Accreditation
East Central Community College	ADN	Continuing Accreditation
East Mississippi Community College	ADN	Continuing Accreditation
Hinds Community College	ADN	Continuing Accreditation
Holmes Community College	ADN	Continuing Accreditation
Itawamba Community College	ADN	Continuing Accreditation
Jones County Junior College	ADN	Continuing Accreditation with Conditions¹
Meridian Community College	ADN	Continuing Accreditation with Conditions²
Mississippi College	BSN	Continuing Accreditation
	MSN	Continuing Accreditation
Mississippi Delta Community College	ADN	Continuing Accreditation
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College	ADN	Continuing Accreditation
Mississippi State University Meridian	MSN	Initial Accreditation (Approved February 15, 2024)
Mississippi University for Women	ASN	Continuing Accreditation

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SCHOOL OF NURSING	PROGRAM TYPE	ACCREDITATION STATUS
	BSN	Continuing Accreditation
	MSN	Continuing Accreditation
	DNP	Continuing Accreditation
Northeast Mississippi Community College	ADN	Continuing Accreditation
Northwest Mississippi Community College	ADN	Continuing Accreditation
Pearl River Community College	ADN	Continuing Accreditation
Southwest Mississippi Community College	ADN	Continuing Accreditation
University of Mississippi Medical Center	BSN	Continuing Accreditation
	MSN	Continuing Accreditation
	DNP	Continuing Accreditation
University of Southern Mississippi	BSN	Continuing Accreditation
	DNP	Continuing Accreditation with Conditions³
William Carey University	BSN	Continuing Accreditation
	MSN	Continuing Accreditation

¹**Jones County Junior College**

- **REASON:** ADN Program non-compliant with IHL Standard IV. Curriculum. 2. State Specific Requirement. b. Degree Completion Rates: The program is expected to achieve the completion rate that is specified by the national accreditation body accrediting the program. The program will report on-time degree completion in the Annual Nursing Report.
- **CONDITION:** must satisfactorily address the area(s) of concern/deficiency through the evaluation of the performance improvement plan submitted 06/24/2025 and continued development of performance improvement strategies by 06/30/2026.

²**Meridian Community College**

- **REASON:** ADN Program non-compliant with IHL Standard V. Outcomes. 2. State Specific Requirement. a. Undergraduate & Prelicensure student-to-faculty ratios must be: No more than 10 to 1 for clinical laboratory courses that require direct supervision.
- **CONDITION:** must satisfactorily address the area(s) of concern/deficiency through the development of a performance improvement plan by 06/30/2026.

³**University of Southern Mississippi**

- **REASON:** DNP/PGC Program non-compliant with IHL Standard V. Outcomes. 2. State Specific Requirement. c. Certification Pass Rates: 1. Annual nurse practitioner certification exam pass rates for all test takers (1st and repeat) will be 80 percent or above over a three-year period.
- **CONDITION:** must satisfactorily address the area(s) of concern/deficiency through the evaluation of the performance improvement plan submitted 07/07/2025 and continued development of performance improvement strategies by 06/30/2026.

2. **MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE** – Approved the Stage II Application - Qualify for Initial Accreditation for the new Doctor of Nursing practice degree. In accordance with (a) and (b), Miss. Code (1991 Supp. § 37-129-1, et seq. which “empowers *the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning to establish rules and regulations and promulgate uniform standards for accreditation of schools of nursing.*” On February 19, 2026, the IHL Board of Trustees approved a new Doctor of Nursing practice (DNP) degree. Mississippi College has completed the second stage in the process and submitted a completed application and supporting evidence to qualify the program for initial accreditation and allow admission of students. The second stage includes verification of a qualified nursing education program director, qualified nursing faculty and staff, and developing the philosophy, mission, goals, expected program outcomes, curriculum,

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approved budget, organizational chart, admission, promotion, and graduation policies, systematic plan for evaluation, adequate support services, approved clinical affiliation agreements, and fiscal, physical, technological and learning resources. Mississippi College submitted the Stage II application with a self-study report and supporting documents on February 23, 2026, that provided evidence of meeting the requirements for Stage II. A state site visit team composed of representatives from the Accreditation Review and Evaluation Committee of the Mississippi Council of Deans and Directors of Schools of Nursing and Director of Nursing Education made a three day visit to review the graduate program on October 20-22, 2025, and the Director of Nursing Education made a follow-up onsite visit on March 26, 2026, to validate progress, the application for initial accreditation, and all materials pertaining to the proposed nursing program. It was determined that the criteria for Stage II have been satisfactorily met. A recommendation of approval of Stage II allows the school to admit students and to progress to the last stage, which is qualifying for full accreditation. Stage III requires that a site visit be scheduled with Board staff during the last semester of the first graduating class and in conjunction with the initial national nursing accreditation site visit.

3. **MSU** – Approved the following new academic unit:
Proposed unit title: Department of Organizational Leadership and Professional Studies
Unit location: College of Professional and Continuing Studies
Effective date: July 2026
4. **SYSTEM** – Approved the following new academic degree programs.
 - a. **MSU** – Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Statistics
CIP code: 27.0501
Total credit hours: 121
Effective date: August 2026
 - b. **MSU** – Bachelor of Science (BS) in Statistics
CIP code: 27.0501
Total credit hours: 121
Effective date: August 2026
 - c. **MSU** – Bachelor of Science (BS) in Tourism and Destination Development
CIP code: 52.1906
Total credit hours: 120
Effective date: August 2026
 - d. **UMMC** – Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Cancer Biology and Therapeutics
CIP code: 26.0911
Total credit hours: 60
Effective date: May 2026

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FINANCE AND BUDGET AGENDA

Presented by Trustee Charlie Stephenson, Chair

Trustees Martin and Ogletree recused themselves from discussing or voting on item #1 on the Finance and Budget Regular Agenda before there was any discussion or vote regarding the same. With Trustees Martin and Ogletree out of the meeting, on motion by Trustee Stephenson, seconded by Trustee Parker, with Trustees Heidelberg, Martin, and Ogletree absent and not voting and Trustees Clark and Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #1 as submitted on the Finance and Budget Agenda. Trustee Ogletree returned to the meeting following the discussion and vote on item #1. Trustee Martin recused himself from discussing or voting on item #2 on the Finance and Budget Regular Agenda by remaining out of the room before there was any discussion or vote regarding the same. With Trustee Martin out of the room, on motion by Trustee Stephenson, seconded by Trustee Ogletree, with Trustees Heidelberg and Martin absent and not voting and Trustees Clark and Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #2. Trustee Martin returned to the meeting following the discussion and vote on item #2.

1. **SYSTEM** – Approved the request to renew its property insurance coverage with Affiliated FM Insurance Company (FM). Additionally, the wind and flood coverage for the gulf coast (referred to as a Difference in Conditions or “DIC” policies) includes a number of insurers which share the risk. FM will provide property coverage for the system, except for the gulf coast wind and flood coverage. That coverage is provided through a difference in conditions wind and storm surge policy of which the coverage is shared between multiple insurers. Gulf Coast DIC policies are quoted for USM and MSU. Those companies include London (Underwriters at Lloyds London) and some or all of the following: Westchester Surplus Lines Insurance Company, Lexington Insurance Company (AIG), Core (Starstone Specialty Insurance Company), Rivington (Great Lakes Insurance SE), SRU (Princeton Excess & Surplus Lines Insurance Company), WRB (W. R. Berkley Corporation), and Velocity Insurance Group. Terrorism coverage is provided through London. This will be a one-year insurance policy running from May 31, 2026, to May 31, 2027. The FM premium is approximately \$11,165,536 for 2026-2027. Premium amounts may increase or decrease through the term of the policy as universities add or decrease their insured values. The DIC coverage will be approximately \$1,575,500 (USM’s being \$1,400,000 and MSU’s being approximately \$175,500). The terrorism policy will be \$158,162. Together, the aggregate premiums total \$12,899,198. Premium amounts include any applicable taxes and fees. Each university and the Board Office pays its respective share of the premium which is billed and paid directly between the broker and the insured. USM and MSU will pay their respective DIC premiums. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed policy for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.
2. **SYSTEM** – Approved the request to purchase cyber liability and incident response insurance coverage with Homeland Insurance Company of New York (“Homeland” or “Resilience”) and Indian Harbor Insurance Company (“Indian Harbor”). Homeland is

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distributed by Ocrea Risk Services which does business as Resilience. Homeland provides the primary coverage and coverage form. Indian Harbor provides the excess coverage. Homeland and Indian Harbor have A.M. Best Ratings of A+ XV. IHL's broker is Alliant Insurance Services. The contract is a one-year insurance policy beginning May 26, 2026, and terminating May 26, 2027. The cost for the Homeland primary policy will be approximately \$446,853, inclusive of fees and surplus lines taxes, for the one-year policy. Of this amount, \$120,000 is for cyber risk management services. The \$10m excess policy for UMMC is \$401,188. An excess option for the rest of the system costs \$102,075 for \$3 million in shared excess limits or \$144,788 for \$5 million in shared excess limits. If the non-UMMC entities do not buy an excess policy, the aggregate total will be \$848,041. If the non-UMMC entities purchase excess coverage, the total aggregate cost will be \$950,116 or \$992,829, depending upon which limits are purchased. The IHL Self-Insured Tort Plan pays the premium and allocates an appropriate premium share to each insured participant. The share for each participant, other than UMMC, is built into the annual assessment of the Tort Plan, and the Tort Plan invoices UMMC for its share. Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed policy for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. The agreement is on file in the Board Office.

LEGAL AGENDA

Presented by President Dr. Steven Cunningham

Trustee Clark recused himself from discussing or voting on item #1 on the Legal Regular Agenda before there was any discussion or vote regarding the same. With Trustee Clark in the Zoom waiting room, on motion by Trustee Hubbard, seconded by Trustee Arrington, with Trustees Clark and Heidelberg absent and not voting and Trustee Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #1 as submitted on the Legal Regular Agenda. Trustee Clark returned to the meeting following the discussion and vote on item #2.

1. **UM** – Approved the request to renew its contract for professional legal services with the law firm of Butler Snow LLP as outside counsel for the provision of legal advice and counsel on intellectual property (including patent prosecution), commercialization, construction, business, taxation, regulatory matters, and other legal matters as assigned. The term of the agreement is three years effective July 1, 2026. The blended hourly rate will be \$365 for all attorneys (including patent work) and \$140 for paralegal services. The maximum amount payable under the term of the agreement is \$350,000 annually. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$70 million per claim with an annual aggregate of \$140 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

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ADMINISTRATION/POLICY AGENDA

Presented by Commissioner Dr. Alfred Rankins, Jr.

On motion by Trustee Ogletree, seconded by Trustee Cummings, with Trustee Heidelberg absent and not voting and Trustees Clark and Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #1 as submitted on the Administration/Policy Regular Agenda. On motion by Trustee Arrington, seconded by Trustee Ogletree, with Trustee Heidelberg absent and not voting and Trustees Clark and Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve item #2.

1. **SYSTEM** – Approved the following committee appointments by President Dr. Steven Cunningham.

Standing Committees

Academic Affairs Committee – Teresa Hubbard, Chair

Audit Committee – Jerry Griffith, Chair

Finance Committee – Charlie Stephenson, Chair

Health Affairs Committee – Jerry Griffith, Chair

Legal Committee – Jimmy Heidelberg, Chair

Real Estate Committee – Gregg Rader, Chair

Ad Hoc Committees

Legislative Relations Committee – Gregg Rader, Chair

Mississippi University for Women Board Search Committee – Teresa Hubbard, Chair

Note: The President is an Ex-Officio member of all committees. All trustees are members of the standing committees and the Legislative Relations and MUW Board Search ad hoc committees.

2. **SYSTEM** – Approved the reappointment of Trustee Teresa Hubbard as the IHL trustee representative on the Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board for the term July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2030. Dr. Mark Keenum, President of Mississippi State University, serves as the institutional representative for July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2029. By virtue of her position as the Director of Financial Aid, Dr. Jennifer Rogers is the Director of the Postsecondary Board.

INFORMATION AGENDAS

Presented by Commissioner Dr. Alfred Rankins, Jr.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

1. **UMMC** – Intent to modify a certificate program:

Delete

Certificate program title: Molecular Medicine

Level: post-baccalaureate

Total credit hours: 11

CIP code: 26.0202, 8101

Effective date: May 2026

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2. **DSU** – Intent to offer an existing degree program by distance learning:
Degree program title: Bachelor of Science (BS) in Speech and Hearing Sciences
CIP code, sequence: 51.0204, 5072
Total credit hours: 120
Cost to offer by distance learning: \$0 (cost is offset by online course fee)
Effective date: June 2026

REAL ESTATE

3. **SYSTEM** – The Board received the Real Estate items that were approved by the Board staff subsequent to the April 16, 2026 Board meeting in accordance with Board Policy 904 Board Approval. (See Exhibit 1.)

LEGAL

4. **SYSTEM** – The Board received a report of the payment of legal fees to outside counsel. (See Exhibit 2.)

ADMINISTRATION/POLICY

5. **SYSTEM** – The following items have been approved by the Commissioner on behalf of the Board and are available for review at the Board Office.
 - a. **DSU** – On April 1, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Commercial Lease Agreement between the Delta State University (lessee) and the City of Moorehead, Mississippi (lessor) for office space located at 1001 West Delta Avenue, Moorehead, Mississippi for use as incubator office space to support the University’s BRIDGE Grant program staff and activities. The term of the lease is twelve (12) months effective April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027. There are ten (10) office spaces available at a cost of \$500 each per month. The total monthly rent due will be calculated by the number of spaces actively occupied by the university as of the first day of each month. Payment is required in advance on the first day of each month. The maximum potential cost of the lease term is \$60,000. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts and Policy 707.03 Approval for Prepayment for Goods or Services. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.
 - b. **DSU** – On April 1, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Commercial Lease Agreement between Delta State University (lessee) and We2Gether Creating Change (lessor) for office space to support the University’s BRIDGE Grant program staff and activities. The term of the lease is six (6) months effective April 1, 2026, through September 30, 2026. There are three (3) office spaces available at a cost of \$500 each per month. The total monthly rent due will be calculated by the number of spaces actively occupied by the university as of the first day of each month. Payment is required in advance on the first day of each month. The maximum potential cost of the lease term is \$9,000. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts

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- and Policy 707.03 Approval for Prepayment for Goods or Services. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.
- c. **MSU** – On April 6, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Boutwell Rental, LLC for space located at 6068 US Highway 49 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi for a MS LIFT Resource and Referral Network Center operated by the University in accordance with the terms of a grant awarded to MSU by the Mississippi Department of Human Services. The term of the lease is one-year effective June 1, 2026, at a cost of \$4,500 per month or \$54,000 annually. Payment is due on the first of each month. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts and Policy 707.03 Approval for Prepayment for Goods or Services. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.
 - d. **MSU** – On April 13, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and 55 Place Paddock, LLC for approximately 2,674 square feet of space located at 838/840 Foley Street, Jackson, MS for a Resource and Referral Center operated by the University in accordance with the terms of a grant awarded to the University by the Mississippi Department of Human Services. The term of the lease is one year effective May 15, 2026 with an option to renew for two additional one-year terms by agreement of all parties at the same cost as the initial one-year term. The total cost of the one-year agreement is \$25,403.04 payable in 12 monthly installments of \$2,116.92 each with payments due on the first of each month. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts and Policy 707.03 Approval for Prepayment for Goods or Services. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.
 - e. **MSU** – On April 13, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Hudspeth Properties, LLC for approximately 2300 square feet of space located at 3214 North Church Avenue in Louisville, MS for a Resource and Referral Center operated by the University in accordance with the terms of a grant awarded to the University by the Mississippi Department of Human Services. The term of the lease is two years effective June 1, 2026. The total cost of the agreement is \$71,000 payable in 24 monthly installments of \$2,750 each with payments due on the first of each month and a one-time renovation fee of \$2,500 due with the first month's rent. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts and Policy 707.03 Approval for Prepayment for Goods or Services. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.

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- f. **UM** – On April 17, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Termination Agreement between the IHL/UM and Gamma Iota of Pi Kappa Alpha House Corporation, a new Lease Agreement between IHL/UM and West Range Oxford LLC and St. Anthony Club of Mississippi. Gamma Iota (PKA) currently hold a lease with the university for the fraternity house lot #408 on the UM Oxford campus effective October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2044. Following the suspension of its chapter, Gamma Iota entered into a Sublease Agreement with St. Anthony Club for use of the residential facility by the Delta Psi fraternity. That sublease has a term of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027. Gamma Iota, the local house corporation for PKA, wishes to transfer that original lease between itself and the university to its national real estate entity, West Range Oxford, LLC. The new lease between the university and West Range Oxford, LLC will have the same term ending September 30, 2044. The termination of the original lease will automatically terminate the current sublease between Gamma Iota and St. Anthony Club. Following the termination of the original lease with Gamma Iota and execution of the new lease with West Range Oxford, West Range (PKA) requests consent to enter into a new sublease with St. Anthony Club for Delta Psi’s continues use of the residential facility. That sublease will have the same term ending June 30, 2027. An annual lease payment of \$50 is due from West Range Oxford on or before the first day of July. Base rent payable by St. Anthony Club to West Range Oxford under the new sublease will be \$21,130 per month until June 30, 2026, and \$22,185 per month through the termination of the agreement on June 30, 2027. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.
- g. **USM** – On April 6, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Sublease Agreement between the University of Southern Mississippi and Hyperion Technology Group, Inc. for approximately 650 square feet of space in the USM Roger F. Wicker Center for Ocean Enterprise. Hyperion will pay the university \$3,198.83 per month or \$38,385.96 for the one-year term. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.

PERSONNEL

6. Sabbatical

University of Southern Mississippi

FROM: Karen Kozlowski, Associate Professor of Psychology, salary of \$66,220 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; no change in salary for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 4, 2027 to May 14, 2027; professional development.

[originally approved by IHL Board April 16, 2026]

CORRECTED: Karen Kozlowski, Associate Professor of Sociology, salary of \$66,220 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; no change in salary for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 4, 2027 to May 14, 2027; professional development.

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**FINANCE AND BUDGET
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

Committee members participated in the meeting in person or via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Charlie Stephenson at approximately 2:00 p.m. The following items were discussed.

1. The Committee received a presentation from Dr. Brian Prescott, President, and Dr. Sarah Pingel, Vice President, of the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS). **No action was taken.**
2. On motion by Trustee Ogletree, seconded by Trustee Cunningham, with Trustees Cummings and Rader absent and not voting and Trustees Arrington, Clark, Martin, and Stephenson participating via Zoom, all Committee members legally present and participating voted unanimously to adjourn.

The following Committee members were present: Mr. Charlie Stephenson (Chair) (via Zoom), Ms. Amy Arrington (via Zoom), Mr. Don Clark (via Zoom), Jr., Dr. Steven Cunningham, Mr. Jerry L. Griffith, Mr. Jimmy Heidelberg, Ms. Teresa Hubbard, Mr. Bruce Martin (via Zoom), Mr. Gee Ogletree, and Mr. Hal Parker. Dr. Ormella Cummings and Mr. Gregg Rader were absent.

**HEALTH AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE REPORT**

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

Committee members participated in the meeting in person or via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dr. Steven Cunningham at approximately 3:45 p.m. The following items were discussed.

1. The Committee discussed the monthly financial summary and received the written quarterly clinical quality update. **No action was taken.**
2. Executive Session

On motion by Trustee Ogletree, seconded by Trustee Griffith, with Trustees Cummings and Rader absent and not voting and Trustees Arrington, Clark, Martin, and Stephenson participating via Zoom, all Committee members legally present and participating voted unanimously to close the meeting to determine whether to declare an Executive Session. On motion by Trustee Hubbard, seconded by Trustee Parker, with Trustees Cummings and Rader absent and not voting and Trustees Arrington, Clark, Martin, and Stephenson participating via Zoom, all Committee members legally present and participating voted unanimously **to enter Executive Session** for the reasons reported to the public and stated in these minutes, as follows:

The Board will discuss two items in executive session, the discussion of which in open session would be detrimental to IHL's legal interest.

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The first item involves the transaction of business and discussions regarding prospective strategic business decisions of the University of Mississippi Medical Center, including the prospective purchase or leasing of lands, decisions to open a new service line and implementation of capital improvements.

The second item involves the transaction of business and discussions regarding prospective strategic business decisions of the University of Mississippi Medical Center, including the relocation of medical services, prospective purchase or leasing of lands, decisions to open a new service line and implementation of capital improvements.

During Executive Session, the following matters were discussed:

The Committee discussed the transaction of business regarding prospective strategic business decisions of the University of Mississippi Medical Center, including the prospective purchase or leasing of lands, decisions to open a new service line and implementation of capital improvements. **No action was taken.**

The Committee discussed the transaction of business regarding prospective strategic business decisions of the University of Mississippi Medical Center, including the relocation of medical services, prospective purchase or leasing of lands, decisions to open a new service line and implementation of capital improvements. **No action was taken.**

On motion by Trustee Ogletree, seconded by Trustee Heidelberg, with Trustees Cummings, Martin, Rader, and Stephenson absent and not voting and Trustees Arrington and Clark participating via Zoom, all Committee members legally present and participating voted unanimously to return to open session.

3. On motion by Trustee Hubbard, seconded by Trustee Griffith, with Trustees Cummings, Martin, Rader, and Stephenson absent and not voting and Trustees Arrington and Clark participating via Zoom, all Committee members legally present and participating voted unanimously to adjourn.

The following Committee members were present: Dr. Steven Cunningham (Chair), Ms. Amy Arrington (via Zoom), Mr. Don Clark (via Zoom), Jr., Mr. Jerry L. Griffith, Mr. Jimmy Heidelberg, Ms. Teresa Hubbard, Mr. Bruce Martin (via Zoom), Mr. Gee Ogletree, Mr. Hal Parker, and Mr. Charlie Stephenson (via Zoom). Dr. Ormella Cummings and Mr. Gregg Rader were absent.

ANNOUNCEMENT

- President Cunningham announced the next scheduled meeting will be June 18, 2026.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Trustee Stephenson, seconded by Trustee Hubbard, with Trustee Heidelberg absent and not voting and Trustees Clark and Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to close the meeting to determine whether to declare an

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Executive Session. On motion by Trustee Ogletree, seconded by Trustee Hubbard, with Trustee Heidelberg absent and not voting and Trustees Clark and Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously **to enter Executive Session** for the reasons reported to the public and stated in these minutes, as follows:

The Board will discuss three topics in executive session, the discussion of which in open session would be detrimental to IHL's legal interest. The Board will receive and discuss confidential legal advice from the Board's attorney regarding personnel matters involving the performance of three particular employees—one at Mississippi University for Women, one at Mississippi State University and one at The University of Mississippi.

During Executive Session, the following matters were discussed and/or voted upon:

The Board discussed a personnel matter involving the performance of one particular employee at Mississippi University for Women. **No action was taken.**

The Board discussed a personnel matter involving the performance of one particular employee at Mississippi State University. **No action was taken.**

The Board discussed a personnel matter involving the performance of one particular employee at The University of Mississippi. **No action was taken.**

On motion by Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Stephenson, with Trustee Heidelberg absent and not voting and Trustees Clark and Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to return to Open Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Trustee Cummings, seconded by Trustee Stephenson, with Trustee Heidelberg absent and not voting and Trustees Clark and Rader participating via Zoom, all Trustees legally present and participating voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

President, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning

Commissioner, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning

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EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 Real Estate items that were approved by the IHL Board staff subsequent to the April 16, 2026 Board meeting.

Exhibit 2 Report of the payment of legal fees to outside counsel.

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SYSTEM: REAL ESTATE ITEMS APPROVED SUBSEQUENT TO THE APRIL 16, 2026, BOARD MEETING SUBMISSION DEADLINE

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD'S REAL ESTATE AND FACILITIES STAFF IN ACCORDANCE WITH BOARD POLICY §904(A) BOARD APPROVAL.

Change Order Approval Note: No change orders approved by Board staff, as reflected within any of the following informational agenda items, increase the Board approved total project budget. The total project budget as approved by the Board provides for a contingency fund, which allows for an increase in the construction budget of between five and ten percent. Any increase in the total project budget caused by a change order, would require Board approval and could not be approved by Board staff until the budget increase is approved by the Board.

JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY

1. JSU-GS 103-308 – DINING HALL EXPANSION

Approval Request #1 (INTERIM): In accordance with Board Policy §904 (B) Board Approval, *Interim Chair Approval* was granted by Mr. Greg Rader, Chair of the Real Estate and Facilities Committee on April 8, 2026, to approve the budget increase from \$17,875,000.00 to \$21,700,000.00 for an increase of \$3,825,000.00 to be funded through Senate Bill 2971, Laws of 2021, House Bill 1353, Laws of 2022, Senate Bill 3065, Laws of 2019, Senate Bill 2189, Laws of 2026 and JSU Auxiliary Funds. Senate Bill 2189, Laws of 2026 is a new funding source added to the project.

Interim Approval Status & Date: Approved, April 8, 2026

Approval Request #2: Award of Construction Contract

Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of \$19,015,000.00 to Codaray Construction, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, April 23, 2026

Project Initiation Date: April 21, 2022

Design Professional: Durrell Design Group

General Contractor: Codaray Construction, LLC

Total Project Budget: \$21,700,000.00

2. JSU-GS 103-317 DORMITORY REPAIRS (VARIOUS) – BUILDING 100 & 200 UNIVERSITY POINTE

Approval Request #1: Advertise

Board staff approved the request to advertise for receipt of bids.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, April 23, 2026

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3. **JSU-GS 103-343 JOC TB ELLIS ROOFING IMPROVEMENTS**

Approval Request: Change Order #1

Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$39,450.28 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Alliant Construction.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, April 23, 2026

Change Order Description: Change Order #1 includes the following: a *credit* for material substitution of KDAT lumber for standard pressure treated lumber due to extended material lead times, and the implementation of Davis-Bacon wage rates and certified payroll processing requirements to the contract, based on federal funding for the project.

Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to changes in requirements or recommendations by governmental agencies and user/owner requested modifications.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: One (1) change order for a total amount of \$39,450.28.

Project Initiation Date: November 20, 2025

Design Professional: Vernell Barnes Architect, PLLC

General Contractor: Alliant Construction

Total Project Budget: \$3,000,000.00

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

4. **MSU-IHL 205-368 GRIFFIS HALL INTERIOR REFINISH**

Approval Request: Award of Construction Contract

Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of \$1,734,000.00 to the apparent low bidder, Traxler Construction, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, April 6, 2026

Project Initiation Date: January 7, 2026

Design Professional: Shafer Zahner Zahner, PLLC

General Contractor: Traxler Construction, LLC

Total Project Budget: \$2,309,000.00

5. **MSU-IHL 405-003B CAAD - HOWELL HALL ADDITIONS & RENOVATION**

Approval Request: Change Order #4

Board staff approved Change Order #4 in the amount of \$297,181.93 and seventy-one (71) additional days to the contract of West Brothers Construction, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, April 27, 2026

Change Order Description: Change Order #4 includes the following: plumbing, electrical and landscape revisions associated with relocating a chiller, additional and revised electrical equipment throughout, partial removal of digital room signage, relocation of BCS shop and associated site/drainage work, addition of overflow roof drains to the South Addition, and revisions to the layout of the sidewalk and steps to the east.

Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to errors and omissions in the plans and specifications and user/owner requested modifications.

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Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Four (4) change orders for a total amount of \$674,876.71.

Project Initiation Date: August 19, 2021

Design Professional: Belinda Stewart Architects, P.A. + Wier Boerner Allin Architecture, PLLC

General Contractor: West Brothers Construction, Inc.

Phased Project Budget: \$27,000,000.00

Total Project Budget: \$35,732,500.00

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

6. MVSU-GS 106-275 WATER COLLECTION & CONVEYANCE (ARPA)

Approval Request 1: Change Order #5

Board staff approved Change Order #5 in the amount of \$19,718.20 and thirty (30) additional days to the contract of Don M. Barron Contractor, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, May 7, 2026

Change Order Description: Change Order #5 includes the following: removal and replacement of Pump #2 at Pump Station 1.

Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to latent job site conditions and user/owner requested modifications.

Approval Request 2: Change Order #6

Board staff approved Change Order #6 in the *credit* amount of \$8,240.00 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Don M. Barron Contractor, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, May 7, 2026

Change Order Description: Change Order #6 includes the following: reconciliation of material quantities for sewer line repair and rehabilitation of the existing 4' diameter manhole. Original Schedule of Values quantities were estimated, and actual quantities were less than the original estimates.

Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to user/owner requested modifications.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Six (6) change orders for a total *credit* amount of \$65,006.48.

Project Initiation Date: August 15, 2024

Design Professional: W.L. Burle Engineers, P.A.

General Contractor: Don M. Barron Contractor, Inc.

Total Project Budget: \$1,991,993.23

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7. UM-IHL 407-011 UM EARLY LEARNING AND EVALUATION CENTER

Approval Request: Change Order #3

Board staff approved Change Order #3 in the amount of \$1,351,924.27 and forty-eight (48) additional days to the contract of Innovative Construction Management, LLC (ICM).

Approval Status & Date: Approved, May 4, 2026

Change Order Description: Change Order #3 includes the following: revising underground plumbing and adding pipe and insulation which was not on the original as-built drawings, and infilling alley spaces between the new and existing buildings for the first and second floor addition, as well as a new entry with exterior stairs.

Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to latent job site conditions and user/owner requested modifications.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Three (3) change orders for a total amount of \$2,848,662.37.

Project Initiation Date: June 16, 2022

Design Professional: McCarty Architects, P.A.

General Contractor: Innovative Construction Management, LLC

Phased Project Budget: \$37,798,235.65

Total Project Budget: \$39,275,000.00

8. UM-IHL 407-014 NEW SCHOOL OF ACCOUNTANCY (JONES HALL)

Approval Request #1: Construction Documents

Board staff approved Construction Documents as submitted by JH&H Architects Planners Interiors, P.A.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, April 10, 2026

Approval Request #2: Advertise

Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, April 10, 2026

9. UM-IHL 407-014.1 NEW SCHOOL OF ACCOUNTANCY (JONES HALL) – YERBY HALL ABATEMENT

Approval Request: Change Order #1

Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$11,499.41 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of Snyder Environmental & Construction, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, May 1, 2026

Change Order Description: Change Order #1 includes the following: purchase and installation of a logo windscreen on the perimeter construction fencing.

Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to user/owner requested modifications.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: One (1) change order for a total amount of \$11,499.41.

Project Initiation Date: March 17, 2016

Design Professional: JH&H Architects Planners Interiors, P.A.

General Contractor: Snyder Environmental & Construction, LLC

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Phased Project Budget: \$231,631.00

Total Project Budget: \$138,000,000.00

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10. USM-GS 114-033 EXECUTIVE EDUCATION CENTER (JOC)

Approval Request: Change Order #1

Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$2,940,000.00 and three hundred five (305) additional days to the contract of Paul Jackson & Son, Inc. Change Order 1 reflects the total renovation to the space, following interior demolition, rather than a typical change order.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, May 1, 2026

Change Order Description: Change Order #1 includes the following: interior renovations to create flexible meeting and training spaces for the building.

Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to user/owner requested modifications. This project is procured under DFA's Job Order Contracting method of procurement. Under this type of contract, final prices are based on a recognized cost index/unit pricing. Because of this, there is no contractor markup for change orders. The cost for change orders would be the same as if it were a new project. Because of this, the original bid for the demolition is considered the "Original Contract Amount," while the cost of the interior renovations would be considered the "Change Order 1 Amount." The total budget for the project remains unchanged, as the demolition and interior renovation are all part of the scope of the project.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: One (1) change order for a total amount of \$2,940,000.00

Project Initiation Date: April 18, 2024

Design Professional: Eley Guild Hardy Architects, P.A.

General Contractor: Paul Jackson & Son, Inc.

Total Project Budget: \$4,800,000.00

11. USM - IHL 208-397 ARTS DISTRICT PATHWAY

Approval Request: Initiation

Board staff approved Initiation of the Arts District Pathway and appointment of Neel-Schaffer, Inc. as the design professional.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, April 20, 2026

Project Initiation Date: April 20, 2026

Design Professional: Neel-Schaffer, Inc.

General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$2,016,900.00

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1. **SYSTEM - REPORT OF PAYMENTS TO OUTSIDE COUNSEL**

Legal fees approved for payment to outside counsel in relation to litigation and other matters:

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Jones Walker (statements dated 3/16/26 and 4/7/26) from the funds of the IHL System Office. (These statements, in the amounts of \$3,440.00 and \$4,384.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 7,824.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Walker Immigration (statement dated 3/27/26) from the funds of Delta State University. (This statement, in the amount of \$2,000.00, represents services and expenses in connection with an immigration/labor certification matter.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 2,000.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Brunini, Grower, Grantham and Hewes, PLLC (statement dated 4/22/26) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement, in the amount of \$262.50, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 262.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statement dated 4/27/26) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement, in the amount of \$2,299.50, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 2,299.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Copeland Cook Taylor & Bush, PA (statement dated 3/19/26) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement, in the amount of \$14,270.00, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 14,270.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware|Immigration (statements dated 3/26/26, 3/26/26, 3/26/26, 4/1/26 and 4/1/26) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$563.00, \$531.00, \$541.00, \$280.00 and \$360.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with immigration/labor certification matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 2,275.00

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Bond, Schoeneck & King (statement dated 4/7/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$370.00, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 370.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statements dated 12/16/25, 3/31/26 and 4/30/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$25,000.00, \$5,183.00 and \$2,190.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 32,373.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mayo Mallette, PLLC (statement dated 4/8/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$75.00, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 75.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware|Immigration (statements dated 4/1/26, 4/7/26, 4/7/26, 4/8/26, 4/9/26, 4/17/26, 4/17/26 and 4/21/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$1,500.00, \$2,650.00, \$3,925.00, \$527.00, \$1,850.00, \$2,650.00, \$3,925.00 and \$547.00, represent services and expenses in connection with immigration/labor certification matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 17,574.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware|Immigration (statements dated 4/1/26, 4/7/26 and 5/4/26) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$200.00, \$6,075.00 and \$6,575.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with immigration/labor certification matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 12,850.00

Legal fees approved for payment to outside counsel in relation to patent and other intellectual property matters:

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statements dated 3/31/26 and 4/27/26) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$547.50 and \$1,350.50, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 1,898.00

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mendelsohn Dunleavy, P.C. (statements dated 4/7/26, 4/7/26, 4/7/26, 4/7/26, 4/7/26 and 4/7/26) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$3,000.00, \$5,900.00, \$490.00, \$164.00, \$890.00 and \$760.00, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 11,204.00

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING
CONSENT AGENDA
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
JUNE 18, 2026**

1. DSU – Modification of an Existing Academic Unit

In accordance with Board policies 503 and 504, Delta State University submits a request to modify an existing academic unit.

RENAMING AND REORGANIZING

Current unit: College of Business and Aviation

***Proposed unit title:* College of Business**

Unit Location: Division of Academic Affairs

Effective date: July 2026

Organizational units to operate under renamed and reorganized unit:

Division of Accounting, Computer Information Systems, and Geospatial Information Technologies
School of Management, Marketing, and Business Administration
Delta Music Institute

Degree programs to be offered within the renamed and reorganized unit:

Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Business Administration (52.0201, 5895)
Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Geospatial Analysis and Intelligence (45.0702, 5860)
Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) in Accountancy (52.0301, 5046)
Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) in Computer Information Systems (52.1201, 5050)
Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) in General Business (52.0101, 5045)
Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) in Management (52.0201, 5048)
Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) in Marketing (52.1401, 5051)
Bachelor of Science (BS) in Entertainment Industry Studies (50.1099, 5827)
Certificate Program in Business Management (52.0201, 8071)
Certificate Program in Geospatial Information and Technologies (45.0702, 8068)
Master of Applied Science (MAS) in Geospatial Information Technologies (45.0702, 4548)
Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Business Administration (52.0201, 4004)

Rationale: Delta State University requests the renaming and reorganization of an existing unit as well as the creation of a new academic unit on the Regular Agenda to strengthen academic leadership, expand program development capacity, provide focused oversight of high-growth academic areas, and ensure responsible stewardship of potential future investments.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

2. SYSTEM – MODIFICATION OF EXISTING ACADEMIC DEGREE PROGRAMS

Board Policy 503 states: “As part of its broad constitutional authority to govern the universities, the Board shall exercise its authority to modify programs offered by the universities generally or at various units of the universities.”

In accordance with Board policy 503, Mississippi State University and the University of Southern Mississippi request approval for the modification of existing academic degree programs.

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RENAMING

- A. MSU - *Current program title:* Bachelor of Science (BS) in Environmental Economics and Sustainability

***Proposed program title:* Bachelor of Science (BS) in Agricultural, Food and Resource Economics**

Current CIP code, sequence: 03.0204, 5761

***Proposed CIP code, sequence:* 01.0103, 5761**

Total credit hours: 124

Effective date: August 2026

Rationale: The proposed name change reflects a current restructuring of the program incorporating concentrations in Policy and Law (POLL) and Production (PROD) while retaining Environmental Economics and Sustainability (EES) as a concentration within the Agricultural, Food and Resource Economics degree program.

- B. USM – *Current program title:* Master of Science (MS) in Human Capital Development

***Proposed program title:* Master of Science (MS) in Leadership and Talent Development**

Current CIP code, sequence: 52.1005, 4478

***Proposed CIP code, sequence:* 52.0213, 4478**

Total credit hours: 30

Effective date: August 2026

Rationale: The Leadership and Talent Development MS program prepares professionals to lead organizational growth, design workforce initiatives, and implement evidence-based strategies that drive performance improvement. The program integrates research, theory, and practice to equip students with the skills to assess organizational needs, develop talent, and lead change grounded in ethics and global perspectives. Through consulting-focused projects and applied learning experiences, students learn to translate leadership and development theories into real-world impact across industries and sectors.

Offered fully online, the program provides a flexible format designed for working professionals seeking to advance their leadership and consulting capabilities. Faculty and industry experts foster a collaborative, think-tank learning environment where creativity, innovation, and strategic leadership thrive.

- C. USM – *Current program title:* Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Human Capital Development

***Proposed program title:* Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Leadership and Organizational Development**

Current CIP code, sequence: 52.1005, 1213

***Proposed CIP code, sequence:* 52.0213, 1213**

Total credit hours: 54

Effective date: August 2026

Rationale: The Leadership and Organizational Development doctoral program focuses on advancing human-centered learning, leadership, and organizational transformation through the integration of theory, research, and applied practice. By developing advanced research competencies, scholar-practitioners are equipped to generate evidence-based insights that guide organizational decision-making, performance

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improvement, and change management. Through applied research and interdisciplinary collaboration, professionals enhance their capacity to drive innovation, strengthen learning systems, and lead sustainable organizational growth. Designed for working professionals, the Gulf Coast program combines a rigorous academic experience with practical application. The executive format features a blend of 3-day, face-to-face sessions and online instruction, fostering an engaging environment where ideas and research converge. Faculty and industry experts facilitate a collaborative, think-tank learning experience that inspires creativity, critical inquiry, and leadership excellence across diverse organizational contexts.

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D. USM – Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Medical Laboratory Sciences

CIP code, sequence: 51.1005, 5948

Total credit hours: 120

Effective date: August 2026

Rationale: There is not projected to be an increase in enrollment due to nearby offerings of similar online programs that have severely discounted tuition costs. The traditional Medical Laboratory Science BS degree remains active.

E. USM – Master of Science (MS) in Education (Educational Studies and Research)

CIP code, sequence: 13.0301, 4331

Total credit hours: 36

Effective date: August 2026

Rationale: The existing MS is solely an en-route degree for PhD students enrolled in Research, Evaluation, Statistics, and Assessment. This proposal to delete the MS in its current form is accompanied by proposals for a new curriculum. The proposed Educational Data Analytics MS will better align with the job market and, more importantly, attract a different and broader audience than the current en-route option.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of these items.

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1. **ASU – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO RENEW A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH CAPITAL CONSULTING LLC D/B/A THARSEO IT**

Agenda Item Request: Alcorn State University (ASU) requests retroactive approval of a contract with **Capital Consulting LLC d/b/a Tharseo IT** for ERP Cloud Migration and Management Services. ASU also seeks approval to enter into a renewal agreement with this vendor for ongoing services.

Contractor’s Legal Name: Capital Consulting LLC d/b/a Tharseo IT (“Capital Consulting”)

History of Contract: In 2021 and 2022, Mississippi ITS issued to ASU CP-1 Acquisition Approval Forms allowing ASU to use the ITS Exemption Procedure to conduct a procurement for ERP Cloud Migration and Ongoing ERP Management Services of an Ellucian Banner Student Information System environment. Capital Consulting submitted the winning proposal to RFP No. 5498, and the parties executed a three-year contract, followed by a one-year extension in 2025, subject to a third Mississippi ITS CP-1 exemption. ASU now seeks retroactive approval of the 2022-25 contract period and requests Board approval to execute a renewal to continue engaging Capital Consulting to deliver comprehensive Managed Services that support its core enterprise technology environment. The Mississippi ITS Board approved a fourth CP-1 exemption in April 2026, to cover the three-year renewal term between July 1, 2026, and June 30, 2029.

Specific Type of Contract: This is a renewal contract for continued services.

Purpose: The contract's objective is to ensure high availability and reliability of the Ellucian Banner ERP system to support uninterrupted University operations.

Scope of Work: The scope of work includes providing round-the-clock (24x7) monitoring, quarterly patching, performance tuning, backup validation, proactive infrastructure management, timely incident resolution, and coordination with both Oracle and Ellucian Support to ensure system stability and reliability.

Term of Contract: Initial Contract Start Date: 5/16/2022 End Date: 5/15/2025
2025 Contract Extension State Date: 5/16/25 End Date: 6/30/26
Renewal Start Date: 07/01/2026 End Date: 6/30/29

Contract Amount: The total contract amount is \$ 1,603,764.62, \$610,740 of which is the current renewal request for the 2026-29 contract term. The yearly contract amounts between 2022 and 2029 are as follows:

5/16/22 to 5/15/23	\$339,062.66
5/16/23 to 5/15/24	\$215,312.66

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5/16/24 to 5/15/25	\$215,312.66
5/16/25 to 6/30/26	\$223,336.64
7/1/26 to 6/30/27	\$203,580
7/1/27 to 6/30/28	\$203,580
7/1/28 to 6/30/29	\$203,580

Funding Source for Contract: The contract will be funded using 100% State funds.

Termination Options:

Either ASU or Capital Consulting may terminate the contract with or without cause at any time. In the event of termination of any services or of the agreement in its entirety, the vendor shall not take any action to intentionally erase any University data for a period of 90 days after the effective date of the termination. After such 90 day period, the Vendor shall have no obligation to maintain or provide any University data and shall thereafter, unless legally prohibited, dispose of all University data in its systems or otherwise in its possession or under its control as specified in section 7(d) below. Within this 90 day timeframe, the vendor will continue to secure and back up University data covered under the contract.

Contractor Selection Process: Following issuance of a CP-1 exemption from Mississippi ITS, the University utilized the Mississippi Request for Proposal (RFP) procedure that is governed primarily by Mississippi Code Title 31, Chapter 7, the Mississippi Procurement Manual, and Public Procurement Review Board (PPRB) regulations. Capital Consulting submitted the lowest and best bid and was selected for the initial contract and 2025 one-year renewal. ASU seeks to extend its contract with capital Consulting for an additional three-year period, as approved by Mississippi ITS, because it is satisfied with the level of customer service provided by this vendor. Also, affordability is a uniquely important factor for ASU as a smaller university, and Capital Consulting's rates are lower than those of the other vendors who submitted proposals, including Ellucian and Campus Works.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

2. **DSU - REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF BUDGET ESCALATION FOR FY 2026**

Agenda Item Request: Delta State University requests approval to escalate its on-campus budget for fiscal year 2026 in accordance with Board Policy 704.02, which requires Board approval for any budget amendments involving significant changes to institutional expenditures. This request is specifically focused on increasing the University's scholarship spending authority by \$309,227.75 to accommodate higher-than-anticipated financial aid requirements for the current student body.

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Category	Current Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	Revised Budget
Instruction			
Regular Session	14,761,627.00	-	14,761,627.00
Summer Session	655,996.00	-	655,996.00
Continuing Education	184,807.00	-	184,807.00
Total Instruction	15,602,430.00	-	15,602,430.00
Research	-	-	-
Public Service	208,926.00	-	208,926.00
Academic Support	3,971,541.00	-	3,971,541.00
Student Services	8,384,145.00	-	8,384,145.00
Institutional Support	10,437,083.00	-	10,437,083.00
Operation and Maintenance	6,711,901.00	-	6,711,901.00
Scholarships and Fellowship	4,332,120.00	309,227.75	4,641,347.75
Subtotal	34,045,716.00	309,227.75	34,354,943.75
Mandatory Transfers			
Debt Service	-	-	-
Matching	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
Total Mandatory Transfers	-	-	-
Non-Mandatory Transfers			
Auxiliary Support	-	-	-
Building Projects	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-
Total Non-Mandatory Transfers	-	-	-
Increase in Fund Balance	-	-	-

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Total Uses of Funding	49,648,146.00	309,227.75	49,957,373.75
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Funding Source for Budget Escalation: The \$309,227.75 required for the scholarship increase will be funded through increased tuition revenue generated in Fall 2025 and projected for Spring 2026 terms.

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

3. **DSU – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR BOOKSTORE SERVICES WITH BARNES & NOBLE COLLEGE BOOKSELLERS, LLC**

Agenda Item Request: Delta State University requests approval to enter into a new bookstore services agreement with **Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, LLC**. The agreement establishes Barnes & Noble as the University’s exclusive provider for bookstore operations, including course materials and retail merchandise, and includes implementation of an inclusive access program designed to reduce student costs and improve access to required materials.

Contractor’s Legal Name: Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, LLC (B&N)

History of Contract: Delta State University has maintained a prior contractual relationship with Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, LLC, for bookstore services. The University previously operated under an agreement approved by the Board in June 2020. Following a new competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process, the University is seeking to enter into a new five (5) year agreement, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2031, with the option to renew for two (2) additional one (1) year terms as outlined in the contract.

Specific Type of Contract: Agreement for Bookstore Services

Purpose: The purpose of this agreement is to establish a long-term partnership with Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, LLC, to operate and manage Delta State University’s bookstore and provide a comprehensive range of services, including course material distribution, retail operations, and implementation of the First Day Complete inclusive access program.

This agreement is designed to enhance affordability, improve student access to required materials, and modernize bookstore operations. The First Day Complete program ensures students receive required course materials by the first day of class at a predictable per credit hour cost, improving both academic preparedness and financial planning.

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Additionally, the agreement includes financial and operational benefits such as annual scholarships, capital investments in bookstore facilities, and enhanced merchandising offerings to support campus engagement.

Scope of Work: Under this agreement, Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, LLC will operate and manage the University's bookstore as an independent contractor. Services include:

- Procurement and sale of all required, recommended, and supplemental course materials (print and digital)
- Administration of the First Day Complete inclusive access program
- Management of faculty textbook adoptions and timely delivery of materials
- Operation of both physical and online bookstore services
- Sale of retail merchandise, including apparel, supplies, and branded goods
- Participation in student engagement initiatives and campus events

The University will provide facility space, utilities, maintenance support, and system integrations necessary for bookstore operations.

Term of Contract: The contract term will begin July 1, 2026, and end June 30, 2031, with the option to renew for two (2) additional one (1) year terms.

Contract Amount: The agreement establishes a per credit hour rate for the First Day Complete program at approximately \$22.00 per credit hour, subject to adjustment as outlined in the contract.

Additionally, the agreement includes:

- Annual \$20,000 in scholarships and donations
- \$25,000 contract bonus
- Up to \$100,000 in facility and technology investments

This contract is estimated to produce \$753,281 in revenue, including commissions and rebates estimate of \$528,281.

Funding Source for Contract: This is a revenue generating contract supported through bookstore sales and program participation.

Termination Options: Either party may terminate the Agreement for convenience upon one hundred twenty (120) days' written notice, or for cause upon thirty (30) days' written notice if a material breach is not cured within the applicable cure period. In addition, Delta State University may terminate the Agreement, with or without cause, upon thirty (30) days' written notice, subject to applicable law and payment only for goods received and services properly performed and accepted. The Agreement also includes provisions addressing transition support, non-renewal, and an orderly wind-down of operations. DSU

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may further terminate the Agreement in the event funds are not available for a succeeding funding period.

Contractor Selection Process: Barnes & Noble was selected following a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process based on its overall value, financial stability, and student-focused offerings. Key factors include. Key factors include:

- **Graduate Student Savings:** Inclusion of graduate students in the inclusive access model at the same per credit hour rate as undergraduate students, providing significant cost savings
- **Pricing Predictability:** A stable and transparent pricing structure that allows the University and students to plan effectively without unexpected fluctuations
- **Strong Financial Commitments:** Includes capital investment of \$100,000 and annual support of \$20,000 for scholarships and campus initiatives
- **Operational Strength and Experience:** Proven track record and existing relationship with the University, ensuring a seamless transition and continuity of service
- **Enhanced Campus Experience:** Commitment to upgrading bookstore facilities and expanding merchandise offerings, including Greek life and branded apparel

The committee determined that Barnes & Noble provides the strongest overall value and alignment with the University's strategic goals.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

4. **MSU – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR BUSES WITH GILLIG LLC**

Agenda Item Request: Pursuant to Section 701.01(A) of the IHL Board Policies and Bylaws, Mississippi State University (MSU) requests approval to enter into an agreement with Gillig, LLC to purchase heavy duty buses through an emergency purchasing process. Pursuant to Section 707.03 of the IHL Board Policies and Bylaws, MSU is requesting approval to prepay for services provided under this agreement.

Contractor's Legal Name: Gillig LLC

History of Contract: This is a new agreement for MSU.

Specific Type of Contract: Purchase Agreement

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Purpose: The purpose of the contract is to obtain new heavy-duty buses for the Starkville Mississippi State University Area Rapid Transit (SMART) system. SMART is a city and campus public transit system funded through Program 5311 Rural Mass Transit funds.

Scope of Work: The contract is for the purchase of five thirty five-foot diesel buses.

Term of Contract: This is a one-time emergency purchase.

Contract Amount: The purchase price of each bus is \$715,189.00, and the total contract amount is \$3,577,945.

Funding Source for Contract: Eighty percent of the contract cost will be funded by Program 5339 funds from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) via the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT). The other twenty percent will be covered by a combination of Multimodal Transit funds from the MDOT and a Capital Reserve Account funded by parking revenue at MSU. MSU has confirmed that the agreement is in compliance with the terms of these funding sources and is otherwise legally permissible.

Termination Options: N/A

Contractor Selection Process: The State of Mississippi currently has no heavy-duty buses on pre-approved state purchasing contracts. MSU created heavy duty bus specifications and put them out to bid twice. Both times resulted in zero bids being submitted. In talking to the two companies who produce the needed buses, they stated that demand was so high and MSU's planned purchase quantities were so low that they could not provide a bid, but they suggested that MSU utilize another state's contract. Attempts were made to use traditional procurement methods, but none were available, so through consultation with the State of Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration, it was determined that these purchases should be made via the Emergency Purchasing process.

MSU has evaluated available heavy-duty options and determined that Gillig, LLC, being an industry leader, is the best option. Their buses are the most affordable of the three available and their delivery time is several months faster than their competitors. MSU is also seeking purchasing approval from the Public Procurement Review Board and will not execute the agreement until that approval is received.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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5. MSU – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND EXISTING LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION

Agenda Item Request: Pursuant to Section 707.01(A) of the IHL Board Policies and Bylaws, Mississippi State University requests approval to modify its existing lease agreement with the **Mississippi State University Research & Technology Corporation (RTC)** for space at 301 Research Boulevard in Starkville, Mississippi. MSU requests approval to make facility improvements to accommodate installation and operation of a focused ion beam scanning electron microscope (FIB) and a transmission electron microscope (TEM).

Contractor’s Legal Name: Mississippi State University Research & Technology Corporation

History of Contract: This is a modification of an existing lease agreement, which was executed on October 21, 2021.

Specific Type of Contract: Lease Agreement.

Purpose: The Institute for Imaging and Analytical Technologies (I2AT), a department housed within the leased space, is acquiring new advanced microscopy equipment through a recently awarded grant and a FY26 Congressionally Funded Community Project included in H.R. 7148. The lease modification is necessary to facilitate the work needed to prepare the space for delivery, installation, and commissioning of the equipment so MSU can fully execute the funded project and place the instruments into service.

In addition to expanding I2AT’s capabilities, the equipment is essential to support upcoming projects totaling \$9 million in research over the next three years. It will also directly advance the University’s research, teaching, and economic development missions by improving access to cutting-edge analytical tools for faculty, students, Mississippi industry, and external collaborators.

Scope of Work: The space will be modified to accommodate the installation of microscopy equipment. HVAC and electrical infrastructure, including conduit, wire, and outlets will be modified to meet vendor specifications. Door frames will be widened and enlarged to allow for safe transport and installation of instruments. The ceiling will be raised through modifications of ceiling grids, fire suppression piping, and other related systems, and the space will be partitioned to create a dedicated operator room to reduce vibrations.

Term of Contract: The term of the lease agreement began on November 1, 2022, and runs until November 1, 2042.

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Contract Amount: This amendment does not change the contract amount of the lease. Rent is \$46,750 per month, and total rent for the 20-year term is \$11,220,000 plus actual utility costs. It is anticipated that the cost of improvements will be approximately \$500,000.

Funding Source for Contract: FY26 Congressionally Funded Community Project included in H.R. 7148. MSU has confirmed that the planned improvements are in compliance with the terms of that Funded Community Project and are otherwise legally permissible.

Termination Options:

MSU may terminate the lease agreement if space becomes available in any state-owned building.

MSU may reduce rent if necessitated by a discontinuous or decrease in federal or state funds upon thirty (30) days' written notice to RTC, with space being reduced proportional to the reduction in rent.

If either party is in default and has not cured the default within the applicable cure period, the non-defaulting party will have the right to terminate the lease agreement.

Should the leased premises be totally or substantially destroyed by fire, the elements or otherwise, so as to render it untenable, either party will have the option to cancel the remaining portion of the lease term upon forty-five (45) days' written notice.

Contractor Selection Process: N/A.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

6. MUW – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO RENEW AN AGREEMENT WITH CAMPUS EAI INC.

Agenda Item Request: Mississippi University for Women requests approval for renewal of a Web Portal and Mobile Application agreement with **Campus EAI, Inc.**

Contractor's Legal Name: Campus EAI, Inc.

History of Contract: MUW contracted with Campus EAI in 2011 for 5 years for services. In 2016, MUW issued an RFP to find the best vendor and lowest cost for implementation and ongoing maintenance of a campus portal and mobile application. Campus EAI submitted the winning proposal and was awarded a 5-year contract in the amount of \$218,686. In 2020, MUW requested a renewal extension of its exemption

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request from the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services which was approved with the issuance of CP-1 20210254. In February 2021, a 5-year agreement was approved by the IHL Board in the amount of \$301,983.20, and that contract expires June 30, 2026. The current renewal would extend the contract for one (1) additional year.

Specific Type of Contract: Software and Remote Services

Purpose: To continue to provide a single sign-on portal and mobile application for the campus community.

Scope of Work: To extend the use of the current portal and mobile application for 1 Year.

Term of Contract: Start 6/22/26 and end 6/21/2027

Contract Amount: The total cost of the one-year renewal term is \$72,634.42, bringing the aggregate total to \$593,303.62.

Funding Source for Contract: General Funds

Termination Options: MUW can terminate if the vendor commits a material breach of a term or condition in the contract or if either party becomes insolvent. Client has a right to terminate SOW 0009 and 0011 by issuing written notice within 180 days prior to the end date of the initial term.

Contractor Selection Process: The university selected the vendor by a request for proposals in 2016 approved by the Department of Information Technology. ITS approved a renewal extension for this contract in February 2021.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

**7. MUW – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO RENEW A 1- YEAR
TERM CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MYTHICS, LLC**

Agenda Item Request: Mississippi University for Women (MUW) requests approval to renew a one-year contract with **Mythics, LLC** for Oracle Cloud hosting of Ellucian Banner and related services.

Contractor’s Legal Name: Mythics, LLC

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History of Contract: On October 6, 2023 MUW received an exemption from MS ITS to do an RFP for Oracle Cloud Hosting and Support. CP-1 20240119. Mythics was the lowest bidder. We entered into a 1-year agreement on July 11, 2024 with one-year renewals. A multi-year contract was not entered into because the pricing is subject to change depending on MUW's usage. The contract renewed in July 2025 for one year. This fluctuation in usage prohibits the parties from establishing firm pricing quotes. One-year contracts going forward will likely benefit the University over time.

Specific Type of Contract: This is a renewal of cloud services agreement.

Purpose: The purpose of the Agreement is to continue the cloud hosted Oracle environment service through Mythics. This will provide a cost savings to the university in hardware and licensing fees.

Scope of Work: Under the agreement, Mythics, LLC provides the Oracle Cloud Infrastructure for Banner and Degree Works server infrastructure and the Oracle Cloud Tenancy which includes the network infrastructure, backup and disaster recovery infrastructure.

Term of Contract: This is a 1 year term. Starting 7/17/2026 and ending 7/16/2027

Contract Amount: The contract amount for year two (3) year is estimated to be \$65,121. The quoted amount in the contract for year year is \$65,121.00 and is not a guaranteed quote. The usage for year two (3) is expected to be below the quoted amount of \$65,121 based on the current the prior Fiscal Year and Fiscal Year 26 monthly average of \$4,452.

Funding Source for Contract: The contract will be funded by existing E&G budget funds.

Termination Options: Clause B34 Termination for Convenience states either party may terminate this Agreement for any reason (convenience) by delivering not less than ninety (90) calendar days prior written notice thereof to the other party.

Contractor Selection Process: A Request for Proposals was issued for Oracle Cloud Hosting and Support. The RFP received six proposals and each was evaluated based upon the requirements by a campus committee. This vendor best met the requirements with services for the cost proposal.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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8. MUW – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO RENEW THE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH KNIGHT COACH

Agenda Item Request: Mississippi University for Women (MUW) requests approval to renew an agreement with **Knight Coach, Inc.**

Contractor’s Legal Name: Knight Coach, Inc.

History of Contract: Previously, MUW Athletics utilized Knight Coach on a trip-by-trip basis starting in fiscal year 2024. At the beginning of fiscal year 2026, an annual contract for travel services was determined to be the best option. To work with each sport’s schedule, itineraries are coordinated with Knight Coach for each semester. The board retroactively approved the contract in March 2026. MUW now seeks Board approval to continue using Knight Coach services for the upcoming fiscal year, July 2026-June 2027.

Specific Type of Contract: This is a continuing contract for charter bus services.

Purpose: This agreement allows MUW to have guaranteed charter bus services for the travel of athletic teams’ sporting events.

Scope of Work: The agreement provides travel services to the Mississippi University for Women athletic teams. A tentative schedule by team with estimated costs is created by academic term with a quote and the agreed upon rates.

Term of Contract: This contract for charter bus services starts 07/01/2026 and will end 06/30/2027.

Contract Amount: The tentative scope of work for Fiscal Year 2027 is estimated at \$355,560.00. Additional trips may be added at MUW’s request via invoice subject to University prior approval, and the total amount of services provided under this contract shall not exceed \$500,000.00 per year. Payment will be issued based on invoice of services rendered for traveling needs. A bus daily rate of \$1,800-\$2,000 with a mileage rate \$6.00. The Bus driver 10-hr pay rate is \$300 with each driver swap quoted at \$800. An additional charge for \$200 per hour will be assessed for every hour after midnight. For unforeseen circumstances the amount will be invoiced using one of the following: an hourly rate of \$200 per hour exceeding the quoted trip duration; or a daily rate of \$1,500 for 40 passengers or \$1,700 for 56 passengers along with mileage rate. Diesel fuel surcharge and reduction rates apply based on the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) Weekly Retail On-Highway Diesel Prices for the Gulf Coast region.

Funding Source for Contract: This contract is funded through Mississippi University for Women Athletic Department Funds.

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Termination Options: Agreement may be terminated with or without cause upon thirty (30) days' written notice.

Contractor Selection Process: Knight Coach has been used for trip-by-trip Athletic travel purposes starting in fiscal year 2024. It was assessed that it would be best to utilize an annual contract starting July 2025 for the needs of Athletics moving forward. The new contract would start July 2026.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

9. MUW – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ELLUCIAN COMPANY, LLC FOR AN INTERFACE SERVICE ORDER

Agenda Item Request: Mississippi University for Women (MUW) requests approval to enter into an agreement with **Ellucian Company LLC** for an interface service order.

Contractor's Legal Name: Ellucian Company LLC

History of Contract: The Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services (ITS) entered into a Master Terms and Conditions and Purchasing Agreement on June 26, 2025 (the Agreement), with Ellucian Company LLC on behalf of the agencies and institutions of the State of Mississippi. MUW seeks approval to execute the Order Form (Project No. 49451), subject to the Agreement, between Ellucian Company LLC and ITS as contracting agent for MUW. The Order Form is for the purchase of the cloud software Ellucian Experience, a centralized information hub for aggregating University content.

Specific Type of Contract: This is a cloud software order through a company under a current ITS contract.

Purpose: To allow users to quickly access information and applications from across campus through a single sign-on provider.

Scope of Work: This is a campus portal for single login.

Term of Contract: Starts upon execution of the Order Form (with the earliest beginning date of April 1, 2026) and ends 09/30/2030

Contract Amount: The total contract amount is \$ 290,732.00. Included in the total cost is a fixed fee of \$56,379 for professional services and yearly cloud software subscription fees as follows:

Year Ending 9/30/26 \$22,810 (prorated)
Year Ending 9/30/27 \$48,356

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Year Ending 9/30/28 \$51,258
Year Ending 9/30/29 \$54,333
Year Ending 9/30/30 \$57,593

Funding Source for Contract: The contract will be funded by E&G funds.

Termination Options: This agreement may be terminated for the following reasons:

- Each party has the right to terminate the Order Form if the other party is in material breach and fails to cure the breach within thirty (30) days of notice.
- The Order Form may be terminated, in whole or in part upon the mutual, written agreement of the parties.
- ITS may terminate the Agreement in whole or in part upon twenty (20) calendar days' written notice to Ellucian if Ellucian is declared insolvent or bankrupt by a court of competent jurisdiction, or if a voluntary or involuntary petition in bankruptcy is filed Ellucian and such petition is not dismissed within ninety (90) days after filing.
- ITS may terminate the Agreement for any reason after giving thirty (30) calendar days written notice to Ellucian.

Contractor Selection Process: MUW is making this purchase pursuant to an ITS-negotiated purchase agreement with the vendor, who was selected by ITS, who was selected by ITS through the RFP process.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

10. **MVSU – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH G.A. CARMICHAEL FAMILY HEALTH CENTER, INC.**

Agenda Item Request: Mississippi Valley State University (MVSU) requests approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with **G.A. Carmichael Family Health Center, Inc.**

Contractor's Legal Name: G.A. Carmichael Family Health Center, Inc.

History of Contract: This is a new agreement.

Specific Type of Contract: This is a healthcare services agreement.

Purpose: The purpose of this agreement is to provide and manage comprehensive healthcare and wellness services for students, faculty, staff, and the surrounding community. The agreement specifically establishes on-campus and referral-based healthcare services that include primary care, mental and behavioral health services,

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chronic disease management, health screenings, pharmacy access, wellness education, and public health outreach in order to improve healthcare access, support student retention and success, and enhance overall campus and community wellness.

Scope of Work: The scope of work under this proposed agreement includes providing comprehensive healthcare services and wellness programming for students, faculty, staff, and the surrounding community through on-campus services and coordinated referrals in partnership with Mississippi Valley State University. Services include primary care, mental and behavioral health services, chronic disease management, dental services, pharmacy services, health screenings, case management, substance abuse counseling referrals, maternal and pediatric care, HIV prevention and Ryan White services, nutrition education, diabetes education, and community health outreach initiatives.

The agreement also includes clinical oversight, credentialing, quality assurance, health education programming, public health awareness campaigns, and operation of services in compliance with HRSA and federally qualified health center requirements. MVSU will provide access to campus facilities, assist with outreach and referrals, and collaborate on health promotion and wellness initiatives.

Term of Contract: Start Date: 7/1/2026 End Date: 6/30/2031

Contract Amount: The total cost is \$1,345,105.00 for five (5) years:

Year 1: \$269,021.00
Year 2: \$269,021.00
Year 3: \$269,021.00
Year 4: \$269,021.00
Year 5: \$269,021.00

Funding Source for Contract: E&G Funds

Termination Options:

- Each Party shall give the other Party prompt written notice upon learning of any breach or default under this MOU. The Party alleged to be in breach shall have ten (10) days to cure the breach.
- If the breach is not cured, the non-breaching Party may terminate this agreement upon thirty (30) days' written notice.
- Either Party may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding upon ninety (90) days' written notice to the other Party.

Contractor Selection Process: A Request for Proposal (RFP) for student health services was issued in March 2026, with proposals due April 21, 2026. Three responses were received. Those entities who submitted a response to the RFP request were Walker

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Investment Financial Services LLC, G.A. Carmichael Family Health Center, and Delta Health Center. Each entity provided a proposal to highlight their organizations' history, current operations, services and present their proposed cost for operating the MVSU Student Health Center. A three-member evaluation team reviewed all submissions using standardized, pre-defined evaluation criteria.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

11. **MVSU – REQUEST FOR RETROACTIVE APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A BEVERAGE SALES AND SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT WITH PEPSICO BEVERAGE SALES, LLC**

Agenda Item Request: Mississippi Valley State University (MVSU) requests retroactive approval to enter into a Beverage Sales and Sponsorship Agreement with **PepsiCo Beverage Sales, LLC**.

Contractor's Legal Name: PepsiCo Beverage Sales, LLC

History of Contract: Mississippi Valley State University entered into a mutual agreement with PepsiCo Beverage Sales, LLC on June 1, 2016. An Amendment to Sponsorship Agreement was entered into on August 1, 2018. The current agreement expires May 30, 2026.

Specific Type of Contract: This is a revenue generating agreement for campus-wide beverage service.

Purpose: The purpose of this agreement is to provide comprehensive beverage services to the MVSU campus. Under the terms of the agreement, MVSU designates PepsiCo Beverage Sales, LLC as the University's exclusive beverage sponsor, granting campus-wide beverage distribution rights, on-campus and off-campus marketing privileges, and the authority to operate full-service vending services across campus.

Scope of Work: The scope of work under this proposed agreement includes providing exclusive beverage products and services to MVSU for a ten (10) year term. PepsiCo Beverage Sales, LLC will serve as the University's exclusive beverage supplier and sponsor, with campus-wide beverage distribution, marketing rights, and vending operations across all University-owned or operated facilities.

Pepsi will supply packaged beverages, fountain products, vending products, cups, carbon dioxide, and related ancillary items. Pepsi will also furnish, install, maintain, and service beverage equipment, coolers, and vending machines necessary for campus operations.

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In addition, Pepsi will provide annual financial support, scholarship funding, rebates, commissions, marketing assistance, and Gatorade product/equipment support as outlined in the agreement.

Term of Contract: Start Date: 6/1/2026 End Date: 5/31/2036

Contract Amount: Based on the terms provide, the fixed stated contract value is as follows:

Guaranteed Monetary Support (10 Years)

- Annual Support Funds: $\$55,000 \times 10 = \$550,000$
- Annual Scholarship Funds: $\$2,000 \times 10 = \$20,000$
- Annual Free Product Support Funds: $\$2,000 \times 10 = \$20,000$

Total Guaranteed Cash Value: \$590,000

Additional Non-Monetary Support

- Marketing Support: $\$4,000 \times 10 = \$40,000$
- Gatorade Sideline Kits: $\$4,000 \times 10 = \$40,000$
- Gatorade Equipment Support: $\$5,000$ in Years 1 and 6 = $\$10,000$

Total Additional In-Kind Value: \$90,000

Total Estimated Contract Value

\$680,000 (Guaranteed cash + stated in-kind support)

Additional Variable Revenue (Not Included Above)

The agreement also includes:

- Case rebates
- Vending commissions
- Equipment/service support

These amounts depend on actual sales volume and usage, so they are **not fixed contract amounts**. This contract is estimated to produce \$790,000 in revenue, including estimated commissions and rebates of \$110,000.

Funding Source for Contract: Not applicable. This contract will generate revenue for the University rather than require a funding allocation.

Termination Options:

Either party may terminate this Agreement if the other commits a material breach of this Agreement; provided, however, that the terminating party has given the other party written

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notice of the breach and the other party has failed to remedy or cure the breach within thirty (30) days of such notice. If for any reason Customer closes one or more Facilities or if one or more Facility breaches the Agreement, then Pepsi shall have the option, in lieu of termination of the entire Agreement, to

- i. adjust funding in Section 3 commensurate with the projected decline in volume;
- ii. terminate the Agreement only as it pertains to the sold, closed or breaching Facilities; and
- iii. obtain an equitable reimbursement for the portions of funding and other costs attributable to such sold, closed or breaching Facilities. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this paragraph will not apply to seasonal Facility closures with Pepsi prior written approval, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld.

Without prejudice to any other remedy available to Pepsi at law or in equity in respect of any event described below, this Agreement may be terminated in whole or in part by Pepsi upon thirty (30) days' advance written notice to Customer, provided Customer has failed to remedy or cure within thirty (30) days of such notice, if

- i. any of the Products are not made available at the Facilities as required in this Agreement,
- ii. any of the rights granted to Pepsi herein are materially restricted or limited during the Term; or
- iii. a final judicial opinion or governmental regulation prohibits, or materially impacts or impairs (*e.g.*, beverage tax or package size restriction) the availability or cost of Beverages, whether or not due to a cause beyond the reasonable control of Customer. Before Pepsi exercises its right to terminate as described in this Section, Pepsi agrees to engage in good faith renegotiations with Customer to adjust the funding offered to Customer herein on an equitable basis to neutralize any negative impact such change may have on the economics of the original Agreement.

Customer may terminate the agreement for any reason upon 120 written notice to Pepsi after the Initial Term. In the event of termination prior to the expiration of the Initial Term of the Agreement, Customer will be subject to the Remedies

Contractor Selection Process: A Request for Proposal (RFP) for beverage pouring rights was issued in October 2025, with proposals due December 3, 2025. Responses were received from Clark Coca-Cola Bottling Company and PepsiCo Beverages. Each vendor provided an oral presentation to highlight their products and present their final and best offer. A four-member evaluation team reviewed all submissions using standardized, pre-defined evaluation criteria.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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12. MVSU – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A SPORTS MEDICINE SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CORNERSTONE REHABILITATION

Agenda Item Request: Mississippi Valley State University (MVSU) requests approval to enter into a sports medicine rehabilitation services contract with **Cornerstone Rehabilitation**.

Contractor’s Legal Name: **Cornerstone Rehabilitation**

History of Contract: MVSU entered into a services agreement on July 1, 2024. This document shall serve to continue the sports medicine services contract.

Specific Type of Contract: This is a sports medicine rehabilitation services contract.

Purpose: The purpose of this agreement is to provide sports medicine rehabilitation services to MVSU student-athletes, athletic staff, and opponents.

Scope of Work: Cornerstone Rehabilitation will provide comprehensive sports medicine and athletic training services for MVSU student-athletes. Services include providing two full-time NATA-certified athletic trainers to support athletic and clinical needs; compensation support for student trainers; travel support for athletic teams at intercollegiate events; annual pre-participation physical examinations for student-athletes; physical therapy and rehabilitation services as needed; and provision of appropriately licensed and certified medical personnel. Cornerstone will coordinate care and rehabilitation services with the University’s athletics administration and team physician and will comply with all applicable student privacy requirements, including FERPA.

Term of Contract: Start Date: 7/1/2026 End Date: 6/30/2027

Contract Amount: The total cost is \$230,004.00.

Funding Source for Contract: E&G Funds

Termination Options:

The contract may be terminated for the following:

- MVSU may, when the interests of MVSU so require, terminate this agreement in whole or in part for convenience of MVSU. Written notice of the same is required to be provided by MVSU and shall allow no less than ten (10) days’ notice prior to the effective date of termination.
- Either party may terminate this agreement immediately upon issuance of written notice if the other party fails to perform the obligations to the other party under this agreement. The party issuing such a termination notice may allow 30 days within which the other party may attempt to cure the failure to fulfill its obligations, but such 30-day cure time is not required.

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Contractor Selection Process: Cornerstone Rehabilitation was selected as a continuation of an existing contractual relationship with MVSU based on its established performance and demonstrated ability to provide comprehensive sports medicine and athletic training services in support of the University’s athletic programs. Continuation of this relationship provides consistency in healthcare services and support for student-athletes, maintains continuity of care, and minimizes potential disruptions to athletic operations. Cornerstone has developed familiarity with the University’s athletic programs, operational needs, and student-athlete population and has continued to provide the specialized personnel and resources necessary to support these services effectively.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

13. MVSU – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH MYTHICS, LLC THROUGH THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

Agenda Item Request: Mississippi Valley State University (MVSU) requests approval to enter into a purchase agreement with **Mythics, LLC** through the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services.

Contractor’s Legal Name: Mythics, LLC

History of Contract: MVSU initially entered into an agreement with Mythics for Oracle software support and maintenance services effective July 31, 2015, through July 30, 2018. To ensure continuity of services, the University subsequently submitted a CP-1 request to extend services through November 30, 2018. Thereafter, the University entered into a subsequent agreement effective December 1, 2018, through November 30, 2021, followed by another agreement effective December 1, 2021, through November 30, 2024. A subsequent agreement was executed for the period of December 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, followed by the current agreement effective October 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. Throughout these successive agreements, Mythics has continued to provide Oracle software support and maintenance services critical to maintaining the University’s technology infrastructure and enterprise system.

Specific Type of Contract: This is an Oracle Database licensing contract.

Purpose: The purpose of this contract is to provide continued Oracle software support and maintenance services that sustain the University’s critical enterprise applications and technology infrastructure, ensuring system reliability, security, and uninterrupted operational support for institutional functions.

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Scope of Work: Mythics, LLC will provide Oracle software license support and maintenance services for MVSU under an ITS-approved agreement. Services include renewal and continued support of Oracle products and licenses necessary to maintain the University's information technology infrastructure and enterprise systems. Support services will include software maintenance, updates, vendor technical support, and related services in accordance with the applicable service specifications and licensing requirements. The agreement will ensure continued system functionality, security compliance, and uninterrupted support of critical institutional operations and technology services.

Term of Contract: Start Date: 7/1/2026 End Date: 6/30/2027

Contract Amount: The total cost is \$100,546.90.

Funding Source for Contract: E&G and Title III Funds

Termination Options:

The contract may be terminated, in whole or in part, as follows:

- Upon the mutual, written agreement of the parties;
- If either party fails to comply with the terms of this Agreement, the non-defaulting party may terminate the Agreement upon the giving of thirty (30) days written notice unless the breach is cured within said thirty (30) day period;
- Purchaser may terminate the Agreement in whole or in part without the assessment of any penalties upon thirty (30) days written notice to Seller if Seller becomes the subject of bankruptcy, reorganization, liquidation or receivership proceedings, whether voluntary or involuntary; or
- Purchaser may terminate the Agreement without the assessment of any penalties for any reason after giving thirty (30) days written notice specifying the effective date thereof to Seller.

Contractor Selection Process: Mythics, LLC was selected through an open, fair, and competitive procurement process administered through the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services (ITS) under Mythics Region 4 RFP No. 24-02. The evaluation process considered the vendor's ability to provide Oracle software license support and maintenance services, technical capabilities, experience, and overall value to the University. Mythics was determined to be the successful proposer and demonstrated the ability to provide the products and support services necessary to maintain the University's critical information technology infrastructure and enterprise systems.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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14. UMMC – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND THE BLOOD SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS, BIOMEDICAL SERVICES

Agenda Item Request: The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) requests approval to amend its Blood Services Agreement with **American National Red Cross, Biomedical Services** (ARC) to extend the term of the agreement and update the quantities, fees and delivery terms as well as the reference lab services testing fee schedule. This agreement is for ARC to be the have a primary provider for the continuous supply of blood, blood products and reference testing services for those UMMC patients requiring human blood and/or blood product transfusions at UMMC Jackson, Grenada Holmes County, and Madison. UMMC also requests approval to substitute, add, or remove items and locations covered by the agreement, and amend the agreement to add or remove locations, if required, without requiring prior submission for Board approval as long as it does not increase the approved expenditure level.

Contractor’s Legal Name: American National Red Cross, Biomedical Services

History of Contract: On June 15, 2023, the Board approved an agreement with ARC for it to service as the primary provider of blood, blood products and reference testing services for those UMMC patients requiring human blood and/or blood product transfusions at UMMC Jackson, Grenada and Holmes County. On April 17, 2025, the Board approved an amendment to add UMMC Madison as a location under the agreement. Unless amended, the agreement will expire on June 30, 2026.

In addition to this request, UMMC has submitted for consideration one (1) separate blood supply agreement with Mississippi Blood Services, Inc. (MBS). UMMC seeks to simultaneously contract with more than one blood supplier to provide UMMC with sufficient resources to maintain daily operations.

Specific Type of Contract: This is an amendment to the Blood Services Agreement.

Purpose: The purpose of the amendment is to extend the term of the agreement and update the quantities, fees, and delivery terms as well as the reference lab services testing fee schedule. The purpose of this agreement is to secure a primary supplier for the provision of blood, blood products and reference testing services for patient sample analysis.

Scope of Work: Under the Agreement, ARC will

- provide blood and blood products to UMMC;
- retrieve blood when blood is not required by UMMC;
- provide specialty blood products such as whole blood, and liquid plasma as requested by UMMC; and
- provide reference testing services for patient sample analysis.

Under the Agreement, Customer will:

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- purchase seventy percent (70%) of its blood products from ARC,
- promptly inspect the blood upon receipt; and
- keep accurate records of patients supplied with blood.

Term of Contract: The amended term of the agreement is five (5) years from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026. The original term of the agreement was for three (3) years, from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026. This second amendment adds two (2) additional years to the agreement.

Termination Options: The agreement may be terminated as follows:

- by either party if the other party fails to fulfill any one or more of its obligations under this Agreement and the breach continues for a period of thirty (30) days after the non-breaching party sends written notice of the breach;
- by either party if regulations are amended in a way that precludes a party from performing its obligations under this Agreement;
- by either party upon one hundred eighty (180) days' written notice to the other party; and
- by UMMC if blood or blood services are continuously unavailable for thirty (30) days due to a force majeure event.

Contract Amount: The total estimated cost of the amended agreement over the five (5) year term is \$ 84,400,000. The original estimated cost of the agreement was \$46,400,000. Amendment one (1) to the agreement added an \$7,000,000 for a total of \$53,400,000. Amendment two (2) adds an additional \$31,000,000 for the term.

Funding Source for Contract: The agreement is funded by hospital patient revenue.

Contractor Selection Process: UMMC is currently contracted with ARC.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

15. UMMC- REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CVDD, LLC

Agenda Item Request: The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) requests approval to enter into a Medical Office Building Lease with **CVDD, LLC** (CVDD) for approximately 6,461 square feet of clinical/office space located in Biloxi, MS, for use as a pediatric specialty care. Pursuant to Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) Policy 707.03, *Approval of Prepayment of Goods and Services*, UMMC also requests a waiver to allow prepayment of the monthly rent in advance.

Contractor's Legal Name: CVDD, LLC

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History of Contract: This is a new Medical Office Building lease. On May 19, 2019, the Board approved a ten (10) year lease agreement with CVDD. The estimated total cost of the current lease is \$1,247,102.45.

Specific Type of Contract: This is a new Medical Office Building Lease.

Purpose: The purpose of the agreement is to lease approximately 6,461 square feet of medical office space located at in Biloxi, MS, for Children's of Mississippi Gulf Coast Specialty Clinic providers and staff.

Scope of Work: Under the agreement, CVDD, LLC will:

- lease 6,461 square feet of clinic space to UMMC;
- pay all utilities;
- provide janitorial/housekeeping services, maintenance, real property insurance, medical waste disposal, landscaping and Ad Valorum taxes; and
- non-exclusive use of all common areas.

Term of Contract: The term of the agreement is four (4) years, beginning on July 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2030.

Termination Options: The agreement may be terminated as follows:

- by UMMC in the event CVDD causes any utility service interruption lasting longer than 30 consecutive days;
- by either party upon no less than 365-day written notice to the other party;
- by either party in the event of total destruction of the building;
- by either party in the event of a partial destruction of the premises and CVDD does not elect to make repairs or if the repairs cannot be made timely;
- automatically if the whole of the premises or building is rendered unusable by UMMC shall be taken under the power of eminent domain, condemnation or by deed in lieu of foreclosure or otherwise;
- by either party in the event of a partial taking under power of eminent domain, by giving the other party written notice within 30 days after receipt of notice of partial taking;
- by either party in the event of a reduction in funds of UMMC;
- by either party in the event the other party commits an act of default under the lease by giving the defaulting party at least ten (10) days prior written notice;
- by either party in the event any legislation, regulation or government policy is passed or adopted, the effect of which would cause either party to be in violation of such laws due to the existence of any provision of the lease, and the parties fail to agree upon modified terms within 90 days;
- by either party immediately upon breach of any of the following ongoing representations and warranties that it:

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- is not currently excluded, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in any federal health care programs or any state healthcare programs;
- has not been convicted of a criminal offense related to the provision of healthcare items or services and have not been excluded, debarred, or otherwise declared ineligible to participate in the Federal Healthcare Programs or any state healthcare programs; and
- is not under investigation or otherwise aware of any circumstances which may result in the party being excluded from participating in the Federal Healthcare Programs or any state healthcare programs.
- by either party in the event of an adverse change in IHL policy that causes this lease to not be in compliance with IHL policy, and the parties fail to agree upon modified terms within 90 days;
- by either party upon written notice in the event any provision of the lease is held to be invalid; and
- by either party in the event of an adverse change in law and the parties fail to agree upon modified terms within 60 days.

Contract Amount: The estimated total cost of the lease is \$900,000 over the four (4) year term. UMMC's initial base rent is \$32.24 per square foot, with an annual increase of two percent (2%) after year one (1).

Funding Source for Contract: The lease will be funded by patient revenue.

Contractor Selection Process: UMMC has determined this location to be the most optimum location for its operations for both patient care and educational training.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

16. **UMMC- REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MADISON HMA, LLC**

Agenda Item Request: The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) requests to enter into a Medical Office Building Lease Agreement with **Madison HMA, LLC** (Madison HMA) in Canton, Mississippi. The lease will be for approximately 2,401 square feet of clinical and office space located in the Medical Office Building located adjacent to UMMC's Madison campus, and will be used for UMMC Madison's obstetrician-gynecologist (OB-GYN) services, providers, and staff to support the care needs of patients in the surrounding areas. *Pursuant to IHL Policy 707.03 Approval of Prepayment of Goods and Services, UMMC also requests a waiver to allow for the prepayment of the monthly rent in advance each month.*

History of Contract: This is a new Medical Office Building lease. UMMC currently leases clinic space in other suites within the building. The location and clinic footprint are well

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suiting to meet the needs of the practice and its patients, particularly given the close proximity to UMMC Madison, which provides convenient access for patients requiring additional services.

Specific Type of Contract: This is a new Medical Office Building lease.

Purpose: The purpose of this lease agreement is to lease approximately 2,401 square feet of office space for use as UMMC Madison OB-GYN providers and staff.

Scope of Work: Under the lease agreement, Madison HMA will provide:

- 2,401 square feet of medical office space;
- utilities, janitorial/housekeeping services, maintenance, real property insurance, medical waste disposal, landscaping and Ad Valorem taxes; and
- non-exclusive use of all common areas.

Term of Contract: The term of the lease shall be five (5) years, beginning on July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031.

Termination Options:

- by UMMC in the event Madison HMA causes any utility service interruption lasting longer than 30 consecutive days;
- by either party upon no less than 365-day written notice to the other party;
- by either party in the event of total destruction of the building;
- by either party in the event of a partial destruction of the premises and Madison HMA does not elect to make repairs or if the repairs cannot be made timely.
- automatically if the whole of the premises or building is rendered unusable by UMMC shall be taken under the power of eminent domain, condemnation or by deed in lieu of foreclosure or otherwise;
- by either party in the event of a partial taking under power of eminent domain, by giving the other party written notice within 30 days after receipt of notice of partial taking;
- by either party in the event of a reduction in funds of UMMC;
- by either party in the event the other party commits an act of default under the lease by giving the defaulting party at least ten (10) days prior written notice;
- by either party in the event any legislation, regulation or government policy is passed or adopted, the effect of which would cause either party to be in violation of such laws due to the existence of any provision of the lease, and the parties fail to agree upon modified terms within 90 days;
- by either party immediately upon breach of any of the following ongoing representations and warranties that it:
 - is not currently excluded, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in any federal health care programs or any state healthcare programs;
 - has not been convicted of a criminal offense related to the provision of healthcare items or services and have not been excluded, debarred, or

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- otherwise declared ineligible to participate in the Federal Healthcare Programs or any state healthcare programs; and
- is not under investigation or otherwise aware of any circumstances which may result in the party being excluded from participating in the Federal Healthcare Programs or any state healthcare programs.
- by either party in the event of an adverse change in IHL policy that causes this lease to not be in compliance with IHL policy, and the parties fail to agree upon modified terms within 90 days;
- by either party upon written notice in the event any provision of the lease is held to be invalid; and
- by either party in the event of an adverse change in law and the parties fail to agree upon modified terms within 60 days.

Contract Amount: The estimated total cost of the lease is \$475,000 over the five (5) year term. UMMC's initial base rent is \$34.36 per square feet with an annual increase of two-percent (2%) beginning in year 2.

Funding Source for Contract: The agreement will be funded by patient revenue. _

Contractor Selection Process: UMMC has determined this location to be the optimum location for its operations for both patient care and educational training.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

17. UMMC – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND A LOGISTICS PROGRAM SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MAYO FOUNDATION FOR MEDICAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH D/B/A SUPPLY CHAIN SOLUTIONS

Agenda Item Request: The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) requests approval to amend a logistics program service agreement with **Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research d/b/a Supply Chain Solutions** (Supply Chain Solutions) to extend the term for two (2) years to continue building the partnership and establishing baselines to be used for forecasting and enhancement of shipping practices. The purpose of the agreement is to assist UMMC in proactively managing supply transportation expense, including by achieving top tier freight discounts.

Contractor's Legal Name: Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research d/b/a Supply Chain Solutions

History of Contract: On May 20, 2022, UMMC received notification that the Commissioner delegated authority to UMMC to enter agreements with an aggregate total expenditure of less than \$3,500,000.00 as defined in section 707.01 of the IHL Policies and Bylaws, as amended. Through its delegated authority, on August 1, 2022, UMMC

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entered into the Logistic Program Service Agreement for a term of five (5) years with an original total estimated cost of \$2,500,000. In September 2024, due to significant increase in UMMC's suppliers utilizing our third-party logistics program, the total estimated cost was increased to \$3,450,000 through UMMC's delegated authority. UMMC requests to increase the total cost of the agreement at this time along with this extension of the term, due to continued significant increase in UMMC's suppliers utilizing our third-party logistics program. The agreement will expire on July 31, 2027, unless amended.

Specific Type of Contract: This is an amendment to a Logistics Program Service Agreement.

Purpose: The purpose of this amendment is to extend the term of the agreement for two (2) additional years to continue building the partnership and establishing baselines to be used for forecasting and enhancement of shipping practices. A strong third-party logistics partnership is vital in healthcare supply chain logistics for reliable, cost effective, compliant delivery of critical supplies. The purpose of the agreement is to assist UMMC in proactively managing supply transportation expense, including by achieving top tier freight discounts.

Scope of Work: Under this agreement, Supply Chain Solutions will:

- assist UMMC in proactively controlling transportation expense by implementing a transparent inbound logistics program;
- help transition additional suppliers to UMMC's inbound program where such suppliers have not, historically, participated in an inbound shipping program;
- extend the top tier discounts within the Vizient FedEx Carrier Contract (BP0020) to UMMC;
- transition shipping expenses from variable add-on expenses to more predicable transparent expenses;
- increase transportation cost visibility;
- transfer control of shipping expenses from supplier to buyer; and
- provide a freight audit tool for monitoring transportation spend.

Term of Contract: The term of the amended agreement is seven (7) years from August 1, 2022, through July 31, 2029. The original agreement was for a term of five (5) years. The amendment extends the term by two (2) years.

Termination Options: The agreement may be terminated as follows:

- by either party, per one or more of the events in the agreement and will include proper notification, which such notification shall be in writing and include sixty (60) days advanced notice;
- by either party, immediately, if the other party's responsibilities are not met;
- by Supply Chain Solutions, if UMMC has a pattern of failing to meet payment terms or total default; and

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- by either party, in the instance of a force majeure event that continues for more than thirty (30) continual days.

Contract Amount: The total estimated cost of the amended agreement over the seven (7) year term is \$10,900,000.00. The prior estimated cost of the agreement was \$3,450,000.00. the amendment adds an additional \$7,450,000, which includes a twenty percent (20%) annual increase to allow for potential growth of UMMC and suppliers utilizing this process.

Funding Source for Contract: This contract is funded by hospital patient revenue.

Contractor Selection Process: In 2021, RFP8025 was facilitated to solicit proposals for Freight Management Services with the objective of testing the market and securing competitive rates. Proposals were received from Cardinal OptiFreight, Triose, and Supply Chain Solutions. Supply Chain Solutions was selected for offering deeper discounted FedEx shipping rates and annual rate increase cap, to mitigate future shipping cost escalations. Supply Chain Solutions is an approved vendor contracted with Vizient, one of UMMC 's group purchasing organizations (GPO) pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 31-7-13(m)(x).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

18. UMMC- REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AT GULFPORT

Agenda Item Request: The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) requests to enter into a new Medical Office Building Lease with **Memorial Hospital at Gulfport** (MHG) to sublease approximately 2,880 square feet of clinical/office space located in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. *Pursuant to IHL Policy 707.03 Approval of Prepayment of Goods and Services, UMMC also requests a waiver to allow for the prepayment of the monthly rent in advance each month.*

Contractor's Legal Name: Memorial Hospital at Gulfport

History of Contract: This is a new Medical Office Building lease. On August 17, 2023, the Board approved a thirty-four (34) month sublease agreement with MHG. The property is owned by Kiosk, Inc. and is leased to MHG through June 4, 2026. MHG and Kiosk are currently negotiating a renewal agreement. The estimated total cost of the current sublease is \$270,965.53. UMMC has subleased this medical office space from MHG since March 2018.

Specific Type of Contract: This is a new Medical Office Building lease.

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Purpose: The purpose of this sublease is to lease approximately 2,880 square feet of medical office for use as a pediatric outpatient clinic.

Scope of Work: Under the agreement, UMMC will pay directly for utilities, janitorial/housekeeping services, and waste removal.

Memorial Hospital at Gulfport will sublease the property to UMMC, provide maintenance, real property insurance, and pay Ad Valorum taxes.

Term of Contract: The term of the lease is forty-eight (48) months, from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030.

Termination Options:

- by UMMC in the event MHG causes any utility service interruption lasting longer than 30 consecutive days;
- by either party upon no less than 365-day written notice to the other party;
- by either party in the event of total destruction of the building;
- by either party in the event of a partial destruction of the premises and MHG does not elect to make repairs or if the repairs cannot be made timely;
- automatically if the whole of the premises or building is rendered unusable by UMMC shall be taken under the power of eminent domain, condemnation or by deed in lieu of foreclosure or otherwise;

- by either party in the event of a partial taking under power of eminent domain, by giving the other party written notice within 30 days after receipt of notice of partial taking;
- by either party in the event of a reduction in funds of UMMC;
- by either party in the event the other party commits an act of default under the lease by giving the defaulting party at least ten (10) days prior written notice;
- by either party in the event any legislation, regulation or government policy is passed or adopted, the effect of which would cause either party to be in violation of such laws due to the existence of any provision of the lease, and the parties fail to agree upon modified terms within 90 days;
- by either party immediately upon breach of any of the following ongoing representations and warranties that it:
 - is not currently excluded, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in any federal health care programs or any state healthcare programs;
 - has not been convicted of a criminal offense related to the provision of healthcare items or services and have not been excluded, debarred, or otherwise declared ineligible to participate in the Federal Healthcare Programs or any state healthcare programs; and
 - is not under investigation or otherwise aware of any circumstances which may result in the party being excluded from participating in the Federal Healthcare Programs or any state healthcare programs.

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- by either party in the event of an adverse change in IHL policy that causes this lease to not be in compliance with IHL policy, and the parties fail to agree upon modified terms within 90 days;
- by either party upon written notice in the event any provision of the lease is held to be invalid; and
- by either party in the event of an adverse change in law and the parties fail to agree upon modified terms within 60 days.

Contract Amount: The estimated total cost of the lease is \$350,000 over the forty-eight (48) month term. UMMC’s initial base rent is \$5,232.00 per month (\$62,784.00 per year), with a two- and one-half percent (2.5%) annual increase beginning in year two (2). For year one (1), this amount equals.

Funding Source for Contract: The agreement will be funded by patient revenues

Contractor Selection Process: UMMC has determined this location to be the most optimum location for its operations for both patient care and educational training.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

19. **UMMC – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND THE HOSPITAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MISSISSIPPI BLOOD SERVICES, INC.**

Agenda Item Request: The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) requests approval to amend the Hospital Service Agreement with **Mississippi Blood Services, Inc.** (MBS) to extend the term of the agreement and update pricing. The agreement is for the supply of blood, blood products and reference testing services for those UMMC patients requiring human blood and/or blood product transfusions at UMMC Jackson, Grenada and Holmes County. UMMC also requests approval to substitute, add, or remove items and locations covered by the agreement, and amend the agreement to add or remove locations, if required, without requiring prior submission for Board approval as long as it does not increase the approved expenditure level.

Contractor’s Legal Name: Mississippi Blood Services, Inc.

History of Contract: on April 15, 2021, the Board approved a three-year Hospital Service Agreement with MBS for it to be UMMC’s primary supplier of blood and blood products at total cost of \$40,100,000. On June 15, 2023, the Board approved an amendment to the agreement to shift MBS to UMMC’s secondary supplier of blood products, update the pricing, and extend the term. Unless amended, the current agreement will expire on June 30, 2026.

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In addition to this request, UMMC has submitted for consideration one (1) separate blood supply agreement with the American National Red Cross, Biomedical Services (ARC). UMMC seeks to simultaneously contract with more than one blood supplier to provide UMMC with sufficient resources to maintain daily operations.

Specific Type of Contract: This is the second amendment to the Hospital Services Agreement.

Purpose: The purpose of the amendment is to extend the term of the agreement and update pricing. The purpose of the Agreement is to provide a supply of blood and blood products for patients who require human blood and/or blood product transfusions as well as reference testing services for patient sample analysis.

Scope of Work: Under the amended agreement, MBS will:

- furnish an inventory stock of human blood, drawn from volunteer donors, and tested in accordance with current Good Manufacturing Practice and FDA Standard specifications;
- provide services including staff and medical director availability for questions, frequent visits, one-on-one consultations, training, assistance to prepare for inspections, and lab services;
- attempt to locate rare or special unit blood if needed by UMMC;
- attempt to move blood and/or blood products nearing expiration and attempt to locate another hospital that may use it;
- issue return credit for red blood cells, random and apheresis products, fresh frozen plasma and cryoprecipitate, and recalled products; and
- MBS will pay an annual rebate to UMMC if the units of blood donated by the University of Mississippi, including all UMMC locations, exceed a certain threshold.

Under this amended agreement, UMMC will:

- sponsor two (2) blood drives with MBS each year;
- be a secondary hospital, which looks to MBS for thirty percent (30%) of its blood needs;
- comply with FDA and the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB) requirements for storage and distribution of blood products; and
- utilize the older blood products first whenever possible to avoid the loss of blood and to furnish MBS with daily inventory and usage information concerning the disposition of all blood in UMMC's inventory.

Term of Contract: The term of the amended agreement is seven (7) years and two (2) months from May 1, 2021, through June 30, 2026. The term of the original agreement was three (3) years beginning May 1, 2021. Amendment 1 added two (2) years and (2) months to the term of the agreement. Amendment 2 adds an additional (2) years to the term.

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Termination Options: Termination options include the following:

- by either party may terminate upon sixty (60) days' written notice; and
- by UMMC in the event MBS improperly uses or discloses protected health information.

Contract Amount: The total estimated cost of the amended agreement over the seven (7) year and two (2) month term is \$ 32,600,000. The original estimated cost of the agreement was \$40,100,000. The first amendment reduced the total cost of the agreement by \$13,500,000 for a total of \$26,600,000. The second amendment adds an additional \$6,000,000 for the remainder of the term.

Funding Source for Contract: The agreement will be funded by hospital patient revenue.

Contractor Selection Process: UMMC is currently contracted with MBS.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

20. **UMMC – REQUEST TO ENTER INTO A MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING LEASE WITH OX-MED PROPERTIES, LLC**

Agenda Item Request: The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) requests approval to enter into a new Medical Office Building Lease (Lease) with **Ox-Med Properties, LLC** (Ox-Med) for 4,131 square feet of clinical space in Oxford, Mississippi, for use as clinic and office space for general pediatric services. Pursuant to Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) policy 707.03 *Approval of Prepayment for Goods and Services*, UMMC also requests a waiver to allow prepayment of the rent in advance on a monthly basis.

Contractor's Legal Name: Ox-Med Properties, LLC

History of Contract: This is a new Medical Office Building lease that will allow UMMC to provide general pediatric services in Oxford, MS. UMMC has licensed space under a license agreement with Ox-Med since January 2024, which will terminate upon the effective date of this lease.

Specific Type of Contract: This is a new Medical Office Building Lease.

Purpose: The purpose of this agreement is to lease approximately 4,131 square feet of clinic and office space located in Oxford, MS for Children's of Mississippi- Lafayette Pediatrics.

Scope of Work: Under the agreement, Ox-Med will:

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- lease 4,131 square feet of clinic space to UMMC;
- be responsible for taxes and insurance;
 - pay all utility cost; and
 - provide all maintenance required to keep the building and premises in good order, condition, and repair.

Under the Lease, UMMC will pay all:

- janitorial and housekeeping services, and waste management, including medical waste disposal, directly to the respective service providers.

Term of Contract: The term of the agreement is sixty (60) months, from July 1, 2026, June 30, 2031.

Termination Options: Termination options include:

- by either party upon 365-day notice to the other party;
- by UMMC in the event Ox-Med causes any utility service interruption lasting longer than thirty (30) consecutive days;
- by UMMC in the event of a partial destruction of the premises and Ox-Med does not elect to make repairs or if the repairs cannot be made timely;
- by either party in the event of a total destruction of the building;
- automatically if the whole of the premises or building or so much thereof as to render the balance unusable by UMMC shall be taken under power of eminent domain, condemnation or by deed in lieu of foreclosure or otherwise;
- by UMMC in the event of a partial taking under power of eminent domain, by giving Ox-Med written notice within 30 days after UMMC's receipt of written notice of such partial taking;
- by either party in the event the other party commits an act of default under the Lease, by giving the defaulting party at least ten (10) days' prior written notice;
- by either party in the event any legislation, regulation or government policy is passed or adopted, the effect of which would cause either party to be in violation of such laws due to the existence of any provision of this Lease, and the parties fail to agree upon modified terms within 90 days;
- by UMMC immediately upon Ox-Med's breach of any of the following ongoing representations and warranties that it, its officers, directors and employees:
 - are not currently excluded, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in any federal health care programs or any state healthcare programs;
 - have not been convicted of a criminal offense related to the provision of healthcare items or services and have not been excluded, debarred, or otherwise declared ineligible to participate in the Federal Healthcare Programs or any state healthcare programs; and

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- are not under investigation or otherwise aware of any circumstances which may result in the party being excluded from participation in the Federal Healthcare Programs or any state healthcare programs;
- in the event of a reduction in funds; and
- by either party in the event of an adverse change in law and the parties fail to agree upon modified terms within 60 days.

Contract Amount: The estimated cost of the Lease is \$725,000 over the sixty (60) month term. UMMC's base rent will be \$10,812.89 per month (\$129,754.71 per year), with a three percent (3%) annual increase beginning in year 2.

Funding Source for Contract: The agreement will be funded by patient revenue.

Contractor Selection Process: The location and clinic footprint are well suited to meet the needs of the practice and its patients.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

21. UMMC – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER A TEMPORARY STAFFING AGREEMENT WITH SADIANT HEALTH, LLC

Agenda Item Request: The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) requests approval to enter a Temporary Staffing Agreement with **Sadiant Health, LLC** (Sadiant Health). The purpose of the agreement is to provide qualified and skilled healthcare personnel for staffing assignments as needed at any of UMMC's facilities.

Contractor's Legal Name: **Sadiant Health, LLC**

History of Contract: On May 20, 2022, UMMC received notification that the Commissioner delegated authority to UMMC to enter agreements with an aggregate total expenditure of less than \$3,500,000.00 as defined in section 707.01 of the IHL Policies and Bylaws, as amended. On April 17, 2024, through its delegated authority, UMMC entered into a two (2) year agreement with Sadiant Health effective at a total cost of \$3,400,000.00. On June 12, 2024, UMMC amended the agreement to adjust the effective date to July 1, 2024. On August 21, 2025, the Board approved an amendment to increase the total amount of the Agreement. The agreement will expire on June 30, 2026.

Specific Type of Contract: This is an amendment to the Temporary Staffing Agreement

Purpose: The purpose of the agreement is to provide qualified and skilled healthcare personnel for staffing assignments as needed at any of UMMC's facilities.

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Scope of Work: Under this agreement, Sadiant Health will:

- provide temporary staffing services by qualified healthcare professionals in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement; and
- provide UMMC with documentation of the qualifications of those healthcare professionals.

Term of Contract: The term of the amended agreement remains three (3) years beginning July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029.

Termination Options: The agreement may be terminated as follows:

- by UMMC, upon sixty (60) days' written notice;
- by UMMC, if Sadiant Health materially breaches the agreement and fails to cure after notice;
- by UMMC, immediately, if Sadiant Health materially breaches the representations of contractor provisions;
- in the event of a reduction in funds, upon thirty (30) days' written notice; and
- by either party, if there is a Change of Law resulting in Adverse Consequence, and the parties cannot resolve the matter within thirty (30) days.

Contract Amount: The total estimated cost of the amended agreement over the three (3) year term is \$12,000,000. Beginning in year two (2), UMMC has included an annual ten percent (10%) increase for potential volume changes.

Funding Source for Contract: The agreement will be funded by hospital patient revenue.

Contractor Selection Process: Sadiant Health is currently a contracted vendor with UMMC and is able to provide the varying degrees of specialties needed by UMMC at any given time.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

22. **USM – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BARNES & NOBLE COLLEGE BOOKSELLERS, LLC FOR BOOKSTORE SERVICES**

Agenda Item Request: The University of Southern Mississippi (USM) requests approval of a contract amendment to change the credit hour pricing of the First Day Complete program with **Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, LLC, (Barnes & Noble)**.

Contractor's Legal Name: Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, LLC

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History of Contract: USM and Barnes & Noble entered into an IHL Board approved 10-year contract in July of 2004 to operate and provide bookstore services at USM's campuses. The contract has been amended six times to extend the term and adjust or create additional revenue funds. Amendment #6, fully executed in August 2025, addressed a pricing adjustment related to the First Day Complete program.

Specific Type of Contract: Amendment to Bookstore Management Services Revenue Contract

Purpose: The purpose of the contract is to operate and provide a cost adjustment related to services for the bookstore at the University of Southern Mississippi. The amendment addresses inflationary pressures from publishers maintaining and operating textbook equity programs. This amendment is a result of mutual agreement by USM and Barnes & Noble to increase the per credit hour price of the First Day Complete program from \$21 to \$23.

Scope of Work: Under the amended agreement, USM and Barnes & Noble will make the following changes to the Bookstore Services Agreement:

Section 34. First Day Complete Program – Change the First Day Complete rate from \$21.00 per credit hour to \$23.00 per credit hour beginning in the Fall 2026 semester.

Term of Contract: The amendment does not alter the current termination date of June 30, 2027.

Contract Amount: This is a revenue producing contract to USM. The proposed price increase will result in a minor increase in commission earned for the First Day Complete program.

Funding Source for Contract: This is a revenue contract funded by Barnes & Noble.

Termination Options: Either party has the right to terminate the Agreement without cause by providing the other party one hundred twenty (120) days written notice. If this Agreement is terminated by USM without cause prior to the Facility Investment Renovation being fully depreciated, then USM shall reimburse B&N for any portion of the approved Facility Investment Renovation that is not yet depreciated, and the Facility Investment Renovation shall remain the property of USM.

The University may terminate the Agreement if Barnes & Noble fails to remain compliant with the E-Verify clause (Section 32) and may terminate without penalty in the event Barnes & Noble fails to maintain compliance with the PCI DSS or fails to maintain the confidentiality of any cardholder data (Section 33).

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Contractor Selection Process: An Intent to Negotiate (ITN) was issued during fiscal year 2003. Three proposals were received. The top three proposals were Barnes & Noble, Follett, and Valadis/Greater Nebraska. The institution selected Barnes & Noble based on the best proposal received. An amendment negotiated between USM and Barnes & Noble in 2011 included greater financial incentives, and a 5-year extension added to the original agreement's end date. The second amendment in 2017 modified revenue to address a contractual clause brought into effect based on a decline in FTE. The third through fifth amendments increased financial incentives and introduced a program aimed at reducing textbook costs to students and introduced the First Day Complete program. The sixth amendment adjusted the per credit hour cost of the First Day Complete Program from \$20 to \$21. This seventh amendment adjusts this per credit hour cost to \$23. The sixth amendment adjusted the per credit hour cost of the First Day Complete Program from \$20 to \$21. This seventh amendment adjusts this per credit hour cost to \$23. The University believes the First Day Complete program still represents significant cost savings to our students and believes the increased price is necessary to to mitigate rising costs and allow Barnes & Noble to continue supporting the program.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

23. JSU – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH XEROX CORPORATION

Agenda Item Request: Jackson State University (JSU) requests approval to enter into the state contract with **Xerox Corporation** for the lease of 125 multifunctional copier devices.

Contractor's Legal Name: Xerox Corporation

History of Contract: The IHL Board approved JSU's request to enter a 5-year lease agreement with Dahill Office Technology/Xerox Public Sector Operations for 125 multifunctional devices (April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2031) for a total of \$1,235,697.60, funded by Education and General Funds on February 19, 2026. (*Ref: Finance & Budget, Page 7, Item 4*). JSU did not receive Public Procurement Review Board (PPRB) approval due to signature errors in the lease agreement. While preparing for the May PPRB meeting, the team discovered that the Dahill/Xerox state contract had expired on April 30, 2026 and the new Xerox Corporation contract had not yet been approved. To prevent a gap in service, a short-term bridge contract was executed. The new state contract with Xerox Corporation was approved on June 1, 2026. The only changes to the original IHL Board approved agreement will be the vendor's name, contract number, start date and end date.

Specific Type of Contract: Lease Agreement

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Purpose: The Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) negotiated a new state contract with Xerox Corporation in 2026. JSU seeks approval to establish a new copier lease agreement with the vendor, Xerox Corporation, through the DFA negotiated contract (number 8200086103). The use of the state contract will result in the reduction of costs for multifunctional equipment, while also improving customer service and vendor communication.

Scope of Work: The scope of work includes providing copying, printing, and scanning services to all JSU campuses. JSU’s proposed solution consists of 125 multifunctional devices, which include Xerox Secure Access, HID card readers, Xerox Device Agent (XDA), Fleet Management Portal, on-site maintenance, toner, supplies, and services. All multifunctional devices are equipped with network printing, copying, color scanning, server fax, 4 paper trays, a 2/3-hole punch, and a staple function. Xerox Corporation will provide JSU with a total solution across all campuses. JSU will have the ability to accurately monitor and measure the daily usage of multifunctional devices, create rule-based printing to increase productivity, provide full on-site maintenance with helpdesk capabilities, and conduct regularly scheduled reviews to ensure all initiatives are completed.

Term of Contract: Start Date: July 1, 2026 End Date: June 30, 2031.

Termination Options: The contract may be terminated under the following conditions:

- Termination for Convenience;
- Upon default of a term by either party and failure to cure within thirty (30) days; or
- Failure of Legislative Appropriation

Contract Amount: The total cost of the 5-year lease agreement will be \$1,235,697.60.

<u>Fiscal Year Cost</u>	
2026	\$247,139.52
2027	\$247,139.52
2028	\$247,139.52
2029	\$247,139.52
2030	\$247,139.52
Total	\$1,235,697.60

Funding Source for Contract: Education and General Funds

Contractor Selection Process: JSU established a Campus-wide Copier Committee to evaluate current and future requirements. Several copier companies on the DFA negotiated contract list were contacted and invited to submit a proposal to JSU’s Division of Information Technology. They included RJ Young, Advantage Business Systems, Xerox

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Business Solutions, and Middle South Computer. Two vendors responded to the Request for Quotes. After considering which company offered the best technical solution, usability, customer service, and cost, the committee unanimously voted to keep the incumbent company, based on the proposed updated technical solution, customer service, and contract cost.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

24. JSU – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF BUDGET ESCALATION – JSU AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES

Agenda Item Request: Jackson State University (JSU) requests permission to escalate the budget for Auxiliary Enterprises for FY 2026. This request is to appropriately account for the additional revenue and expenses as a result of the Board-approved lease agreement with JSU and High Street Hotel Group LLC, DBA Holiday Inn Express Suites (July 31, 2025 Board Book) for off-campus student housing. The total amount of this escalation is \$794,790, and the funding source is auxiliary funds.

Staff Recommendation: Board of staff recommends approval of this item.

25. UMMC – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING LEASE WITH JOURNAL, INC.

Agenda Item Request: The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) requests approval of the one (1) month extension of its Medical Office Building Lease with **Journal, Inc.** (Journal) for 5,924 square feet of clinic space in Tupelo, MS. This lease will allow UMMC to continue its mission of providing high standards of medical education to physicians across our state and will provide improved space for pediatric subspecialty clinic visits and consultations to patients in the Tupelo area. Pursuant to Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) policy 707.03 *Approval of Prepayment for Goods or Services*, UMMC also requests a waiver to allow prepayment of the rent in advance on a monthly basis.

Contractor’s Legal Name: Journal, Inc.

History of Contract: On August 21, 2025, the Board approved a one-year lease for rental of the Tupelo clinic space from Journal at an annual cost of \$106,000. The current lease will expire on August 31, 2026.

Specific Type of Contract: This is a new Medical Office Building Lease.

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Purpose: The purpose of the amendment is to extend the term of the Medical Office Building for 5,924 square feet of clinic space in Tupelo, MS. The space will continue to be utilized by UMMC Children’s of Mississippi for a subspecialty pediatric clinic. The pediatric subspecialties represented at this clinic include endocrinology, cardiology, nutrition, dermatology, neurology, surgery, adult congenital heart, forensic medicine, genetics, psychiatry, and urology.

Scope of Work: Under the lease, Journal will:

- lease 5,924 square feet of clinic space to UMMC;
- provide all utilities for common areas of the building; and
- provide all maintenance required to keep the building and premises in good order, condition, and repair.

UMMC will pay rent to Journal’s property management company Tommy Morgan, Inc. UMMC will pay all utilities, janitorial, and waste management directly to the applicable service providers.

Term of Contract: The original term of the lease agreement was for one (1) year, from September 1, 2025, through August 31, 2026. The amendment will extend the term by one (1) month, through September 30, 2026.

Termination Options: The lease may be terminated as follows:

- by UMMC in the event Journal causes any utility service interruption lasting longer than 30 consecutive days;
- by UMMC in the event of a partial destruction of the premises and Journal does not elect to make repairs or if the repairs cannot be made timely;
- by either party in the event of a total destruction of the building; automatically if the whole of the premises or building or so much thereof as to render the balance unusable by UMMC shall be taken under power of eminent domain, condemnation or by deed in lieu of foreclosure or otherwise;
- by UMMC in the event of a partial taking under power of eminent domain, by giving Journal written notice within 30 days after UMMC’s receipt of written notice of such partial taking;
- by either party in the event the other party commits an act of default under the lease, by giving the defaulting party at least ten (10) days’ prior written notice;
- by either party in the event any legislation, regulation or government policy is passed or adopted, the effect of which would cause either party to be in violation of such laws due to the existence of any provision of the lease, and the parties fail to agree upon modified terms within 90 days;
- by UMMC immediately upon Journal’s breach of any of the following ongoing representations and warranties that it:
 - is not currently excluded, debarred, or otherwise ineligible to participate in any federal health care programs or any state healthcare programs;

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- has not been convicted of a criminal offense related to the provision of healthcare items or services and have not been excluded, debarred, or otherwise declared ineligible to participate in the Federal Healthcare Programs or any state healthcare programs; and
- is not under investigation or otherwise aware of any circumstances which may result in the party being excluded from participation in the Federal Healthcare Programs or any state healthcare programs;
- in the event of a reduction in funds; and
- by either party in the event of an adverse change in law and the parties fail to agree upon modified terms within 60 days.

Contract Amount: The estimated total cost of the lease is \$115,000 over the amended term.

Funding Source for Contract: The lease will be funded by patient revenue.

Contractor Selection Process: UMMC currently leases this space from Journal.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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Note: Project numbers beginning with the prefix "GS" designate projects that the Bureau of Building provides management oversight for and are funded partially or wholly with state Bureau of Building bond revenues. Project numbers beginning with the prefix "IHL" designate projects that are funded from university self-generated sources including but not limited to donations, fees, and grants.

APPROVAL OF INITIATIONS OF PROJECTS/APPOINTMENTS OF PROFESSIONALS

BUREAU OF BUILDING PROJECTS

1. DSU – GS 102-283 – COURT OF GOVERNORS DEMOLITION

Project Request: Delta State University requests approval to initiate a project, Court of Governors Demolition, and to appoint Burris/Wagnon Architects, P.A. as the design professional for the project.

Design Professional: Burris/Wagnon Architects, P.A.

General Contractor: TBD

Selection Method: The project budget is not anticipated to exceed \$3M therefore it is not required that the university use the RFQ method for selection of the design professional. Three project professionals were considered, and through a scoring matrix completed by the selection committee, Burris/Wagnon Architects was selected to be the project professional.

Purpose: Delta State University is seeking to initiate the project and appoint the design professional as required by Board Policy so that the selected professional can proceed with the design phase of the project.

Project Scope: Demolish all four residence halls that make up the Court of Governors. The contract documents also include demolition of the south parking lot and the east parking lot as Alternates 1 and 2, respectively. Land to be seeded and graded to make use of existing storm water drainage.

History: The Court of Governors was opened in 1970 and underwent its last major renovation in 1995. It has not been occupied since 2017. The IHL Board approved demolition of the building in November 2022 and a Notice of Intent (NOI) to demolish the Court of Governors has been sent to and approved by Mississippi Department of Archives and History. The original estimate at the Schematic Design phase was under \$1M; however, asbestos was found in larger quantities during

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environmental testing than the original estimate anticipated. The project is now at the Contract Document phase and the professional’s estimate exceeds \$1M.

Project Initiation Date: June 18, 2026

Project Budget:

		<i>Estimated</i>
Design Build Construction Cost:	\$	1,692,265.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees:		131,230.00
Misc. Project Costs:		8,500.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs:		0.00
Contingency:		88,005.00
 Total Project Budget	 \$	 1,920,000.00

Funding Source(s): SB 2189, Laws of 2026 (\$1,920,000)

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

2. MUW – GS 104-223 – MARTIN AND POHL BOILER PLATES

Project Request: Mississippi University for Women requests approval to initiate a project, Martin and Pohl Boiler Plates, and to appoint Dewberry Engineers, Inc. as the design professional for the project.

Design Professional: Dewberry Engineers, Inc.

General Contractor: TBD

Selection Method: The project budget is not anticipated to exceed \$3M therefore it is not required that the university use the RFQ method for selection of the design professional. Three project professionals were considered, and through a scoring matrix completed by the selection committee, Dewberry Engineers, Inc. was selected to be the project professional.

Purpose: Mississippi University for Women is seeking to initiate the project and appoint the design professional as required by Board Policy so that the selected professional can proceed with the design phase of the project.

Project Scope: The scope of work is to replace the boilers for Martin and Pohl/Stark. Mechanical, electrical, and plumbing improvements will be included in this scope.

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Project Budget:

		<i>Estimated</i>
Design Build Construction Cost:	\$	1,577,100.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees:		129,070.00
Misc. Project Costs:		0.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs:		0.00
Contingency:		193,830.00
Total Project Budget	\$	1,900,000.00

Funding Source(s): HB 1353, Laws of 2022 (\$1,900,000)

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

IHL PROJECTS

3. MVSU – IHL 206-029 – ELEVATOR UPGRADES

Project Request: Mississippi Valley State University requests approval to initiate the project, Elevator Upgrades, and appoint Shafer Zahner Zahner, PLLC as the design professional for the project.

Design Professional: Shafer Zahner Zahner, PLLC

General Contractor: TBD

Selection Method: The project budget is not anticipated to exceed \$3M therefore it is not required that the university use the RFQ method for selection of the design professional. Three project professionals were considered, and through a scoring matrix completed by the selection committee, Shafer – Zahner – Zahner, PLLC was selected to be the project professional.

Insurance Coverage: The design firm carries errors and omissions coverage in the amount of \$,000,000 per claim and \$,000,000 aggregate.

Purpose: Mississippi Valley State University is seeking to initiate the project and appoint the design professional as required by Board Policy so that the selected professional can proceed with the design phase of the project.

History: Mississippi Valley State University has experienced ongoing operational issues with several elevator units across campus, including extended periods of inoperability and recurring mechanical failures. To address these deficiencies, the

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University is utilizing Title III funds to repair and modernize the affected systems. Completion of this project will improve reliability, safety, and accessibility for students, faculty, staff, and campus visitors.

Project Scope: The scope of this project includes the repair and/or replacement of the pumping unit in the Business Education Building, as well as the modernization of one elevator in the Sutton Administration Building, one elevator in the New Women’s Residence Hall, and one elevator in McTeer Residence Hall. The project will address failed and obsolete components, improve operational reliability and safety, and ensure all systems comply with applicable building codes, accessibility standards, and regulatory requirements.

Project Initiation Date: June 18, 2026

Project Budget: (Design Fees Only)

	<i>Estimated</i>
Design Build Construction Cost:	\$ 1,254,847.80
Architectural and Engineering Fees:	94,766.00
Misc. Project Costs:	10,000.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs:	0.00
Contingency:	140,000.00
Total Project Budget	\$ 1,500,000.00

Funding Source(s): Title III Funds (\$1,500,000)

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

4. UM – IHL 207-528 – NUTRITION AND HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT RELOCATION

Project Request: The University of Mississippi requests approval to initiate the project, Nutrition and Hospitality Management Relocation and appoint McCarty Architects, P.A. as the design professional for the project.

Design Professional: McCarty Architects, P.A.

General Contractor: TBD

Selection Method: The project budget is anticipated to exceed \$3M therefore it is required that the university use the RFQ method for selection of the design professional. UM publicly advertised for RFQ submissions and received qualification submittals from ten (10) firms. Four (4) of the ten (10) teams interviewed with the seven

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(7) member RFQ Selection Committee. A consensus was reached and McCarty Architects, P.A., was chosen.

Insurance Coverage: The design firm carries errors and omissions coverage in the amount of \$2,000,000 per claim and \$2,000,000 aggregate.

Purpose: The University of Mississippi is seeking to initiate the project and appoint the design professional as required by Board Policy so that the selected professional can proceed with the design phase of the project.

Project Scope: The University intends to renovate space within the South Oxford Center (SOC) to accommodate the relocation of Nutrition and Hospitality Management (NHM) with new offices, support spaces, and the Innovation Kitchen. The project will also include renovations of the 1st floor area to create a consolidated and consistent entry to the building. This renovation will create a more direct and clear circulation through the building that will assist with wayfinding to identify the locations of common/student spaces, classrooms, meeting spaces, study room, offices, and more.

The design professional will assist the University in programming and determining the full project scope and budget. They will then produce design/construction documents for the scope determined. Initially, funds will be used for design fees only. The University will submit a subsequent Board Item to increase the budget as required to reflect the established scope of work.

Project Initiation Date: June 18, 2026

Project Budget: (Design Fees Only)

		<i>Estimated</i>
Design Build Construction Cost:	\$	0.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees:		1,500,000.00
Misc. Project Costs:		0.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs:		0.00
Contingency:		0.00
Total Project Budget	\$	1,500,000.00

Funding Source(s): Internal R&R (\$1,500,000)

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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5. UM – IHL 207-529 – WEST CAMPUS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Project Request: The University of Mississippi requests approval to initiate the project, West Campus Road Improvements and appoint Neel-Schaffer, Inc. as the design professional for the project.

Design Professional: Neel-Schaffer, Inc.

General Contractor: TBD

Selection Method: The project budget is anticipated to exceed \$3M therefore it is required that the university use the RFQ method for selection of the design professional. UM publicly advertised for RFQ submissions and received qualification submittals from six firms. A short list of four teams interviewed with the four-member RFQ Selection Committee where Neel-Schaffer, Inc. was selected.

Insurance Coverage: The design firm carries errors and omissions coverage in the amount of \$5,000,000 per claim and \$5,000,000 aggregate.

Purpose: The University of Mississippi is seeking to initiate the project and appoint the design professional as required by Board Policy so that the selected professional can proceed with the design phase of the project.

Project Scope: The project will provide improvements to west campus roads to enhance circulation, safety, and accessibility, including roadway geometry, pedestrian and vehicular coordination, and related site improvements.

Project Initiation Date: June 18, 2026

Project Budget: (Design Fees Only)

	<i>Estimated</i>
Design Build Construction Cost:	\$ 10,450,000.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees:	825,292.00
Misc. Project Costs:	805,300.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs:	0.00
Contingency:	<u>1,919,408.00</u>
Total Project Budget	\$ 14,000,000.00

Funding Source(s): UMEBC (\$14,000,000)

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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APPROVAL OF BUDGET INCREASES AND/OR CHANGES OF SCOPE/FUNDING SOURCE(S)

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6. ERC – GS 111-078 – PAUL B. JOHNSON FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS (FORMERLY IHL PLUMBING REPAIRS)

Project Request: The Education and Research Center requests approval to increase the budget for the Paul B. Johnson Facility Improvements project from a preplan budget of \$100,000.00 to \$3,800,000.00 for an increase in the amount of \$3,700,000.00. In addition, ERC requests to clarify the scope of the project.

Current Project Phase: Design Phase

Design Professional: Boggan and Vaughan Architects, PLLC

General Contractor: TBD

Insurance Coverage: The design firm carries errors and omissions coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000 per claim and \$1,000,000 aggregate.

Purpose/Justification: The Education and Research Center is seeking to increase the project budget after preliminary preplan work was done on the project. The budget increase reflects the most recent cost estimates for the project.

Project Scope: The project will address critical plumbing issues, lighting upgrades, and new ADA compliant hardware/signage for all doors in the Paul B. Johnson Tower Building. The project will also include some plumbing repairs at Mississippi Public Broadcasting as some of its plumbing has failed. The plumbing at the ERC complex is over 50 years old and original to the building. The plumbing has exceeded its useful life and has begun to fail. Replacement of the plumbing, including all restrooms in the IHL Tower building, are critical to keeping the building operational. The lighting is old, outdated lighting that is not energy efficient and that needs to be replaced with new LED lights.

Project Initiation Date: August 21, 2025

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Proposed Project Budget:

	Current Budget	Proposed Budget	Amount (+/-)
Construction Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,100,000.00	\$ 3,100,000.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
Miscellaneous Project Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Contingency	\$ 0.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00
Total Project Budget	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 3,800,000.00	\$ 3,700,000.00

Proposed Funding Source(s): HB 2189, Laws of 2026 (\$2,000,000); Internal Funds (\$1,800,000)

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

IHL PROJECTS

7. MSU – IHL 205-359 – WISE CENTER RENOVATION AND ADDITION

Project Request: Mississippi State University requests approval to increase the budget for the Wise Center Renovation and Addition project from \$36,000,000 to \$68,000,000 for an increase in the amount of \$32,000,000.

Current Project Phase: Design Phase

Design Professional: Eley Guild Hardy Architects, P.A.

General Contractor: TBD by Phase and Bid Package

Construction Manager Advisor: AnderCorp, LLC

Insurance Coverage: The design firm carries errors and omissions coverage in the amount of \$4,000,000 per claim and \$4,000,000 aggregate.

Purpose/Justification: Mississippi State University requests approval to increase the budget from \$36,000,000 to \$68,000,000 for an increase of \$32,000,000. The source

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for the additional \$32,000,000 is SB 3051, Laws of 2026 and will be used for infrastructure upgrades, renovations to the existing farm animal hospital to convert it to additional equine hospital space, and to renovate and expand the small animal hospital.

Project Scope: The Wise Center has been the home of the College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) at MSU since 1981. Though improvements have been made over the years, CVM must expand and renovate its clinical facilities to continue excellence in teaching, research, and clinical service.

The current scopes of work include a new equine hospital entrance, a farm animal hospital addition, and the Nancy Fair Link Laminitis Research Center. The additional \$32,00,000 from SB 3051, Laws of 2026, will be put towards existing infrastructure upgrades, to convert the existing farm animal hospital to additional equine hospital space after the farm animal addition opens, and to renovate and expand the small animal hospital.

Project Initiation Date: October 17, 2024

Proposed Project Budget:

	Current Budget	Proposed Budget	Amount (+/-)
Construction Costs	\$ 27,790,000.00	\$ 56,000,000.00	\$ 28,210,000.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees	\$ 1,960,000.00	\$ 3,520,000.00	\$ 1,560,000.00
Miscellaneous Project Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 680,000.00	\$ 680,000.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs	\$ 4,600,000.00	\$ 5,000,000.00	\$ 400,000.00
Contingency	\$ 1,650,000.00	\$ 2,800,000.00	\$ 1,150,000.00
Total Project Budget	\$ 36,000,000.00	\$ 68,000,000.00	\$ 32,000,000.00

Proposed Funding Source(s): SB 2468, Laws of 2024 (\$18,000,000); Private Funds (\$15,000,000); CVM Funds (\$3,000,000); SB 3051, Laws of 2026 (\$32,000,000)

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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8. MSU – IHL 205-362 – RILEY CAMPUS STUDENT HOUSING

Project Request: Mississippi State University requests approval to increase the budget for the Riley Campus Student Housing project from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 for an increase in the amount of \$1,000,000 for design services only. In addition, MSU requests approval to expand the scope of the project to include the construction of a new academic building on the same site as the student housing, which is directly across 23rd Avenue from the existing Riley Campus. The expanded scope would change the project name to “Riley Campus Student Housing and Academic Facility”.

Current Project Phase: Design Phase

Design Professional: Dale Partners Architects, P.A.

General Contractor: TBD

Insurance Coverage: The design firm carries errors and omissions coverage in the amount of \$3,000,000 per claim and \$4,000,000 aggregate.

Purpose/Justification: The requested scope expansion includes construction of a new academic building located across 23rd Avenue from the existing downtown Meridian campus to support continued growth and programmatic needs of the Riley Campus. The Riley Campus is evolving into a comprehensive health sciences campus, with expanding programs in nursing, physician assistant studies, healthcare administration, and behavioral health, along with planned growth in additional allied health disciplines to address critical regional workforce needs. The proposed new construction will enhance instructional capacity, modernize facilities, and support the continued expansion of healthcare education programs.

The requested increase in design funding is necessary to accommodate the expanded scope of work, including additional programming, site development, and design of the new academic facility through the Design Development phase.

Project Scope: The existing project scope includes design and construction of a facility to house students for the Riley Campus. The total number of beds and/or units is to be determined, and the project may be completed in multiple phases, but a preliminary study indicates an immediate need for 50 to 75 one-bedroom and two-bedroom efficiency style apartments to support students in the postgraduate degree programs.

Mississippi State University requests approval to expand the scope to include a new academic building on the same site as the housing facility. The exact size of the facility will be determined through the design process, but a recent space study identifies an immediate need for over 36,000 assignable square feet that would include offices, classrooms, and specialized laboratories.

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The proposed academic and housing facilities would both be located on the same block across 23rd Avenue and directly south of the existing Riley Campus.

Project Initiation Date: January 22, 2026

Proposed Project Budget:

	Current Budget	Proposed Budget	Amount (+/-)
Construction Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00
Miscellaneous Project Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Contingency	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total Project Budget	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00

Proposed Funding Source(s): University Designated Funds (\$2,000,000)

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

9. UM – IHL 407-011 – UM EARLY LEARNING AND EVALUATION CENTER

Project Request: The University of Mississippi requests approval to modify and clarify the funding sources for the UM Early Learning and Evaluation Center project.

Design Professional: McCarty Architects, P.A.

General Contractor: Innovative Construction Management, LLC (ICM)

Insurance Coverage: The design firm carries errors and omissions coverage in the amount of \$2,000,000 per claim and \$2,000,000 aggregate.

Purpose: The University of Mississippi is seeking to clarify the funding sources for the project to reflect the use of UMEBC financing in lieu of previously listed internal funding.

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Project Scope: The project consists of the development of a comprehensive 54,000 GSF state-of-the-art early learning and evaluation center where clinical and educational services are integrated for all children ages birth to 6 years old. The new center is being constructed at the south side of the University’s South Oxford Center (SOC) and will utilize existing spaces within the SOC to serve additional needs for the center. Additional scope includes renovating space within the existing SOC building for the Early Learning dining and kitchen and infilling the new 2nd floor shell space with classrooms, offices, and lounge space.

Project Initiation Date: June 16, 2022

Project Budget:

	<i>Estimated</i>
Design Build Construction Cost:	\$ 29,564,396.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees:	2,127,065.00
Misc. Project Costs:	1,069,899.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs:	3,737,500.00
Contingency:	2,776,140.00
 Total Project Budget	 \$ 39,275,000.00

Funding Source(s): SB 3002, Regular Session 2022 (\$10,000,000); UMEBC Financing (\$27,915,000); US Department of Education Award #S215K230087 (\$1,360,000)

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

APPROVAL OF OTHER REAL ESTATE REQUESTS

10. DSU – DEMOLISH AND DELETE FROM INVENTORY – MARSHALL HOME MANAGEMENT HOUSE – CLEVELAND, MS

Agenda Request: Delta State University requests approval to demolish and delete from inventory the Marshall Home Management House (also known as the Old Police Chief’s House) located in Cleveland, MS.

Justification: The home was used temporarily as housing for various faculty and staff members, including the DSU Police Chief. The house has not been occupied for many years and has extensive water damage. MDAH approved the demolition of the property in April 2026.

The letter of approval has been received from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH), stating the Marshall Home Management House is not eligible

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for designation as a Mississippi Landmark and approval to demolish the building has been granted. All legal documentation will be kept on file in the Office of Real Estate and Facilities. Delta State University is acting in accordance with Board Policy §919 Prerequisites for Building Modification or Demolition, which requires Board approval prior to building modification or demolition.

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

**11. DSU – DEMOLISH AND DELETE FROM INVENTORY – RESIDENCE HOUSE
– 300 SHUMATE CIRCLE – CLEVELAND, MS**

Agenda Request: Delta State University requests approval to demolish and delete from inventory a residence house located at 300 Shumate Circle in Cleveland, MS.

Justification: The home was built in the 1960s and is approximately 1,000 square feet and resides north of Highway 8, adjacent to Walter Sillers Coliseum. It was purchased by Delta State University in the late 1970s along with three other homes. Per the University Campus Facilities book, “University ownership prevents the possibility of these areas being classified as commercial, becoming speculative, and thereby opening the way for construction of service stations, food stands, apartment houses, et cetera.” It was used in the past as a rental property, but it has remained unoccupied for the last few years. MDAH approved the demolition of the property in April 2026.

The letter of approval has been received from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH), stating the residence house located at 300 Shumate Circle is not eligible for designation as a Mississippi Landmark and approval to demolish the building has been granted. All legal documentation will be kept on file in the Office of Real Estate and Facilities. Delta State University is acting in accordance with Board Policy §919 Prerequisites for Building Modification or Demolition, which requires Board approval prior to building modification or demolition.

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

**12. MSU – IHL 205-362 – RILEY CAMPUS STUDENT HOUSING – APPROVAL TO
UTILIZE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK DELIVERY METHOD**

Project Request: Mississippi State University requests approval to utilize the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) project delivery method for this project in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. § 31-7-13.2.

Design Professional: Dale Partners Architects, PA

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General Contractor: TBD (CMAR)

Purpose: Due to the complexity of constructing multiple new buildings on an urban site, along with the need for an early site preparation phase, the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) delivery method is requested to provide early contractor involvement, improved cost control, and enhanced coordination during design and construction. Delivering this project through the typical Design-Bid-Build method could expose MSU to unnecessary risks in design, market unpredictability, which can lead to overpriced bids, reduced quality, and delayed project delivery. Given the size of the project budget and complex scope, the CMAR delivery method significantly reduces these risks, which in turn, provides cost and time savings for MSU. The CMAR delivery method allows the CMAR to be hired during the design phase for pre-construction services which allows the CMAR and design professionals to collaborate to provide a complete and constructible set of plans within budget and buildable within the time allowed for construction. Also, since this project may have multiple phases over multiple years, the CMAR will provide continuity and accountability for execution of each phase of construction.

The CMAR delivery method allows MSU to select the Contractor based on qualifications instead of just the lowest price. The CMAR will be selected through a 2-Step procurement process.

Step 1 will be an RFQ process to ensure all potential CMAR firms are qualified to perform the work outlined in the project scope. Once the most qualified firms are identified,

Step 2 will include an interview. In addition to the interview, the CMAR selection criteria will include, but not necessarily be limited to: pre-construction services, experience on similar projects, staffing, safety record, quality control, cost control, and schedule control. After firms are scored and ranked, MSU will begin contract and fee negotiations with the highest ranked firm. Once MSU and the highest ranked firm agree on contract terms, MSU will submit the selected CMAR for IHL Board approval.

Currently, the budget approved by the Board is only for design fees, but MSU anticipates the total project cost will exceed \$25,000,000, the minimum requirement threshold for use of the CMAR delivery method under Mississippi law. MSU will submit a budget increase for Board approval prior to proceeding with construction documents.

Project Scope: The existing project scope includes design and construction of a facility to house students for the Riley Campus. The total number of beds and/or units is to be determined, and the project may be completed in multiple phases, but a

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preliminary study indicates an immediate need for 50 to 75 one-bedroom and two-bedroom efficiency style apartments to support students in the postgraduate degree programs.

Mississippi State University requests approval to expand the scope to include a new academic building on the same site as the student housing facility. The exact size of the facility will be determined through the design process, but a recent space study identifies an immediate need for over 36,000 assignable square feet that would include offices, classrooms, and specialized laboratories.

The proposed academic and housing facilities would both be located on the same block across 23rd Avenue and directly south of the existing Riley Campus.

Project Initiation Date: January 22, 2026

Project Budget: (Design Fees Only)

		<i>Estimated</i>
Construction Cost:	\$	0.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees:		2,000,000.00
Misc. Project Costs:		0.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs:		0.00
Contingency:		0.00
Total Project Budget	\$	2,000,000.00

Funding Source(s): University Designated Funds (\$2,000,000)

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

13. MSU – APPROVAL TO PURCHASE PROPERTY FROM JBH, LLC – 40 ACRE TRACT OF LAND – HARRISON COUNTY, MS

Agenda Item Request: Mississippi State University requests approval to purchase a 40-acre tract of land from JBH, LLC for \$120,000. The property is located in Harrison County which is immediately adjacent to other University owned land.

Seller Legal Name: JBH, LLC

Purchaser Legal Name: Mississippi State University

Purpose: To purchase 40-acres of land in Harrison County, Mississippi, which is completely surrounded by MSU property.

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History: Mississippi State University holds a 14,071-acre Coastal Forest Property on the Wolf River in Harrison and Hancock Counties. The tract is managed by the CFR/FWRC as an outdoor learning lab and experimental forest in support of our natural resource teaching and research mission areas. The tract proposed for purchase is a 40-ac inholding, completely surrounded by MSU property with no public roads access or utilities. The acquisition will clean up property boundaries, prevent requests for access easements, and eliminate a potential source of ingress onto university property.

Appraisals: The purchase price of the real estate is \$120,000 which is the average of the two appraisals. Pursuant to the policies and procedures of the Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning (“IHL Board”), two appraisals of the real property must be obtained prior to closing. The Seller will obtain one appraisal, and the Purchaser will obtain one appraisal.

The average price of the two appraisals is \$3,000 per acre. The average price for the 40-acre tract is \$120,000.

Property Description: The subject property consists of one parcel (APN 0104-32-002.000) located along Road 425 in Saucier, Harrison County, Mississippi and more precisely described below:

*Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SE ¼ of the NE ¼) of Section 32,
Township 5 South, Range 13 West, in the First Judicial District of Harrison
County, Mississippi.*

Term: The 40-acre parcel will be purchased for \$3,000 per acre or a total of \$120,000. The two appraisals obtained both reflect a value of \$120,000. The Seller will furnish a warranty deed and title commitment issued by an attorney chosen by MSU and shall pay all fees to the real estate attorney. All special assessments, taxes and other like governmental fees which are assessed for the 2026 calendar year shall be paid by Seller.

The purchase is contingent on MSU receiving title insurance and a satisfactory Phase 1 environmental report. The purchase is contingent on the delivery of the real estate in its present condition. The closing date shall be on or before, June 26, 2026, or as otherwise mutually agreed in writing by the Parties. The possession date by Purchaser shall be the date of closing.

Termination Options: The agreement can be terminated for breach or at the election of MSU if the Phase 1 environmental report is not satisfactory to IHL or MSU or if MSU is unable to obtain title insurance.

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Environmental Phase I: A Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) is required for the acceptance of property. No recognized environmental conditions, controlled recognized environmental conditions, or significant data gaps were identified for the subject property.

Funding Source(s): Internal Funds

A copy of the property description and all legal documentation are on file with the Office of Real Estate and Facilities. Mississippi State University is acting in accordance with Board Policies 707.01(A) and 905(A), that require an institution acquiring or disposing of real property to receive two independent appraisals. The sale price of property shall not be below the average of the two appraisals. The purchase price of the property shall not be above the average of the two appraisals.

Staff Recommendation: Legal Staff has reviewed this item for compliance with applicable law and found it to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

14. MSU – NEW STARKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL – APPROVAL OF EXTERIOR DESIGN

Agenda Request: Mississippi State University requests approval of exterior design for the new Starkville High School that will be constructed on Mississippi State University property adjacent to the existing Starkville Partnership School that was completed in 2020.

Design Professional: MP Design Group

General Contractor: TBD

Purpose: Mississippi State University is seeking approval of the exterior rendering for the renovation of the new Starkville High School that will be constructed on MSU property. The Amended and Restated Ground Lease between Mississippi State University and the Starkville Oktibbeha Consolidated School District (SOCSD) was approved by the IHL Commissioner on February 24, 2026. MSU will not finance, own, or operate the proposed new high school.

Project Scope: The scope includes design and construction of a new Starkville High School on Mississippi State University's land leased to SOCSD adjacent to the existing Starkville Partnership School that currently houses 6th and 7th grades. The new High School will connect to the existing Partnership School and when completed and house grades 9-12. The new school includes administrative space, classrooms, a cafeteria, gymnasium, a performing arts center, athletic weight room & locker room

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building, and a covered athletic practice field. The existing outdoor athletic competition fields will remain at the existing high school site.

History:

- The existing SOCS D Partnership School opened in 2020.
- The original Ground Lease was dated April 1, 2017.
- The Amended and Restated Ground Lease was approved by the IHL Commissioner on February 24, 2026.

Funding Source(s): Funded by SOCS D

Mississippi State University is acting in accordance with Board Policy §904(A), Board Approval, which requires the Board to approve the exterior design of the major buildings that have aesthetic impact on the overall campus, regardless of the cost of the project.

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

Rendering 1: New Starkville High School



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Rendering 2: New Starkville High School



15. MSU – RE-NAMING OF DOGWOOD HALL AS “ADKERSON-DOGWOOD HALL”

Agenda Request: Mississippi State University requests approval to re-name Dogwood Hall as “Adkerson -Dogwood Hall.”

Purpose: The request to is re-name Dogwood Hall as “Adkerson-Dogwood Hall”

Richard C. Adkerson Bio Richard C. Adkerson is Chairman of the Board of Freeport-McMoRan Inc.

Freeport is a leading international metals company with the objective of being foremost in copper. Headquartered in Phoenix, Arizona, it operates large, long-lived geographically diverse assets with significant proven and probable reserves of copper, gold, and molybdenum. Our portfolio of assets includes the Grasberg minerals district in Indonesia, one of the world’s largest copper and gold deposits; and significant operations in the Americas, including the large-scale Morenci minerals district in North America and the Cerro Verde operation in South America.

Mr. Adkerson graduated from Mississippi State University with a B.S. degree in accounting with highest honors and an M.B.A. degree. In 2010, he received an Honorary Doctor of Science degree from Mississippi State. He also completed the

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Advanced Management Program of the Harvard Business School in 1988. Prior to joining Freeport in 1989, he was Partner and Managing Director in Arthur Andersen & Co. where he headed the firm's Worldwide Oil and Gas Industry Practice. From 1976 to 1978, he was a Professional Accounting Fellow with the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Adkerson has been a member of the International Council on Mining and Metals since 2005 and served as Chair from 2008 - 2011 and 2020 - 2022. He is a graduate member of The Business Council, former member of the Business Roundtable, member of the Council on Foreign Relations and serves on the Dean's Council of 100 for the Arizona State University W. P. Carey School of Business.

He serves as Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Trustees of the National WWII Museum and is a member of the Board of Visitors of the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas.. He was Campaign Chair of the Banner M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Cancer Has Met Its Match campaign in Phoenix and served as Honorary Chair of the Phoenix Zoo's Join the Journey - Share our Pride campaign. He is a member and past President of the Mississippi State University Foundation Board of Directors, an Emeritus member of the Executive Advisory Board for the College of Business, and chaired Mississippi State's State of the Future capital campaign.

He was named National Alumnus of the Year of Mississippi State University in 2011, and The Richard C. Adkerson School of Accountancy is named in his honor. He was inducted into the American Mining Hall of Fame in 2010 and the National Mining Hall of Fame in 2023, received The American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers Charles F. Rand Memorial Award in 2011 and in 2009, he was the recipient of The Copper Club's Ankh Award. He was named Executive of the Year by the W. P. Carey School of Business Dean's Council at Arizona State University in 2011. In 2024, Mr. Adkerson became a member of Extel (formerly known as Institutional Investor Research) All-America Executive Team CEO Hall of Fame.

Mr. Adkerson served as Chief Executive Officer from 2003 to June 2024, has been on the Freeport Board since 2006 and has served as Chairman of the Board since February 2021.

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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**16. UM – APPROVAL TO ENTER A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT
AND AN ACCESS AND MAINTENCE EASEMENT WITH MWG JACKSON,
LLC**

Agenda Item Request: The University of Mississippi (“UM”) requests that the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning (“IHL”) approve UM entering into the following two easements with MWG Jackson, LLC (“MWG”):

- (1) Temporary Construction Easement Agreement (“Temporary Construction Easement”); and
- (2) Access, Grading and Slope, Fire Lane, Dumpster Access, and Maintenance Easement Agreement (“Access Easement”).

Purpose: MWG owns certain property located on Jackson Avenue in Oxford, Mississippi adjacent to UM property. MWG currently has an access easement (“Existing Easement”) on UM property for the purpose of ingress and egress which remains in effect as long as MWG makes the annual payment of \$750.00. MWG is in the process of developing its property for commercial and/or residential use. MWG has requested two easements from UM. The Temporary Construction Easement will allow MWG to construct a fire lane in the easement area to service MWG’s property as well as utilize the easement area during construction and modify the grading and sloping within the easement area. The Access Easement will allow access to MWG’s property through the easement area as well as use of the fire lane that MWG will construct. UM is agreeable to grant the two easements because the easements will retain the same footprint as the Existing Easement but will allow UM to update certain requirements of MWG such as the payment term, maintenance, insurance, and indemnification. UM will also recover the cost of the dirt that MWG has already removed from UM property for the development.

Easement Terms: The term of the Temporary Construction will be for twenty-four (24) months. The Access Easement will remain in effect as long as the annual payment is made and the Access Easement is not terminated pursuant to its terms. Each easement covers a parcel of land situated in the Southeast Quarter of Section 19, Township 8 South, Range 3 West, Lafayette County, Mississippi.

For the Temporary Construction Easement, MWG will make a one-time payment of \$500.00. For the Access Easement, MWG will make the following payments:

- (1) Initial payment of \$56,000.00 and;
- (2) Two (2) annual payment of \$2,250.00 which is subject to increase based on an updated appraisal. The initial payment for the Access Easement is based on the following:

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- fee simple market value of the fire lane area as if that area were being sold;
- cost of dirt already removed by MWG; and
- cost of the appraisals obtained by UM to determine the property value.

The subsequent annual payment is based on the appraisal obtained by MWG valuing the easement.

Termination Options: For the Temporary Construction Easement, UM may terminate if the easement work negatively affects UM property outside of the easement area. UM may also terminate if MWG does not use the easement area in a careful, safe, and proper manner, commits or suffers waste on or about the easement area, or makes use or permits any use of the easement area which would constitute a nuisance. UM may also terminate for failure to comply with applicable governmental requirements in performing work.

For the Access Easement, UM may terminate for failure to pay after the cure period. UM may terminate for (i) six (6) months of continuous non-use of the access easement area or (ii) six (6) months of noncontinuous nonoccupation after January 1, 2030, of any building on MWG's property. UM may also terminate if MWG does not use the easement area in a careful, safe, and proper manner, commits or suffers waste on or about the easement area, or makes use or permits any use of the easement area which would constitute a nuisance.

Staff Recommendation: Legal Staff has reviewed this item for compliance with applicable law and found it to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

17. IHL SYSTEM – FY 2027 ANNUAL APPROVAL OF UNIVERSITIES FOR ADMINISTERING STATE FUNDED CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE PROJECTS AS PER SENATE BILL #2216, LAWS OF 2025

Approval Requested: As required by Senate Bill #2216, Laws of 2025, the System Office requests annual renewal of approval of Mississippi State University, the University of Mississippi, and the University of Mississippi Medical Center as being qualified and capable to procure and administer state funded construction and maintenance projects for FY 2027.

Justification: Senate Bill #2216, Laws of 2025, states the following:

*SECTION 1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is as follows:
37-101-15 (m) (ii) Additionally, the Board is authorized to oversee, administer and approve contracts for the construction and maintenance of buildings and other*

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facilities of the state Institutions of Higher Learning, including related contracts for architectural and engineering services, which are funded in whole or part by general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi at institutions designated annually by the Board as being capable to procure and administer all such contracts. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2025.

The IHL Staff has reviewed the qualifications of the above referenced universities regarding the following criteria and recommends approval to self-administer state funded construction, renovation, and maintenance projects.

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item. Additionally, the Board requests that this self-administration be provided for the above institutions for all state funds authorized in the 2026 Legislative Session for the purposes of construction and maintenance of buildings and other facilities.

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APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL CONTRACTS

Board Policy 1102 “*Retention and Payment of Outside Counsel*” requires an institution to receive the approval from the IHL Board and the Attorney General before entering into a contract with outside legal counsel. The contract form is dictated by the Attorney General. The institutions have submitted the following requests for the Board’s consideration.

1. **MSU – APPROVAL TO HIRE JONES WALKER, LLP AS OUTSIDE COUNSEL**

The Mississippi State University Educational Building Corporation requests permission to enter into a contract for professional legal services with the law firm of Jones Walker, LLP as outside counsel to perform services necessary in assisting and advising the university on legal issues concerning the review of strategic financing options, tax-exempt bond arbitrage, and rebate compliance, the use of bond-financed building, and other matters relating to bond issues. The term of the agreement is two years effective August 25, 2026. The EBC will pay the firm at the rate of \$1.15 for each \$1,000 of bonds issues by the EBC, plus any out -of-pocket expenses, not to exceed \$4,000, for those that bear interest at both fixed and variable rates. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$50 million per claim with an annual aggregate of \$100 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board Staff recommends approval of this item.

2. **MSU – APPROVAL TO HIRE MITCHELL, McNUTT & SAMS, P.A. AS OUTSIDE COUNSEL**

Mississippi State University requests approval to enter into a contract for professional legal services with the law firm of Mitchell, McNutt & Sams, P.A. as outside counsel to perform services necessary in assisting and advising the university in the areas of higher education law, employment law, real estate matters, compliance, and other local matters. The term of the agreement is two years effective June 19, 2026. The hourly rates of service are \$250 for attorneys and \$85 for paralegal services with a maximum amount payable of \$125,000 under the two-year term of the agreement. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$10 million per claim with an annual aggregate of \$10 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board Staff recommends approval of this item.

3. **MSU – APPROVAL TO HIRE STITES & HARBISON, PLLC AS OUTSIDE COUNSEL**

Mississippi State University requests approval to enter into a contract for professional legal services with the law firm of Stites & Harbison, PLLC as outside counsel for the

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provision of services necessary for obtaining patents for designs, processes, products, and other patentable materials developed in connection with the university. The term of the agreement is two years effective July 1, 2026. The hourly rates range from \$320 to \$400 for partners, \$230 for associate attorneys and \$95 for paralegal services. To help manage per-project costs, the university may also pay the firm on a flat-rate basis for preparing and filing patent applications. Flat-rate filings for provisional patent applications will not exceed \$5,000 per filing and flat-rate filings for non-provisional applications will not exceed \$15,000 per filing. These rates will be negotiated on a case-by-case basis, and the most efficient “rate-basis” for the university will be determined and agreed upon. The maximum amount payable under the two-year term of the agreement is \$200,000. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$30 million per claim with an annual aggregate of \$60 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board Staff recommends approval of this item.

4. **USM – APPROVAL TO HIRE MENDELSON DUNLEAVY, PC AS OUTSIDE COUNSEL**

The University of Southern Mississippi requests approval to enter into a contract for professional legal services with the law firm of Mendelsohn Dunleavy, PC as outside counsel for the provision of services as necessary in the practice area of intellectual property. The term of the contract is two years effective July 1, 2026. The hourly rates are as follows: \$370 for attorneys; \$265 for patent agents; and \$115 for paralegal services. The maximum amount payable under the term of the agreement is \$250,000. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$1 million per claim with an annual aggregate of \$3 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board Staff recommends approval of this item.

5. **USM – APPROVAL TO HIRE SCOTT J. SCHWARTZ, P.A. AS OUTSIDE COUNSEL**

The University of Southern Mississippi requests approval to enter into a contract for professional legal services with the law firm of Scott J. Schwartz, P.A. as outside counsel for the provision of services as necessary in the practice areas of commercial and regulatory matters, investigations in matters involving legal issues and litigation, and general legal advice. The term of the contract is two years effective July 1, 2026. The blended hourly rate is \$195 for all attorneys and \$90 for paralegal services with a maximum amount payable of \$20,000 under the term of the agreement. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$1 million per claim with an annual aggregate of \$1 million. This request has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board Staff recommends approval of this item.

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6. **USM – APPROVAL TO HIRE SUN SOVEREIGN, LLC d/b/a WARE|
 IMMIGRATION AS OUTSIDE COUNSEL**

The University of Southern Mississippi requests approval to enter into a contract for professional legal services with the law firm of Sun Sovereign, LLC d/b/a Ware|Immigration as outside counsel for the provision of legal services necessary in preparing labor certification applications and permanent residence process on behalf of the University for its professors, researchers and employees who seek permanent residence status and to further provide other related services relating to immigration and naturalization at the University’s request. The term of the agreement is two years effective July 1, 2026. Rates are set out in the fee schedule below. The maximum amount payable under the term of this agreement is \$150,000. This firm carries professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$3 million per claim with an annual aggregate of \$3 million. This request is has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General.

Schedule of Legal Fees for Academia

Nonimmigrant Petitions and Processes

H-1B petition	\$2,750 ¹
H-1B withdrawal	\$200
H-4 EAD (Employee may pay)	\$750
TN petition or border/consulate processing	\$2,750
E-3 petition or consular processing	\$2,750
O-1 petition	\$8,000
O-1 extension or amendment petition (Firm handled original)	\$4,000
O-1 additional rush fee if case needs to be filed w/in 60 days	\$2,000
J-1 waiver (IGA or hardship)	\$9,000
J-1 waiver (Conrad)	\$9,000
J-1 waiver (no objection)	\$2,000 ²
I-539 Fee for Dependents (Employee may pay)	\$1,000
DS-160 Prep	\$1,500 ³ + \$750 per dependent

Permanent Residence Process with Labor Certification: Faculty

Special Handling labor certification	\$3,500
(If position must be readvertised)	\$3,500

¹ Additional legal fee of up to \$2,500 may apply for substantive requests for evidence.

² Additional legal fee of \$2,000 is sponsor views are requested.

³ Does not include administrative processing.

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Additional fee if audited	\$1,500-2,500
Immigrant petition (I-140)	\$2,500-3,000

Permanent Residence Process with Labor Certification: Non-Faculty

Labor certification	\$6,500
Additional fee if audited	\$1,500-2,500
Additional fee if subject to supervised recruitment	\$3,000
Immigrant petition	\$2,500

Permanent Residence Process: Extraordinary Ability/Outstanding Professors and Researchers and National Interest Waiver

Outstanding Professors Immigrant petition	\$8,000
Extraordinary Ability	\$10,000
National Interest Waiver	\$10,000
EA, OP/OR, or NIW RFE or NOID: case by case determination up to	\$2,500

Adjustment of Status (any Employment-Based Permanent Residence Matter)

Adjustment of status (AOS) and related applications (I-765, I-131, etc.), Principal	\$2,500
“Standalone” AOS and related applications, principal	\$3,000
Adjustment of status and related applications, spouse, if together with principal application and I-140	\$1,500
Adjustment of status of each child, concurrent with I-140	\$1,000
“Standalone” adjustment of status, spouse (not concurrent with I-140)	\$2,000
“Standalone” adjustment of status, child	\$2,000
I-485 J (standalone cases)	\$1,500

Employment Authorization and Advance Parole Renewal

Employment Authorization Renewal per individual	\$ 750
Advance Parole Renewal per individual	\$ 750

Marriage Based Permanent Residence

Principal Applicant	\$4,000
Each child, if any	\$2,500

Other Services

AR-11 Change of Address	\$150
Interview rescheduling	\$150
Biometrics rescheduling per person	\$150

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Advisory Opinion	\$1500
Expedite requests	\$500-750
Annual Monitoring Fee for cases pending w/gov't for more than 1 year	\$500/year
Auto Revalidation Letter	\$200
Premium processing upgrade	\$200
Interview preparation	\$500
Interview attendance in New Orleans or Seattle	\$500
Interview attendance outside New Orleans or Seattle	\$1500 + travel expenses

General Legal Advice and Unusual Matters Which Fall Outside This Fee Schedule

Such matters will be billed at our hourly rates:

Partners	per hour billed	\$450
Associate Attorneys	per hour billed	\$300
Paralegals	per hour billed	\$150
Of Counsel Rate	per hour billed	\$450

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board Staff recommends approval of this item.

APPROVAL OF NON-EMPLOYEE IN-STATE LOBBY CONTRACTS

Board Policy 201.0506 “*Political Activity*” requires that an institution obtain annual approval by the IHL Board before contracting with non-employees to perform lobbying activities within the State of Mississippi. Per policy, the request for approval must disclose all other clients represented by the proposed lobbyist, as well as the specific source of funding to be used for payment of the lobbyist, including expenses. The contractual agreement must be either terminable at will or provide for termination by IHL or the institution if IHL or the institution determines that a new client of the lobbyist creates a conflict. Finally, lobbyists must inform the Commissioner of any lobbying activities related to IHL or its individual institutions and ensure those activities align with system-wide strategies and procedures established by the IHL Board. The institutions have submitted the following requests for the Board’s consideration.

7. **DSU – APPROVAL OF TEN ONE STRATEGIES, LLC AS IN-STATE LOBBYING CONSULTANT**

Agenda Item Request: Delta State University requests approval of an agreement between the university and Ten One Strategies, LLC as in-state lobbying consultant.

Contractor’s Legal Name: Ten One Strategies, LLC

Specific Type of Contract: This is a new government relation services agreement.

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Purpose: Ten One Strategies, LLC will provide a full scope of in-state legislative lobbying services to the university.

Scope of Work: The Firm will provide services with respect to certain government relations of interest pertaining to DSU as requested and directed by a designee of DSU and agreed by Firm. These services will consist of the following State Legislative efforts:

- Direct capitol lobbying before the Mississippi legislature to include weekly legislative tracking reports on all bills of interest;
- Assist with identification of funding opportunities through appropriations and other legislative measures;
- Daily Capitol presence of four diverse staff lobbyists to advance DSUs' interests;
- Monitor and engage on all legislation affecting the strategies of DSU in the state;
- Sponsorship of House and Senate Majority and Minority caucus meetings;
- Any other tasks deemed necessary by DSU leadership within the scope of the Firm and within reasonable terms of the agreed upon compensation schedule;
- Assist with planning and executing annual Mississippi Capitol Day;
- Assist with planning and executing DSU's annual Student Legislative Day;
- Organize and attend the annual Capitol Hill Advocacy trip to D.C., if needed;
- Attending meetings on behalf of DSU, as directed; and
- Timely filings of all Mississippi Secretary of State compliance documents and reporting.

Term of Contract: The term of the agreement is one year from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Contract Amount and Funding Source: The contract amount is \$54,000 and will be paid in quarterly installments of \$4,500 each using private funds.

Termination Options: This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the other party. Notwithstanding the foregoing, DSU and/or the IHL may terminate this Agreement immediately upon written notice of DSU or IHL determines that a new client or representation undertaken by the Firm creates, or may create, an actual or potential conflict of interest with the interests of DSU or IHL. Upon termination, Firm may be compensated only for services properly performed through the effective date of termination, subject to the terms of this Agreement.

CLIENT LIST:

ACLU MS

Alliance for End of Life Care

American Cancer Society

Bolivar County Chamber of Commerce

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CASA of North Mississippi
CASA of South Mississippi
CASA of Southeast Mississippi
CASA of Hinds County
CASA of Warren County
City of Oxford
Delta State University
First Place for Youth
FlashPass
Grammy Foundation
Greenwood-Leflore-Carroll Economic Foundation
Gulf Relay
Hinds County Board of Supervisors
Homicide Zero
Jake's Fireworks
Jones Community Junior College
Justice Court Clerks Association of Mississippi
MFDMA
Mid-South Association of Independent Schools
MS Agricultural Aviation Association
MS Association of Acupuncture
MS Association of Nurse Practitioners
MS Black Women Roundtable
MS Center for Justice
MS Coalition Against Domestic Violence
MS Main Street Association
MS Organ Recovery Association
MS Symphony Orchestra
MS Toughest Kids Foundation
MS Votes Action Fund
National Guard Association of Mississippi
New Albany Lights Gas & Water
Noxubee County Board of Supervisors
Pharmaceutical Care Management Association
Priority on Demand
Sports Betting Alliance
Soteria
TikTok, Inc.
Town of Marion
Union County
UWill, Inc.
WhyData
William Carey University
Woodward Hines Education Foundation

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION: The Attorney General’s Office has reviewed the agreement and found same to be compliant with applicable law and Board policy. Board Staff recommends approval of this item.

8. **JSU – APPROVAL OF WORTH THOMAS D/B/A W. T. CONSULTANTS, LLC AS IN-STATE LOBBYING CONSULTANT**

Agenda Item Request: Jackson State University requests approval of an agreement between the university and Worth Thomas d/b/a W. T. Consultants, LLC as in-state lobbying consultant.

Contractor’s Legal Name: Worth Thomas d/b/a W. T. Consultants, LLC (“WTC”)

Specific Type of Contract: This is a new government relation services agreement.

Purpose: WTC will provide a full scope of in-state legislative lobbying services to the university.

Scope of Work: WTC agrees to provide consulting services with respect to state agencies and officials within the State of Mississippi to include (without limitation) direct communication with legislators or other officials concerning relevant legislation, as part of JSU exploring the best possible avenues for implementation of its legislative and economic development agenda. Consultant will coordinate all services and activities with the President of JSU and/or any representative designated by the President. WTC agrees to comply with all laws, registration or any other requirements of any governing body overseeing such services as performed in this agreement, including but not limited to, the compliance requirements of the Lobbying Law Reform Act of 1994, as well as Mississippi Code § 37-101-15(d), as well as any policies and by-laws, including IHL Board Policy 201.0506(3), as amended, and as may be hereafter revised. Specifically, WTC agrees to apprise the IHL Board, through the Commissioner, of all new clients after engaging the client or clients. Under Policy 201.0506(3), WTC shall also apprise the Commissioner regarding lobbying activities related to IHL or any individual IHL institution and shall coordinate those activities within system strategies and processes prescribed by the Board.

Term of Contract: The term of the agreement is one year from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Contract Amount and Funding Source: The contract amount is \$90,000 and will be paid in quarterly installments of \$22,500 each using private funds.

Termination Options: Any party may terminate this agreement upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party. Upon termination, any payment earned and unpaid to WTC shall be paid in full within forty-five (45) days of JSUDF’s receipt of such invoice.

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Services performed through a portion of a quarter shall be prorated in accordance with the date of termination.

CLIENT LIST:

Hinds County Board of Supervisors
Jackson State University
Jackson State University Development Foundation
YMCA Alliance
Altria Client Services, LLC
AT&T Services, Inc.
Baptist Medical Center
Ipsen Biopharmaceutical, Inc.
Jackson Redevelopment Authority
Acadia Healthcare
Vertex Pharmaceuticals

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: The Attorney General’s Office has reviewed the agreement and found same to be compliant with applicable law and Board policy. Board Staff recommends approval of this item.

9. **MSU – APPROVAL OF CORNERSTONE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS, INC. AS IN-STATE LOBBYING CONSULTANT**

Agenda Item Request: Mississippi State University requests approval of an agreement between the university and Cornerstone Government Affairs, Inc., for assistance in the university’s pursuit of its in-state government affairs and business objectives, including monitoring and lobbying of legislation of interest to MSU during the regular session of the Legislature and other services throughout the year.

Contractor’s Legal Name: Cornerstone Government Affairs, Inc. (“Cornerstone”)

Specific Type of Contract: This is a new government relations services agreement.

Purpose: Cornerstone will assist in the University’s pursuit of its in-state government affairs and business objectives, including monitoring and lobbying of legislation of interest to MSU during the regular session of the Legislature and other services throughout the year.

Scope of Work: During the term, Cornerstone shall provide government relations services to MSU within the state of Mississippi. The precise scope and extent of the government relations services may be amended by mutual agreement of the Parties but generally focus on:

- Monitoring and lobbying of legislation of interest to MSU during the Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature; and

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- Providing political counsel and public affairs assistance.

In performing the government relations services, Cornerstone will perform such tasks as attending necessary meetings, and providing as necessary, written reports on its activities as well as the activities of the Mississippi Executive Branch, the Mississippi Legislative Branch, independent agencies, and third parties regarding the relevant issues. Cornerstone will also provide other general informational bulletins or updates that MSU reasonably requests.

Term of Contract: The term of the agreement is one year from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Contract Amount and Funding Source: The contract amount is \$50,000 and will be paid with private funds.

Termination Options: This Agreement may be terminated by either party with or without cause at any time during the term after thirty (30) days written notice to the other party. MSU shall pay Cornerstone all fees and expenses otherwise owed it under the terms of this Agreement through the effective date of such termination.

CLIENT LIST:

ACT, Inc.
American Medical Response (AMR)
Amtrak
Anduril Industries
Canopy Children's Solutions
Columbus Light & Water
Community Mental Health Centers
Covington County Hospital
CSpire
DCI Group (BlackRock)
DeSoto County Regional Utility Authority (Fed. & State)
eHawk
Empower MS
Entergy
Foundation for Mississippi History I & II (Fed.)
Free State Strategies
Gilead
Google
Great City MS Foundation (Fed. & State)
Horn Lake Creek Basin (Fed. & State)
Jackson County Board of Supervisors (Fed. & State)
Magee General Hospital
Management & Training Corp.
Mississippi Association of Health Plans

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Mississippi Board of Nursing
Mississippi Destination Marketing Organizations Association
Mississippi Economic Council
Mississippi Early Learning Alliance
Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation
Mississippi Manufacturers Association
Mississippi Power Company
Mississippi Railroad Association
Mississippi State University
Nissan North America
NORESKO
Panola Partnership (Fed. & State)
PENN Entertainment
Relativity Space
Ridgeland, MS (City of)
Save the Children
Simpson General Hospital
SonEdna
South Central Regional Medical Center
Southern Farm Bureau Casualty Insurance
Voyce Global
Yellow Creek State Inland Port (Fed. & State)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: The Attorney General’s Office has reviewed the agreement and found same to be compliant with applicable law and Board policy. Board Staff recommends approval of this item.

10. **MUW – APPROVAL OF THOMPSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC AS IN-STATE LOBBYING CONSULTANT**

Agenda Item Request: Mississippi University for Women requests approval of an agreement between the university and Thompson & Associates, LLC for the provision of lobbying services within the State of Mississippi during the 2027 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature.

Contractor’s Legal Name: Thompson & Associates, LLC

Specific Type of Contract: This is a new government relations services agreement.

Purpose: Thompson will provide lobbying consulting services within the State of Mississippi during the 2027 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature.

Scope of Work: Thompson will arrange and attend meetings with key political leadership beginning upon execution of the agreement and continuing throughout the 2027 Regular

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Legislative Session, in order to educate and promote the university's interests regarding MUW and related pieces of legislation.

Term of Contract: The term of the agreement is one year from August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027.

Contract Amount and Funding Source: The contract amount is \$60,000 and will be paid with private funds.

Termination Options: Either party, on notice to the other, may terminate this contract. On notice of termination by MUW, Thompson shall cease all work in connection with the agreement and MUW shall pay Thompson all consideration through the date of termination. On notice of termination by Thompson, Thompson shall deliver all work in progress to MUW and shall have no further obligation to MUW, except the conditions set forth in the confidentiality provision of the agreement.

CLIENT LIST:

AES Clean Energy Development, LLC
A First Name Basis
AFLAC
American Fidelity Corporation
Ascent Management, LLC
Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi
Caesars Enterprise Services, LLC
Central Access Corporation
Central Auction House, Ltd.
CEV Multimedia, LLC
City of Pearl
Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC
CVS Health
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors
Enterprise Holdings
Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Health System, Inc.
General Cigar Company
Injection Disposal Services, LLC
Life Insurance Association of Mississippi
Methodist LeBonheur Children's Hospital
Methodist LeBonheur Healthcare
Mississippi Economic Council
Mississippi Health Care Association
Mississippi Independent Package Stores Association
Mississippi Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Stores Association
Mississippi Power Company
Mississippi Short Line Rail Coalition
Mississippi University for Women

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National Council of State Boards of Nursing
Noble Labs
Oceans Acquisitions, Inc.
Park Development
Plains All American Pipeline, L.P.
PMI US Corporate Services, Inc and Affiliates
Scott County Board of Supervisors
Southern Beverage Company, Inc.
State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company
St. Dominic Health Services, Inc.
Thompson and Associates, LLC
TNT Fireworks
Veterans Guardian
Via Science, Inc.
yes.every.kid.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: The Attorney General’s Office has reviewed the agreement and found same to be compliant with applicable law and Board policy. Board Staff recommends approval of this item.

11. **USM – APPROVAL OF CAPITOL RESOURCES, LLC AS IN-STATE LOBBYING CONSULTANT**

Agenda Item Request: The University of Southern Mississippi requests approval to continue the agreement with Capitol Resources LLC, in Jackson, MS, to provide in-state lobbying and government relations and consulting services in Mississippi.

Contractor’s Legal Name: Capitol Resources, LLC

Specific Type of Contract: This is a new government relation services agreement.

Purpose: Capitol Resources will provide in-state lobbying and government relations and consulting services in Mississippi.

Scope of Work: Capitol Resources will provide comprehensive lobbying and government relations efforts in Mississippi, focusing on but not limited to the following objectives:

- Policy advocacy in the Mississippi Legislature, particularly on committees and issues dealing with funding, capital projects, IHL, K-12 education, technology development, hurricane recovery, and marine resources;
- Policy advocacy and monitoring of relevant issues within the Executive Branch;
- Partnership and strategic alliance development, both within various agencies and departments of state government, as well as within the private sector focusing on:

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- USM in relation to broader education policy, i.e. teacher training, K-12, college preparation, etc.;
- USM research application and support within the private sector, particularly in South Mississippi; and
- USM in relation to workforce development;

- Timely reports to USM leadership in the form of
 - Bill-status e-mail reports;
 - Telephone and e-mail reports as required by the posture of legislation; and
 - Post-session reports and other reports as requested and required;

- Exhaustive monitoring of legislation, relevant committee hearings and floor debates;

- Identifying and securing potential legislative sponsors for USM-supported legislation and assistance with bill drafting;

- Defensive monitoring within a broad spectrum of government agencies;

- Assistance to USM administration, alumni and supporters in communication with key legislators at appropriate times;

- Compliance with all registration and reporting laws; and

- Off-session strategy planning and legislative contacts, attendance at appropriate USM events

Term of Contract: The term of the agreement is one year from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Contract Amount and Funding Source: The contract amount is \$48,000 annually, which is payable in monthly installments of \$4,000 each and will be funded by self-generated funds.

Termination Options: USM may, when the interests of USM so require, terminate this agreement, in whole or in part, for convenience of USM. Written notice of the same is required to be provided by USM and shall allow no less than ten (10) days' notice prior to the effective date of termination. USM may also terminate this agreement, in whole or in part, if Capitol Resources takes on a client that is in conflict with USM. Written notice of all new clients is required to be given to USM no less than ten (10) days' notice prior to the effective date of adding the client.

CLIENT LIST:
Accelerate Learning

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American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, MS Section
American Medical Response, Inc.
American Petroleum Institute
Association of Equipment Manufacturers
AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP
Assured Guaranty Inc. (Latham & Watkins LLP)
Asurion
MGM/Beau Rivage Resorts
BDO USA, PC
Brightstar Global Solutions Corporation
CAG Holdings, Inc. LLC, a Carlyle Company
Cambria Solutions (Ernst & Young LLP)
Canadian Pacific Kansas City, Ltd.
Cartwheel Care, Inc.
Catapult Learning, Inc. (FullBloom)
CDW LLC
Centene Corporation d/b/a The Magnolia Health Plan
CF Industries
Cicero Action
City of Starkville
Community Health Center Association of Mississippi
Data Recognition Corporation
Diamondhead Water and Sewer District
Drax Biomass, LLC
Equifax, Inc.
Enova International, Inc.
Ergon, Inc.
Exxon Mobil Corporation
Fortinet, Inc.
Gainwell Technologies, LLC
Google
Gulf States Toyota
HB Strategies (GoodRx)
Ingalls Shipbuilding
Interinvest Corporation
Learning.com
LS Power Midcontinent, LLC
Madison County Board of Supervisors
McLane Company, Inc.
MedeAnalytics
Medical Transportation Management, Inc.
MedImpact Healthcare Systems, Inc.
Memorial Health System
Mississippi Association of Self-Insurers
Mississippi Chapter – American College of Emergency Physicians

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MS Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
MS Alliance for Boys & Girls Clubs, Inc.
MS Business Alliance
MS Charter School Authorizer Board
MS Consumer Finance Association
MS Counselors Association
MS Economic Develop Council
MS Optometric Association
MS Orthopedic Society
MS Physicians Care Network
MS Public Broadcasting Foundation
MS State Board of Medical Licensure
National Rarities
NextEra Energy Resources, LLC
Ochsner Health System
Panorama Education, Inc.
PhRMA
PMI US Corporate Services, Inc.
Reason Foundation
Regional One Health
Republic Services
Safety and Advocacy for Empowerment (SAFE)
Samsara, Inc.
Scholastic, Inc.
Sevita Health
Sharecare Operating Company, Inc.
SHI International Corp.
SitelogIQ, Inc.
Singing River Health System
Southern Renewable Energy Association
Spire Services, Inc.
Star Academy
State Shield
Stercus Bioanalytics, LLC
STChealth, LLC
Teaching Strategies, LLC
Tennessee Book Company
The Magee Foundation
Toyota Motor – North American, Inc.
Turo
Twenty Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Healthy Together
Uber Technologies, Inc.
UHS of Delaware, Inc. – Parkwood
Unite Us
University of Southern Mississippi

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Vision Research
Wayne Halfway House
Workday, Inc.
yes.every kid., Inc.
Youth Villages

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: The Attorney General’s Office has reviewed the agreement and found same to be compliant with applicable law and Board policy. Board Staff recommends approval of this item.

APPROVAL OF NON-EMPLOYEE OUT-OF-STATE LOBBYISTS

Board Policy 201.0506 “*Political Activities*” requires annual approval by the IHL Board of an institution’s use of non-employee lobbyists performing lobbying activities outside the State of Mississippi. Institutions have submitted the following requests for your consideration.

12. **MSU – APPROVAL OF FEDERAL SOLUTIONS, LLC AS FEDERAL LOBBYING CONSULTANT**

Mississippi State University requests approval of Federal Solutions, LLC to continue to lobby on behalf of the university outside the State of Mississippi.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board Staff recommends approval of this item.

13. **UM – APPROVAL OF BGR GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, LLC AS FEDERAL LOBBYING CONSULTANT**

The University of Mississippi seeks approval of BGR Governmental Affairs, LLC, a Washington, D.C. based firm, to continue to assist in managing their federal government affairs and to represent their interests before federal executive branch agencies and congressional offices and committees.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board Staff recommends approval of this item.

14. **USM – APPROVAL OF CASSIDY & ASSOCIATES AS FEDERAL LOBBYING CONSULTANT**

The University of Southern Mississippi requests approval to continue its agreement with Cassidy & Associates, Inc., in Washington, DC, to provide government relations services outside the State of Mississippi during the period from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board Staff recommends approval of this item.

APPROVAL OF LEGISLATIVE LIAISONS

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Board Policy 201.0506, “*Political Activities*” requires annual approval by the IHL Board of employees designated by institutions or the system as liaisons to the state legislature. Institutions have submitted the following requests for your consideration.

15. **ASU – APPROVAL OF DR. MARCUS D. WARD AS LEGISLATIVE LIAISON**

Alcorn State University requests approval of Dr. Marus D. Ward as legislative liaison.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

16. **DSU – APPROVAL OF KATIE LUSK AS LEGISLATIVE LIAISON**

Delta State University requests approval of Katie Lusk as legislative liaison.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

17. **JSU – APPROVAL OF JACQUELINE ANDERSON-WOODS AS LEGISLATIVE LIAISON**

Jackson State University requests approval of Jacqueline Anderson-Woods as legislative liaison.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

18. **MSU – APPROVAL OF LEE WEISKOPF AND MATHIS McGEE AS LEGISLATIVE LIAISONS**

Mississippi State University requests approval of Lee Weiskopf and Mathis McGee legislative liaisons.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

19. **MUW – APPROVAL OF CARLA LOWERY AS LEGISLATIVE LIAISON**

The Mississippi University for Women requests approval of Carla Lowery as a legislative liaison.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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20. **MVSU – APPROVAL OF ERNIE T. HUGHES AS LEGISLATIVE LIAISON**

Mississippi Valley State University requests approval of Ernie T. Hughes as legislative liaison.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

21. **UM – APPROVAL OF PERRY SANSING AND WILLIAM KNEIP AS LEGISLATIVE LIAISONS**

The University of Mississippi requests approval of Perry Sansing and William Kneip as legislative liaisons.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

22. **UMMC – APPROVAL OF KRISTY SIMMS AND ANNA MOAK SPARKS AS LEGISLATIVE LIAISONS**

The University of Mississippi Medical Center requests approval of Kristy Simms and Anna Moak Sparks as legislative liaisons.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

23. **USM – APPROVAL OF CHAD DRISKELL AS LEGISLATIVE LIAISON**

The University of Southern Mississippi requests approval of Chad Driskell as legislative liaison.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

24. **SYSTEM – APPROVAL OF LAURA HIPP MAYER AS LEGISLATIVE LIAISON**

The IHL System Office requests approval of Laura Hipp Mayer as legislative liaison.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ACTION REQUEST

1. **Employment**

Alcorn State University

Nolan McMurray; Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences; salary \$160,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G funds; 12-month contract; effective July 1, 2026

2. **Change of Status**

Alcorn State University

Renardo Murray; *from* Acting Dean, College of Arts and Sciences/Associate Professor/Interim Chair, Fine Arts; salary \$150,758 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; *to* Dean of the Graduate School; salary \$115,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; effective July 1, 2026

Jackson State University

- Preselfannie E. Whitfield McDaniels; *from* Interim Provost / Vice President of Academic Affairs; salary \$300,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; *to* Provost / Vice President of Academic Affairs; no change in salary per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; effective July 1, 2026
- Carlos D. Wilson; *from* Interim Dean of Graduate Studies; salary \$149,554.44; per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; *to* Dean of Graduate Studies; no change in salary per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; effective July 1, 2026

Mississippi University for Women

Kim Whitehead; *from* Senior Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs; salary \$105,000 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-months contract; *to* Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs; salary \$171,369 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; effective July 1, 2026

University of Mississippi

Richard Gentry; *from* Chair and Professor of Management, FNC Founders Chair of Entrepreneurship, and Co-Director of Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship; salary \$349,217 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* Dean of the School of Business Administration, Professor of Management, and FNC Founders Chair of Entrepreneurship; salary \$446,000 per annum; pro rata; E&G Funds; 12-month contract; effective July 1, 2026

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3. **Sabbatical**

Jackson State University

- Shuang Z. Tu; Professor of Computer Engineering; salary \$98,964.48 per annum, pro rata; E & G funds; 9-month contract; no change in salary for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 5, 2026 to May 15, 2026
- Yadong Li; Professor and Interim Chair of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Industrial Systems and Technology; salary \$92,090.70 per annum, pro rata; E & G funds; 9-month contract; no change in salary for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026

Mississippi State University

Molly Zuckerman; Professor of Anthropology & Middle Eastern Culture; *from* salary of \$96,744.00 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; *to* salary of \$48,372.00 for sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective August 16, 2026, to May 15, 2027; professional development

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1. **MSU – REQUEST TO ADD A NEW INSTITUTE**

In accordance with Board policy 502 and the approved Academic Guidelines for establishing and modifying institutes and centers, the Mississippi State University requests approval for the creation of a new institute.

Center title: **Institute for Nursing Leadership at MSU**

Center location: MSU School of Nursing, Meridian Campus

Scope: Extensive Scope and Outreach

Type: Type 1 (Academic, Teaching, or Research)

Effective date: July 2026

Total number of current faculty/ Total number of new faculty: 2/1

Total number of current staff/ Total number of new staff: 1/0

Anticipated cost for the next 5 years: \$250,000

Funding source: Private philanthropic and federal/state grants

Purpose: The Institute for Nursing Leadership at MSU will be dedicated to leveraging the expertise of seasoned nursing leaders to improve healthcare outcomes in Mississippi communities. No institute in Mississippi is structured specifically to leverage senior nurse fellows as a sustained leadership, mentorship, and workforce strategy. This institute will focus on addressing regional healthcare challenges while leveraging the expertise of senior nurse fellows to drive sustainable improvements. By capitalizing on their experiential and professional knowledge, this initiative aims to create meaningful sustainable healthcare solutions that address urgent needs, enhance workforce retention, and elevate nursing mentorship -ultimately bettering health outcomes statewide.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

2. **DSU – REQUESTS TO ADD A NEW ACADEMIC UNIT**

In accordance with Board policies 503 and 504, Delta State University submits a request to create a new academic unit.

Proposed unit title: **College of Aviation**

Unit location: Division of Academic Affairs

Effective date: July 2026

Five-year cost of implementation: \$3.015 million (no upfront costs)

Total number of faculty/new faculty: 30/0

Total number of staff/new staff: 25/0

Organizational unit to operate under proposed unit:

Division of Commercial Aviation

Degree programs to be offered within the proposed unit:

Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Aviation Management (49.0101, 5894)

Bachelor of Commercial Aviation (BCA) in Aviation Management (49.0101, 5104)

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Bachelor of Commercial Aviation (BCA) in Flight Operations (49.0102, 5105)
Master of Commercial Aviation (MCA) (49.0104, 4442)

Reason for Request: Delta State University requests the creation of the College of Aviation and to move several programs from the current College of Business and Aviation into the new college. (A request to rename and reorganize the College of Business and Aviation to the College of Business is on the Academic Affairs Consent Agenda.) This structural change is primarily driven by the substantial growth of the university's aviation programs, which experienced a student enrollment increase from 163 in academic year 2023 to 229 in academic year 2026, largely due to the Bachelor of Commercial Aviation in Flight Operations major. The expansion has generated a 35% spike in monthly flight hours and is backed by a federal earmark supporting its agricultural aviation workforce development program. By establishing a distinct college, the university intends to provide dedicated oversight capable of addressing rigorous federal compliance, safety, and flight fleet planning while positioning itself to meet massive projected shortages in the North American aviation sector.

The transition will not result in an immediate addition of new faculty or staff positions, nor will it expand the university's current academic degree inventory, as it is fundamentally an administrative reorganization of existing resources. The current dean of the College of Business and Aviation will shift from his dual role to serve exclusively as the Dean of the College of Aviation, while a search will be conducted to hire a new Dean for the College of Business.

Financially, the restructuring features a flat budget for the 2026–2027 inaugural year, meaning there are zero new implementation costs up front. However, over a five-year period, cumulative operational expenditures are projected to increase by approximately \$3.015 million above the initial baseline. This expenditure is driven by an anticipated 15% aviation growth surge in the second year, necessitating at least one new faculty line, followed by an 8% annual growth rate thereafter. In contrast, business-related costs are expected to rise modestly at 2.5% annually without altering headcount. The university projects that these elevated operational expenses will be fully offset by subsequent increases in student tuition and specific flight fees generated by program enrollment.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

3. **SYSTEM – REQUEST TO ADD NEW ACADEMIC DEGREE PROGRAMS**

Board Policy 502: New Academic Programs and Units states: “*Requests to establish new degree programs, colleges, schools, departments, institutes, and centers will be considered by the Board on a schedule and in accordance with guidelines and procedures to be determined by the Commissioner after consultation with the Institutional Executive Officers.*”

In accordance with Board Policy 502, Mississippi Valley State University and the University of Southern Mississippi request approval to establish new academic degree programs.

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A. MVSU - Bachelor of Science (BS) in Business Management

CIP code: 52.0201

Total credit hours: 120

Effective date: August 2026

Incremental, five-year cost of implementation: \$0

Potential new, five-year revenue: \$2,816,240

Unit where academic program will be housed: Business Administration Department

Number of students expected to enroll in first five years: 155

Number of students expected to graduate in first five years: 114

Program description: This degree program currently exists as an emphasis of the Business Administration degree and is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs. MVSU seeks to make this a stand-alone degree program. The fully online BS in Business Management degree program addresses a clear workforce need in the economically challenged Mississippi Delta region and is designed as an accelerated degree completion pathway for adult learners, specifically targeting individuals who have previously earned college credit but have not completed a bachelor's degree.

The Mississippi Delta region, recognized by workforce development authorities as a priority area for economic growth and workforce development programming, has identified industry clusters such as healthcare, manufacturing, information technology, and retail that rely on strong business and managerial capacity to expand operations and improve productivity. Nationally, occupations related to management and business operations are projected to grow steadily, with strong demand for professionals who can lead teams, analyze organizational performance, and support business decision-making. This broad demand underscores that Business Management graduates will be well positioned to secure employment, support local economic development in the Delta, and contribute to workforce needs across diverse sectors.

Institution(s) offering similar program(s): None

Supply and demand; Average wages: Graduates of the BS in Business Management program can pursue a range of business and management-related careers at the local, state, and national levels. In Mississippi, management occupations, including general and operations managers and business and financial operations roles, account for a sizable portion of the workforce, with tens of thousands of jobs statewide and median annual wages well above the state average salary for all occupations. Recent labor data show that management occupations in Mississippi are projected to grow by nearly 9.7% from 2020 to 2030, providing thousands of job openings due to both growth and replacement needs. According

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to ZipRecruiter, salaries for this degree type in Mississippi range from \$45,000 to \$79,100 with top earners making \$97,000.

B. USM – Bachelor of Science (BS) in Biochemistry

CIP code: 40.0501

Total credit hours: 120

Effective date: August 2026

Incremental, five-year cost of implementation: \$0

Potential new, five-year revenue: \$0

Unit where academic program will be housed: College of Arts and Sciences, School of Mathematics and Natural Sciences

Number of students expected to enroll in first five years: 312

Number of students expected to graduate in first five years: 70

Program description: This degree program currently exists as an emphasis of the BS in Chemistry degree and is accredited by the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. USM seeks to make this a stand-alone degree program for greater clarity and visibility to increase enrollments. This degree prepares students for careers in private industry or government and for admission to graduate programs in the chemical sciences or medicine, dentistry, pharmacy and other science-related professional programs.

Institution(s) offering similar program(s): MSU (26.0202) and UM (26.0202)

Supply and demand; Average wages: Primary employment sectors for graduates with this degree include hospitals, clinical laboratories, public health laboratories, environmental and water testing labs, university research labs, and small biotech or pharmaceutical-related operations. Typical entry-level roles for baccalaureate degrees are laboratory technician, research assistant, quality control analyst, and medical lab technician (may require additional certification). Most positions are applied or clinical rather than research intensive. The strongest demand is in healthcare systems and state/public health agencies. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, baccalaureate-level clinical laboratory technologists earned a median pay of \$61,890 in 2024.

C. USM – Bachelor of Science (BS) in Physical Education K12 Teaching

CIP code: 13.1314

Total credit hours: 120

Effective date: August 2026

Incremental, five-year cost of implementation: \$0

Potential new, five-year revenue: \$0

Unit where academic program will be housed: College of Education and Human Sciences, School of Kinesiology and Nutrition

Number of students expected to enroll in first five years: 170

Number of students expected to graduate in first five years: 58

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Program description: This degree program currently exists as an emphasis of the BS in Kinesiology degree and is designed to prepare students to become licensed by the Mississippi Department of Education to teach physical education in K12 schools. The current emphasis area is considered a licensure program within the University Professional Education Unit which is accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) and is nationally recognized by the Society of Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE America). USM seeks to make this a stand-alone degree program for greater clarity and visibility.

Institution(s) offering similar program(s): Other undergraduate programs in MS with a 13.1314 CIP code are offered at DSU, JSU, and UM.

Supply and demand; Average wages: Primary employers are public school districts (K–12), private and faith-based schools, and community recreation programs. Demand is moderately strong, especially in rural and underserved districts with a projected ~7% growth over the next decade in Mississippi. Openings often arise from retirements and state health initiatives. As of May 2026, the average annual salary for a Physical Education teacher in Mississippi is approximately \$51,415 with experienced teachers averaging over \$65,000.

D. USM – Master of Science (MS) in Educational Data Analytics

CIP code: 13.0601

Total credit hours: 30

Effective date: August 2026

Incremental, five-year cost of implementation: \$0

Potential new, five-year revenue: \$0

Unit where academic program will be housed: College of Education and Human Sciences, School of Education

Number of students expected to enroll in first five years: 87

Number of students expected to graduate in first five years: 56

Program description: The current Master of Science in Education functions primarily as an en-route program for doctoral students, consisting of the first 36 credit hours of the Research, Evaluation, Statistics, and Assessment PhD (RESA PhD) curriculum and serving no distinct student population. Although more than 90% of recent PhD students elect to earn this optional credential, the current MS program does not generate new enrollments and does not address professional goals that differ from doctoral preparation. Removing the Education MS from the inventory (which is an item on the consent agenda) and establishing the Educational Data Analytics MS degree as a stand-alone program creates a clearly differentiated identity that can attract working professionals in P–12 education, higher education, evaluation, and institutional research. This modification also aligns the master’s curriculum with recent revisions to the Research, Evaluation, Statistics, and Assessment PhD program.

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Graduates of this program will be prepared for employment in data-informed and analytic roles across P–12 education, higher education, state agencies, and education-related organizations at the state, regional, and national levels.

Institution(s) offering similar program(s): No other programs exist with this CIP code.

Supply and demand; Average wages: National workforce data indicate strong growth in data-intensive and analytic roles, including management analysts and related decision-support positions (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2024), and market analyses such as those conducted by Hanover Research consistently identify data analytics, visualization, and applied analytic skills as high-demand competencies in education-related fields. These roles align closely with institutional research, program evaluation, assessment, and data analytics positions in education. In addition, labor-market analyses conducted by Hanover Research identify strong and sustained demand for professionals with skills in data analytics, visualization, evaluation, and evidence-based decision making within education systems. This demand is reflected both nationally and regionally, as schools, districts, colleges, and state agencies increasingly rely on data to support accountability, planning, and improvement efforts. The median annual wage for data scientists in 2024 was \$112,590.

E. USM – Master of Science (MS) in Strategic Communication in Emerging Media

CIP code: 09.0702

Total credit hours: 30

Effective date: August 2026

Incremental, five-year cost of implementation: \$226,000

Potential new, five-year revenue: \$1,974,480

Unit where academic program will be housed: College of Arts and Sciences, School of Media and Communication

Number of students expected to enroll in first five years: 90

Number of students expected to graduate in first five years: 23

Program description: This degree program is a 30-hour online graduate program designed to provide students with both a strong theoretical foundation and advanced professional skills in strategic communication, with a particular emphasis on emerging media. The program is designed to attract students from undergraduate communication and media programs in Mississippi and nearby states, as well as working professionals who are seeking career changes, new credentials, or advanced digital communication skills to excel in their current positions. The curriculum integrates strategic communication with emerging media technologies through courses on communication strategies, content creation, media analytics, social media, and emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence and virtual reality.

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Institution(s) offering similar program(s): UM offers an online MS degree in Integrated Marketing Communication with the same CIP code.

Supply and demand; Average wages: Strategic communication is a broad and evolving field with numerous career opportunities, especially in digital media. These include social media managers, digital advertising specialists, public relations specialists, content strategists, organizational communication managers, content marketing managers, digital communication specialists, and many others. While the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) does not specifically track social or digital media jobs, it reports that the broader Media and Communication sector is projected to add 109,500 jobs annually, with segments like advertising and public relations growing at an even faster pace. Graduates in media and communication also frequently pursue careers in marketing and sales. In 2023, the BLS reported 411,300 jobs in Advertising, Promotion, and Marketing Management, 308,000 in Public Relations, and 111,600 in Advertising Sales. Similarly, LinkedIn recently listed 3,520 “communication” jobs, 959 “strategic communication” jobs, and 437 “media” jobs in Mississippi, with common positions for social media managers, communication specialists, public relations specialists, and advertising managers. The Mississippi Department of Labor has not yet created separate categories for tracking digital media roles like social media and content creation. However, the Southcentral Workforce Development report projects a 4.6% increase in media-related occupations (Code 27-0000), including traditional public relations specialists, with 565 annual job openings. The BLS reports a median annual wage of \$66,320 for media and communication positions.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of these items.

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1. **MSU – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO INCREASE THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FEE**

Agenda Item Request: Pursuant to Section 702.03 of the IHL Board Policies and Bylaws, Mississippi State University (MSU) requests approval to increase the capital improvement fee to maintain a stable base of support for the institution’s capital infrastructure needs. The capital fee is currently assessed at a rate of \$4.17 per student credit hour, MSU is seeking approval of an assessment rate of \$8.34 per student credit hour. The fee will be capped at \$100.00 per term and be assessed for all terms starting after August 1, 2026.

History: MSU was granted approval to assess a capital improvement fee at the November 15, 2012, meeting of the IHL Board of Trustees to be expended for purposes including capital construction and renovation projects, and continued upgrades and maintenance of campus capital infrastructure. Since the initial approval, MSU has added or renovated square footage in the hundreds of thousands, enrollment has increased by 16%, and costs have increased significantly.

Estimated Revenue: MSU expects additional revenue generated by the increase, based on current enrollment, to be approximately \$1.9 million annually.

Planned Usage of Revenue: To fund, in part, increases in capital construction, renovation, and replacement and acquisition costs of physical assets necessary for the institution’s maintenance and expansion of operational capacity to adequately serve its students. Specific needs include, but are not limited to, utilities and ITS infrastructure, capitalized hardware and equipment, and servicing of applicable building construction debt. The revenue generated will be segregated, reportable, and utilized for the above-described purposes, or similar purposes, that are strictly in keeping with the Board’s intent upon approval.

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

2. **SYSTEM – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2027 OPERATING BUDGETS**

Approval is requested for the fiscal year ending 2027 Operating Budgets for the system. These proposed budgets will be provided to the Board under separate cover. Included as supplemental information as required by the Ayers Settlement Agreement, Board Policy 704.02, and Board Policy 703.04 E. are the following:

- Fiscal Year 2026 – 2027 Ayers Budgets,
- Fiscal Year 2026 – 2027 Athletic Budgets, and
- Fiscal Year 2026 – 2027 E&G Scholarships, Fellowships & Tuition Waivers.

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Based on Board Policy 701.05 – Budgets, 703.04 E. Policy Guidelines, and 704.02 – Athletic Budget Approval and Reporting, the Commissioner, after consultation with the Institutional Executive Officers, shall prepare and submit for approval by the Board annual budgets for the several institutions and separately budgeted units. Board staff recommends approval of these items.

3. SYSTEM– REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2028 PROPOSED FUNDING PRIORITIES

Proposed funding priorities are required for the 2028 Legislative Budget Request (LBR). The proposed funding priorities will be presented under a separate cover.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Based on Board Policy 701.03, Budget and Planning Priorities, the Commissioner, after consultation with the Institutional Executive Officers, shall prepare and submit an annual statement of system planning and budget priorities for consideration and approval by the Board. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

4. SYSTEM – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO RENEW AUTO LIABILITY INSURANCE

Agenda Item Request: The Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning’s Executive Office (IHL) requests approval to renew its primary auto liability insurance coverage with **Berkley Southeast Insurance Company**, and its excess auto liability insurance with **Genesis**, a Berkshire Hathaway company.

Contractor’s Legal Name: **Berkley Southeast Insurance Company** and **Genesis**, a Berkshire Hathaway company.

History of Contract: The IHL Self-Insured Tort Plan (Tort Plan) insures against third party tort claims as outlined in the Mississippi Tort Claims Act (§11-46-1, et seq.), which includes automobile liability coverage. To limit its exposure, the IHL Self-Insured Tort Plan currently purchases auto liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$500,000 for in-state coverage and up to \$5,000,000 for out-of-state coverage through Berkley and Genesis. Current vehicles total 2,069.

Specific Type of Contract: This is auto liability insurance coverage.

Purpose: The purpose of the contract is to insure against auto liability for the system.

Scope of Work: The insurer will provide auto liability insurance coverage during the policy year in exchange for the payment of premiums.

Term of Contract: This will be a one-year insurance policy running from July 1, 2026, to July 1, 2027.

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Termination Options: IHL may cancel the policy at any time by providing written notice before the effective termination date. The insurers may cancel upon 30-days advance notice, or upon 10 days advance notice if the reason for termination is the non-payment of premium.

Contract Amount: The total cost for both policies is approximately \$1,118,124. The primary policy is \$373 per vehicle so as to total approximately \$771,737. The excess policy premium, inclusive of fees, is \$346,387.

Funding Source for Contract: Each university and the Board Office pays its respective share of the premium which is billed and paid directly between the broker and the insured.

Contractor Selection Process: An RFP process was conducted for both the broker and the insurer. Galloway Chandler Mckinney and the recommended policies with Berkley and Genesis were the only quotes received. Other insurers declined to quote due to not being cost competitive with our current program.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

5. **MSU-REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH GEDR-HS BELLTOWER I LLC**

Agenda Item Request: Pursuant to Section 707.01(A) of the IHL Board Policies and Bylaws, Mississippi State University, requests approval to enter into a new lease agreement with **GEEdR-HS Belltower I LLC** to provide space for Student Life in the College View development, located at 385 College View Street, Starkville, MS 39759. Pursuant to Section 707.03 of the IHL Board Policies and Bylaws, MSU is requesting approval to prepay for monthly operating costs for the leased facility.

Contractor's Legal Name: **GEEdR-HS Belltower I LLC**

History of Contract: This is a new lease agreement for Mississippi State University.

Specific Type of Contract: Lease Agreement.

Purpose: The purpose of the contract is to lease space for student life activities in College View, a mixed-use student housing development at MSU managed through a public-private partnership. The space will be used to hold meetings, small events, activities, and training/workshops/retreats for student organizations and student leaders. This space

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will provide student organizations who don't have dedicated space elsewhere on campus a space to facilitate their meetings and smaller activities.

Scope of Work: MSU will lease approximately 3,118 +/- square feet. Property improvements are required to bring the leased property up to a condition in which it can be utilized for student life space. The plan is to "white box" the currently unfinished space, which will include pouring a slab, installing flooring, ceiling tiles, and dry wall and building in restrooms and a small kitchenette area (countertop, cabinets, refrigerator).

Term of Contract: The term of the agreement is ten (10) years.

Contract Amount: Because MSU is making improvements to the leased space, GEdR is not charging rent. MSU will be responsible for a proportionate share of operating expenses and taxes for the leased space. The proportionate share of taxes will be calculated by using the ratio of the square footage leased by MSU divided by the total square footage of the commercial space within the building, not including any common areas, office or amenity space ancillary to residential uses.

MSU's proportionate share of operating expenses will include costs and expenses incurred by GEdR during the lease term in operating, equipping, policing, protecting, light repairing, and maintaining the commercial space area; and administrative costs not to exceed to fifteen percent (15%) of the total cost of operating, managing and maintaining the commercial space. MSU's proportionate share of this cost will consist of a ratio of its leased area divided by the total square footage of the commercial space within the property. No capital improvements or management costs shall be included in the computation.

It is anticipated that the fees to cover these expenses will be \$9,509.90 per year, payable in monthly installments of \$792.49. MSU is also responsible for the cost of utilities for the leased space. MSU has obtained an architect's initial opinion of probable cost for the improvements, and it is anticipated that construction costs will be approximately \$906,000.

Funding Source for Contract: The contract will be funded by commissions received from MSU's Barnes & Noble bookstore contract.

Termination Options:

MSU may terminate after thirty (30) days written notice and cure period if the landlord fails to comply with the lease.

Contractor Selection Process: This development is located on land owned by the University and leased to the landlord. The property is adjacent to the MSU

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campus. Mississippi State University's Office of Planning, Design & Construction Administration will oversee the construction contractor selection process according to state purchasing laws.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

6. **MVSU – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDMENT TO THE ORIGINAL AMENDED AND RESTATED FOOD SERVICES MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THOMPSON HOSPITALITY SERVICES, LLC**

Agenda Item Request: Mississippi Valley State University (MVSU) requests approval to enter into an Amendment to the Original Amended and Restated Food Services Management Agreement with **Thompson Hospitality Services, LLC**.

Contractor's Legal Name: **Thompson Hospitality Services, LLC**

History of Contract: Mississippi Valley State University entered into a mutual agreement with Thompson Hospitality Services, LLC on June 10, 1999. A Contract Modification Agreement was entered into on July 1, 2004. Amendment II to the food services agreement was entered into on October 1, 2008. Amendment III to the food services agreement was entered into on June 16, 2011. Amendment IV to the food services agreement was entered into on August 20, 2020. The Amended and Restated Food Services Management Agreement was entered into on July 1, 2021. This document shall serve to amend the Amended and Restated Food Services Management Agreement with Thompson Hospitality Services, LLC.

Specific Type of Contract: This is a food services management agreement.

Purpose: The purpose of this agreement is to expand the scope of dining operations at the Aron Student Union through additional capital investment, establish the base meal plan rates associated with the investment for the 2026-2027, 2027-2028, and 2028-2029 contract years, and extend the current agreement for an additional five years.

Scope of Work: This amendment requires Thompson Hospitality Services, LLC (THS) to provide:

- Invest \$534,000.00 in capital into the Aron Student Union for the installation of two THS proprietary brands: (1) Top & Chop (2) Bagel Beaux
- The capital investment in the amount of \$534,000.00 shall be straight-line amortized from the date the investment is placed into service through June 30, 2036.
- The unamortized investment that is currently on the books in the amount of \$1,719,012 shall also be amortized through June 30, 2036.

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- All investments shall be charged as an operating expense of food service. If the agreement is terminated by either party, prior to the complete amortization of the investment and interest stated in the Original Agreement, MVSU is liable for and agrees to pay THS the unamortized portion of the investment and interest within 30 days of notice of termination.

Term of Contract: Start Date: 7/1/2021 End Date: 6/30/2036

Contract Amount: This contract is estimated to produce \$1,431,923 in revenue, including a capital investment of \$534,000.

Funding Source for Contract: Funding for this contract amendment is supported through auxiliary enterprise revenues generated by student meal plans. The \$534,000 capital investment required for the two new food retail outlets is fully funded by Thompson Hospitality Services, LLC and amortized over the life of the extended contract term through June 30, 2036, resulting in no upfront capital cost to the University.

Termination Options:

The agreement may be terminated for the following:

- MVSU shall afford Thompson Hospitality Services, LLC the opportunity of a thirty (30) day period to cure any defect under this agreement, provided that if such default is of a kind which cannot reasonably be cured within said thirty (30) day period, the breaching party shall have an additional fifteen-day period of time within which to cure such default.
- Either party may terminate the Agreement at any time upon ninety (90) days prior written notice to the other party.

Contractor Selection Process: Thompson Hospitality Services, LLC is the University's current dining services provider. Renovations to the Student Union created space for two food retail outlets, necessitating an amendment to the existing contract to expand the scope of services. This action represents a contract amendment and extension. Additionally, MVSU determined that best option is to extend the contract for another five (5) years based on the incentives the vendor has agreed to provide.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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7. UM – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ARAMARK EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, LLC

Agenda Item Request: The University of Mississippi requests approval to enter a contract with Aramark Educational Services, LLC.

Contractor’s Legal Name: Aramark Educational Services, LLC

History of Contract: The University of Mississippi issued request for proposals in spring 1995. The University received three answers, and Aramark was selected as University’s food service provider, resulting in the original contract starting August 7, 1995, and running for ten years. The minimum for this contract was \$1,000,000 plus commissions. The contract was renewed on July 1, 2003, and ended on June 30, 2007. The minimum for this contract was \$1,065,965 plus commission. The next contract began on July 1, 2007, and was set to end on June 30, 2012. The minimum for this contract was \$5,012,624 plus commission. This contract was renewed in July 2011, extending the term through June 30, 2017, and adding an additional \$2,910,844 to the contract minimum plus commissions. A second renewal was put in effect on March 28, 2014, extending the contract through March 28, 2024. The 2014 renewal added \$7,850,000 to the contract minimum plus commissions. Our April 2021 extension, which added \$7,450,000 to the contract, was to expire in May 2031. The growth that Ole Miss has experienced in the last few years finds us in need of more food locations; also, the costs of construction projects have more than doubled the estimated value of these projects. We are adding more buildings and placing food locations in these (Accountancy). There is a need to have more investment dollars in our contract to serve our campus population.

Specific Type of Contract: This is an Amendment and Extension

Purpose: The purpose of this contract is to amend and extend the current contract with Aramark Educational Services LLC.

Scope of Work: This contract gives Aramark the exclusive right to food sales on campus.

Term of Contract: The term of the contract is 15 years, commencing once approved and signed by University, ending June 30, 2041.

Termination Options: Termination of the contract is provided for under Number 29 of the signing at signing.

Contract Amount: This is estimated at a minimum of \$64,025,000.

Funding Source for Contract: This is a revenue sharing contract.

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Contractor Selection Process: The University has enjoyed a long-standing, beneficial contract with Aramark Educational Services, LLC and believes it is advantageous to amend and extend this contract. Aramark is responsive to our campus needs and has the best-in-class meal plan structures compared to campuses that have researched independently and most recently through our B&D dining study. Ole Miss meal plans offer flexible hours, food choices, and locations, and Ole Miss and Aramark have created a partnership that offers our campus population and visitors the best in choice and price which have afforded us shared financial and operational success and sustainability.

As part of the P3 consultancy engagement with Brailsford & Dunlavey (B&D), the University conducted a dining study using B&D's dining expertise to assess the current state of food services and the Aramark contract on our campus, as well as to establish the proper dining concepts needed to provide services to the campus community when considering the additional beds that would be added to both the Kincannon and West Row sites. This assessment included qualitative and quantitative studies that benchmarked the existing program against best-in-class University peers, a review of contractual terms and conditions, rates, menus, programs, franchises, technologies, operations, staffing, and other financial and operational KPIs. As a result, a formal review was conducted and analytical reports and commentary made available to the University to share professional insights into the current program and to help determine ways to improve the next contract update. Likewise, as the P3 program advanced in concept, formal lease and financing, the relationship between the University, B&D, Greystar, Provident and our existing dining provider, Aramark, became more connected with each providing degrees of financing, operational support, and/or capital support to formalize the P3 scope. This resulted in taking the dining study insights, leveraging Aramark as the current provider, to create a dining platform and experience to support the P3 activities, and updating the existing contract in such a way that enhances the value of the contract over the next several years – particularly in terms of commissions earned, capital and programmatic financial commitments.

It is for these reasons that although a formal RFP was not completed, a deep dive study and market survey was conducted that allowed us broad insights into the market, current performance, and future enhancements to propose this latest contract that best positions the University for long-term success to cover not only existing operations but those that will be expanded under the new P3 program. This study was beyond the equivalent of what would have been collected and reviewed in RFP because we also had the opportunity to leverage the consultancy of B&D as an unbiased, professional expert in space and to consider programs in place across a wide span of comparable universities.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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8. UM– REQUEST TO ADD SERVICES TO AN EXISTING CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WORKDAY, INC.

Agenda Item Request: The University of Mississippi requests approval to amend services to a contract with **Workday** previously approved by the IHL in May 2024. The University of Mississippi seeks to add services for Contract Lifecycle Management, Peakon Employee Voice and Workday Success Plan – Accelerate Plus.

Contractor’s Legal Name: **Workday, Inc.**

History of Contract: The new order form will amend the services of an existing contract.

Since 1999, the University has relied on SAP as the campus enterprise platform that houses our student information system, financial system, human resources/payroll system, and is integrated with our financial aid system, Sigma ProSAM. This platform has served us well for the past 23 years, and has grown and evolved as the University has grown. Since its initial implementation, the University has added and integrated services with and into SAP, including research, business, and other operational services, increasing our reliance on the platform. This is a mission-critical system for our institution as a centralized platform for managing data.

SAP will be end of life in December 2027, and a replacement is essential to be in place ahead of this date. Recognizing the rapid pace of technological advancements, UM sought to explore available options in the marketplace and thoroughly assessed the current system. Approval was received from the ITS Board to proceed with assessing our campus Human Capital Management and Financial Management needs and evaluating the products in the market. UM hired a consulting company, CampusWorks, to aid in the RFP process and assist in selecting the best product suited for UM. An evaluation and selection committee with 61 members was formed and an additional 68 subject matter experts from all functional areas throughout the UM campus. The combined 129-person committee assisted in requirements gathering and assessing our campus for the replacement of product capabilities. The request was put out for public bid through our RFP process following state procurement guidelines, including having a bidders conference to answer any questions. Workday, Inc. was selected as the new service provider.

Following the competitive selection and evaluation process, the University of Mississippi submitted –and the IHL approved – a contract with Workday in May 2024. After the IHL approved the contract, UM began the implementation processes. As the project advanced, UM recognized the need to add additional services to best address its needs for comprehensive system.

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Specific Type of Contract: This is a new order form tied to the previously approved IHL contract so UM can add specific services for Contract Lifecycle Management, Peakon Employee Voice and Workday Success Plan – Accelerate Plus.

Purpose: UM needs to add additional services to address needs identified during the current implementation of Workday. Those needs are Contract Lifecycle Management and Peakon Employee Voice.

Integrating Workday’s new Contract Lifecycle Management systems enables UM to manage and track contracts from creation and intake through contract signature by providing templating, workflow management, authoring, comparing, and approval capabilities along with integrations to digital signing providers. Contract Lifecycle Management enables customers to extract data from created or imported documents by providing a user interface, search capabilities, and analytics. The AI capabilities of the new system will help UM better address compliance, mitigate risk, and speed up the review process. Additionally, as Workday will provide both the Contract Management System and the overall Finance system for UM, integration and synchronization between the two systems should be more efficient. Overall, the new system will be a great tool helping UM continue complying with IHL policies and bylaws related to contract management.

Integrating Peakon Employee Voice transforms employee sentiment into a proactive tool for both cultural health and fiscal precision. While HR uses these real-time insights to drive engagement - ensuring staff feel empowered and aligned with organizational goals - Finance gains a "leading indicator" of operational efficiency by pinpointing exactly where friction in financial workflows or service delivery is causing burnout and slowing down fiscal cycles. By unifying these insights within the Workday ecosystem, turning subjective feedback into objective data that helps stabilize the bottom line.

Workday Success Plan – Accelerate Plus is the highest level of support available from Workday, and it will provide strategic and technical guidance to UM’s Workday project, including one-to-one support from a technical account manager, access to technical support 24/7/365 for all issue severity levels, an increased number of Workday training credits, expanded technical expertise across integrations, analytics and reporting, and, most importantly, an implementation (non-production) tenant for use with larger/longer Workday development projects that cannot be configured/tested/deployed in less than one week. The cost of an implementation tenant as a standalone purchase (in excess of \$100K per year), when compared to the additional cost of the Accelerate Plus plan, more than justifies the additional cost of moving to Accelerate Plus.

Scope of Work: Workday will provide software subscriptions for Contract Lifecycle Management, Peakon Employee Voice and Workday Success Plan – Accelerate Plus.

Term of Contract: This amendment to add services to the existing contract approved by the IHL in May 2024 will become effective following Board approval and signatures of

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both parties, with the software subscriptions for Contract Lifecycle Management and Peakon Employee Voice beginning July 17, 2026, and ending on May 30, 2034. The subscription for Workday Success Plan – Accelerate Plus will begin July 17, 2026, and end on May 30, 2029.

Termination Options: Either party may terminate this Agreement: (i) upon 30 days prior written notice to the other party of a material breach by the other party if such breach remains uncured at the expiration of such notice period; or (ii) immediately in the event the other party becomes the subject of a petition in bankruptcy or any other proceeding relating to insolvency, receivership, liquidation or assignment for the benefit of creditors. In the event this Agreement is terminated, all Order Forms are simultaneously terminated. Upon any termination by Customer pursuant to this section, Workday shall refund Customer any prepaid fees for the affected Service(s) that were to be provided after the effective date of termination. For clarity, a breach or termination of any Professional Services Agreement, as defined in the DPE, or of any applicable statement of work and/or work order thereunder, shall not be considered a material breach or termination of this Agreement.

Workday understands and agrees that any breach of warranties regarding compliance with the Mississippi Employment Protection Act of 2008, Section 71-11-1, et seq. of the Mississippi Code Annotated (Supp 2008) may subject Workday to termination of this agreement.

Should there be no funds available for any succeeding funding period, this Agreement will be cancelled as of the end of the funding period with no further obligation on the part of UM. Therefore, this Agreement is cancelable with sixty (60) days' notice to the Contractor at the end of any fiscal period in the event funds are not appropriated by the funding authority.

Contract Amount: The contract amount for adding the combined services is \$2,595,798.

Funding Source for Contract: E&G Funds

Contractor Selection Process: UM employed "CampusWorks", a third party who specializes in this particular service, to aid us in the selection process. A 61 member evaluation and selection committee, combined with 68 subject matter experts, gathered 1,783 system requirements that were incorporated in the Request for Proposals (RFP). The RFP was released following the state procurement guidelines. RFP responses were collected, almost 5,500 pages in all, which the committee reviewed and scored. UM had (4) vendors respond to the RFP. A complete product review was conducted with each prospective vendor through the over 240 hours of software demonstrations to thoroughly evaluate all submitted responses.

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A total of 2,939 session attendees from campus attended the demos, which is a cumulative count of UM representatives at each session times the number of sessions hosted. Through the selection process, which included assessments, software demonstrations, and thorough evaluations from our committee of 129 members, including subcommittee members, Workday received the highest ratings across multiple measured criteria.

Additionally, Workday provided the software licensing at the second lowest cost of all four vendors that proposed a bid. For these reasons, Workday was selected as the vendor of choice for the HCM, payroll, finance and adaptive planning software systems.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

9. UMMC – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND A PRODUCT PRICING, REBATE, AND CONSIGNMENT AGREEMENT WITH SMITH & NEPHEW, INC.

Agenda Item Request: The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) requests approval to amend a Product Pricing, Rebate, and Consignment Agreement with **Smith & Nephew, Inc.** (Smith & Nephew) to extend the term, add UMMC Colony Park North as an eligible facility to use the products, and to update the list of products and pricing subject to the agreement. The agreement is for the purchase and consignment of implants, instrumentation, and supplies used in surgical procedures for shoulder replacement. These components are necessary to provide shoulder replacements or revisions of previously replaced joints. UMMC also requests approval to add or remove products and locations, including by amendment, under the agreement without seeking prior Board approval as long as it does not increase the approved expenditure level.

Contractor’s Legal Name: Smith & Nephew, Inc.

History of Contract: In January 2024, the Board approved a three (3) year agreement with Smith & Nephew for UMMC to purchase and consign implants, instrumentation, and supplies used in surgical procedures for shoulder replacement. The agreement will expire on January 31, 2027.

Specific Type of Contract: This is the first amendment to the Product, Pricing, Rebate, and Consignment Agreement.

Purpose: The purpose of the amendment is to extend the term, add UMMC Colony Park North as an eligible facility to use the products, and to update the list of products and pricing subject to the agreement. The purpose of the agreement is to purchase and consign shoulder components such as implants, instrumentation, and supplies used in surgical procedures for adult and pediatric patients. These components are necessary to provide shoulder replacements or revisions of previously replaced joints. The

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consignment option under the agreement will allow shoulder replacement products to be available at all times to UMMC surgeons, ensuring immediate treatment of patients, without cost to UMMC until the products are used.

Scope of Work: Under the agreement, Smith & Nephew will provide shoulder replacement components such as implants, instrumentation, and supplies to UMMC at discounted prices, and consign these items at UMMC for ease of access.

Term of Contract: The amended term of the agreement is five (5) years, beginning February 1, 2024, through January 31, 2029. The original term of the agreement was three (3) years. This first amendment extends the term by an additional two (2) years.

Termination Options: Termination options include the following:

- by the non-breaching party in the event of a material breach, upon written notice to the breaching party and thirty (30) days to cure the breach;
- by UMMC upon thirty (30) days' written notice, with or without cause; and
- in the event of a reduction in funds.

Contract Amount: The total estimated cost of the amended agreement over the five (5) year term remains unchanged at \$5,400,000.00.

Funding Source for Contract: This agreement is funded by hospital patient revenue.

Contractor Selection Process: UMMC is currently contracted with Smith & Nephew.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

10. **JSU – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BRUNSWICK BOWLING PRODUCTS, LLC**

Agenda Item Request: Jackson State University (JSU) requests approval to enter into a service agreement with Brunswick Bowling Products, LLC to perform necessary installations, renovations, and upgrades to JSU's on-campus student bowling facility. Pursuant to Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) policy 707.03 *Approval of Prepayment for Goods or Services*, JSU also requests permission to allow prepayment of the deposit and installment payments.

Contractor's Legal Name: Brunswick Bowling Products, LLC

History of Contract: This is a new agreement.

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Specific Type of Contract: This is a new contract for the purchase and installation of bowling equipment and related goods needed for JSU's on-campus student bowling facility.

Purpose: The purpose of this contract is to purchase and install bowling equipment, lane scoring systems, furniture, software, and related goods which are necessary to complete renovations to JSU's on-campus bowling facility in time for the Fall 2026 semester. Since the facility's closure, JSU student-athletes have been forced to practice and compete at off-campus public bowling alleys throughout the Jackson metropolitan area. This contract will upgrade and restore the on-campus home venue which is critical to the well-being and success of our student-athletes. The renovated facility will also serve as a multipurpose campus amenity, supporting instructional courses, wellness programming, student activities, and campus events.

The benefit to the University will be: (1) restoration of a home venue and practice facility for JSU student-athletes; (2) enhanced recreational amenities available to students, faculty, and staff; (3) modernized bowling infrastructure with updated electronic scoring, software management, and payment systems; and (4) improved student engagement and campus life programming opportunities. The bowling alley will serve as both a competitive athletics venue and a multipurpose student-centered amenity that enhances campus life and student experiences. The completion of the bowling alley renovations is not merely a facility improvement; it is a vital step in supporting the well-being and success of our student-athletes.

Scope of Work: Brunswick Bowling Products, LLC will supply, deliver, and install bowling equipment and related goods, including but not limited to: string pinsetters, lane scoring systems (Sync Scoring), furniture (Center Stage seating), lane management and cash control software, overhead display monitors, network infrastructure, payment terminals (Sync Pay), and associated installation materials and labor. Brunswick will also provide on-site training upon completion of installation. A first-year software subscription for Crown Advantage Platinum services (including software updates, technical support, and marketing tools) is included in the contract.

Term of Contract: Start Date: August 1, 2026, or upon date of written notice to proceed issued by the University. End Date: Installation shall be completed following delivery of goods.

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Contract Amount:

Category	Amount
Equipment, Materials & Installation	\$387,230.28
Total Contract	\$387,230.28

Payment Schedule: A deposit of \$19,361.51 will be made followed by three (3) equal installments of \$122,622.92 each, invoiced accordingly, and paid in compliance with applicable Mississippi law and institutional policy within forty-five (45) days of receipt of a complete and accurate invoice or acceptance of goods, whichever is later.

Funding Source for Contract: The contract will be funded by E&G funds.

Termination Options: The Agreement may be terminated

- By either party due to material breach or default;
- By either party due to Force Majeure;
- By JSU for convenience;
- By JSU for Failure of Legislature to appropriate;
- Brunswick may terminate its Intellectual Property License upon:
 1. JSU’s unauthorized use,
 2. JSU’s change in ownership of goods, or
 3. JSU insolvency/bankruptcy not dismissed within sixty (60) days.

Contractor Selection Process: Competitive solicitations were sought through the RFP process under RFP No. 25-04. Brunswick Bowling Products, LLC was the sole respondent to the solicitation and the only bid received.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

11. UMMC – REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO RECEIVE PROPERTY IN LEFLORE COUNTY, MS

Agenda Request: The University of Mississippi Medical Center seeks Board approval to receive ownership of a hospital situated on approximately 14.5 acres of land, which includes buildings, on River Road in Leflore County, Mississippi.

Donors’ Legal Names: City of Greenwood, Mississippi, Leflore County, Mississippi, and Greenwood Leflore Hospital, acting by and through its Board of Trustees, as their interests may appear.

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Specific Type of Contract: The acquisition will occur through a contribution and asset transfer agreement.

Purpose: UMMC is interested in acquiring the property to increase training opportunities for students, residents, and fellows in facilities with healthcare settings that more closely match those of the communities in which many will eventually practice and be employed, outside the academic medical center setting. UMMC will utilize the property to operate hospital, clinical and medical services as UMMC deems appropriate.

Appraisals: An appraisal will be obtained to confirm the value of the real estate, which will exceed \$1,000,000. However, the property is being donated to UMMC. UMMC is not expending any funds to acquire the property.

Property Description:

The Greenwood Leflore Hospital property is located at 1401 River Road in Greenwood, Mississippi. The property covers approximately 14.5 acres. More specifically, the property is located at 33.518 North latitude and 90.200 West longitude. The property consists of two parcels: Parcel Nos. 08509031500100 (northern parcel) and 10016020100100 (southeastern parcel). The property includes the following additional addresses:

- 1802 Strong Avenue, Greenwood, MS (part of Parcel No. 08509031500100), which currently houses the Wellness/Outpatient Rehabilitation Center;
- 100 Chambers Street, Greenwood, MS (part of Parcel No. 08509031500100 (Plant Shop));
- and 1403-1406 Strong Avenue, Greenwood, MS (Parcel No. 10016020100100), which currently houses the Flex Building.

Environmental Phase I and Phase II Reports:

The Phase I assessment notes the presence of two underground storage tanks. It was therefore suggested that additional investigation may be warranted to detect the presence of hazardous substances or petroleum products.

The Phase II report does not recommend additional assessment activities. There was no evidence of a significant petroleum release requiring additional site assessment under current site conditions.

Leases: The Flex Building, mentioned above, is located on 16th Section property. The City and County have a leasehold interest in the property. The unexpired terms of the

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16th Section, 99 year leasehold interests, will expire on July 2, 2046, pursuant to those certain Lease Contracts (16th Section Leases) recorded in Book 89 at Page 469, Book 90 at Page 47, Book 90 at Page 49, Book 91 at Page 101, Book 90 at Page 325 and Book 89 at Page 533, all in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Leflore County, Mississippi. The rent on all the 16th Section Leases has been prepaid. The six 16th Section Leases are for Lots 1-6 and Lot 12, Block 6, of the Austin and Wright Addition to the City of Greenwood, according to the plat of said subdivision recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 6, in the records of the Leflore County, Mississippi Chancery Clerk. The Leases may be renewed at the end of the term. In that instance, the rent would be market rate based on an appraisal. The property would be reappraised every 10 years. The leases contain no termination provisions.

Access and Use: As part of the contribution agreement, UMMC has use and access to the real property located at 204 8th Street, Greenwood, MS, for operation of an orthopedic clinic until such time as the clinic can be moved to the hospital.

Contract Amount: The property is being donated to UMMC.

Funding Source: N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Legal Staff has reviewed the proposed agreement for compliance with applicable law and finds the same to be acceptable. Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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Note: Project numbers beginning with the prefix "GS" designate projects that the Bureau of Building provides management oversight for and are funded partially or wholly with state Bureau of Building bond revenues. Project numbers beginning with the prefix "IHL" designate projects that are funded from university self-generated sources including but not limited to donations, fees, and grants.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET INCREASES AND/OR CHANGES OF SCOPE/FUNDING SOURCE(S)

IHL PROJECTS

1. UMMC – IHL 209-589 – CANCER CENTER AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Project Request: The University of Mississippi Medical Center requests approval to increase the budget for the Cancer Center and Research Institute project from \$5,000,000 to \$250,000,000 for an increase in the amount of \$245,000,000. In addition, UMMC requests approval to clarify the funding sources in the project to include SB 3051, Laws of 2026. UMMC also requests approval to appoint Cannon Design Group, Inc. as the design professional for the project

Current Project Phase: Design Phase

Design Professional: Cannon Design Group, Inc.

Construction Manager at Risk: TBD

Selection Method: The project budget is anticipated to exceed \$3M therefore it is required that the university use the RFQ method for selection of the design professional. UMMC solicited RFQs for the project professional. The selection committee narrowed the prospective firms down to three finalists. After the three finalists were interviewed, the selection committee decided that Cannon Design was the most qualified firm for this project.

Insurance Coverage: The design firm carries errors and omissions coverage in the amount of \$5,000,000 per claim and \$5,000,000 aggregate.

Purpose/Justification: The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) requests Board approval to increase project budget from \$5,000,000 to \$250,000,000 to allow the design and construction of a new Cancer Center and Research Institute, which will include modern educational facilities and a multilevel parking garage. UMMC also requests Board approval to appoint Cannon Design, Inc. as the project professional.

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Project Scope: This is a project that will provide an interdisciplinary educational facility with a world-class comprehensive cancer center and research institute. This building will have multiple floors with approximately 200,000 building gross square feet and have an adjacent parking garage.

Project Initiation Date: August 21, 2025

History: On August 21, 2025, the IHL Board approved UMMC to initiate the project with a \$5,000,000 initial budget and to use the construction manager at risk project delivery method in accordance with the Mississippi Code Ann. § 31-7-13.2.

Proposed Project Budget:

	Current Budget	Proposed Budget	Amount (+/-)
Construction Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 175,000,000.00	\$ 175,000,000.00
Architectural and Engineering Fees	\$ 5,000,000.00	\$ 14,900,000.00	\$ 9,900,000.00
Miscellaneous Project Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,800,000.00	\$ 2,800,000.00
Furniture & Equipment Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 47,800,000.00	\$ 47,800,000.00
Contingency	\$ 0.00	\$ 9,500,000.00	\$ 9,500,000.00
Total Project Budget	\$ 5,000,000.00	\$ 250,000,000.00	\$ 245,000,000.00

Proposed Funding Source(s): SB 3051, Laws of 2026 – Section 39(f) (\$100,000,000); Private Donations (\$125,000,000); Federal Funds – Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiative (\$8,500,000); UMMC Hospital Patient Revenues (\$16,500,000)

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

2. UM – IHL 207-507 – GILLOM SPORTS CENTER IMPROVEMENTS

Project Request: The University of Mississippi requests approval to increase the budget for the Gillom Sports Center Improvements project from \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000 for an increase in the amount of \$1,000,000. In addition, UM requests approval to clarify the funding source of the project as Internal R&R funds and clarify the scope of the project.

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Current Project Phase: Design Phase

Design Professional: PryorMorrow, PC

Construction Manager Advisor (CMA): Innovative Construction Management (ICM)

General Contractor: TBD

Insurance Coverage: The design firm carries errors and omissions coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000 per claim and \$2,000,000 aggregate.

Purpose/Justification: The University of Mississippi is increasing the project budget from \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000 due to the need to expand the scope of the project. Additional funds will allow for the renovation of soccer/volleyball locker room wet areas, renovation of public venue restrooms, high-density storage for equipment and a graphics package with custom signage throughout. A portion of the budget will include existing off-campus Ole Miss Rifle facility.

Project Scope: Project scope includes renovation of areas vacated by the Ole Miss Softball program, renovations to the existing Ole Miss Soccer and Volleyball areas, office realignment/renovations for head coaches, and enhanced student-athlete spaces.

Project Initiation Date: August 15, 2024

Proposed Project Budget:

	Current Budget	Proposed Budget	Amount (+/-)
Construction Costs	\$ 2,225,150.00	\$ 3,739,415.57	\$ 1,514,265.57
Architectural and Engineering Fees	\$ 1,717,965.00	\$ 369,728.47	\$ (1,348,236.53)
Miscellaneous Project Costs	\$ 144,711.00	\$ 215,244.16	\$ 70,533.16
Furniture & Equipment Costs	\$ 260,000.00	\$ 1,128,660.00	\$ 868,660.00
Contingency	\$ 652,174.00	\$ 546,951.80	\$ (105,222.20)
Total Project Budget	\$ 5,000,000.00	\$ 6,000,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00

Proposed Funding Source(s): Internal R&R (\$6,000,000)

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Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

APPROVAL OF OTHER REAL ESTATE REQUESTS

3. MSU – NEW KAPPA ALPHA FRATERNITY HOUSE – APPROVAL OF EXTERIOR DESIGN

Agenda Request: Mississippi State University requests approval of exterior design for the new Kappa Alpha Fraternity House that will be constructed on Mississippi State University property

Design Professional: Wier Boerner Allin Architecture, PLLC

General Contractor: TBD

Purpose: Mississippi State University is seeking approval of the exterior rendering for the renovation of the new Kappa Alpha Fraternity House. This is a privately funded project to a privately owned fraternity house on land owned by MSU that is leased to the fraternity.

Project Scope: The scope includes demolishing the existing fraternity house and constructing a new house.

Funding Source(s): Funded by Kappa Alpha Fraternity

Mississippi State University is acting in accordance with Board Policy §904(A), Board Approval, which requires the Board to approve the exterior design of the major buildings that have aesthetic impact on the overall campus, regardless of the cost of the project.

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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Rendering 1: New Kappa Alpha House



Rendering 2: New Kappa Alpha House



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4. UM – IHL 207-523 – P3 STUDENT HOUSING – WEST ROW SITE – APPROVAL OF EXTERIOR DESIGN

Agenda Request: The University of Mississippi requests approval of exterior design for the P3 Student Housing - West Row Site.

P3 Development Professional: GS Development Services Central, LLC (“Greystar”) with design partners WDG Architecture, PLLC, and CDFL Architects + Engineers, PA.

General Contractor: N/A

Purpose: The University of Mississippi requests an updated exterior design approval of the redesigned West Row site. Ongoing design development reduced the overall building density along West Row. Housing buildings have reduced from three structures to two structures. Parking is now exclusively surface lots, eliminating the previously designed parking structure from the development. Dining is now an open-air food truck / outdoor venue concept instead of the previously designed dining facility. The final design of the outdoor dining concept shall be submitted for review/approval in a subsequent board request.

Project Scope: The project scope develops two sites: Kincannon Hall (vacant site in the northern part of campus) and West Row (current site of Married Student Housing buildings). The Kincannon Site will have two (2) new five-story student housing buildings. The West Row Site will have two (2) new five-story student housing buildings, an open-air dining / outdoor venue concept, and surface parking along with a renovated Married Student Housing building.

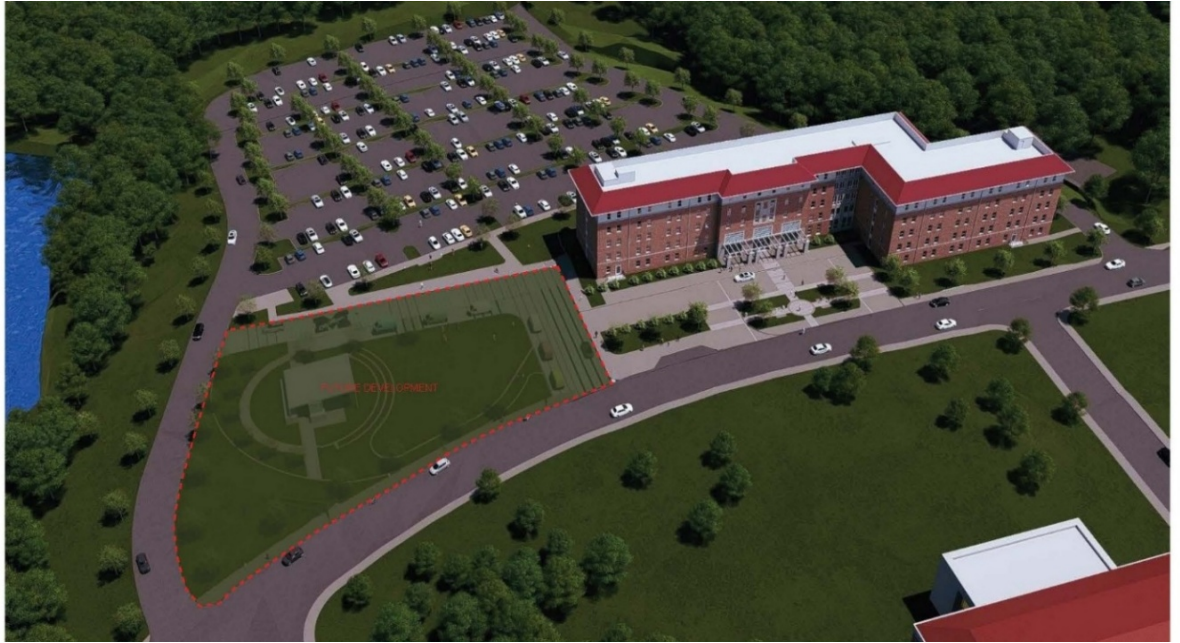
Funding Source(s): Public-Private Partnership

The University of Mississippi is acting in accordance with Board Policy §904(A), Board Approval, which requires the Board to approve the exterior design of the major buildings that have aesthetic impact on the overall campus, regardless of the cost of the project.

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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Rendering 1: Updated West Row Site – North Building



Rendering 2: Updated West Row Site - South Building



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1. **USM – APPROVAL TO HIRE BUTLER SNOW LLP AS OUTSIDE COUNSEL**

The University of Southern Mississippi requests approval to enter into a contract for professional legal services with the law firm of Butler Snow LLP as outside counsel for the provision of services as necessary in the practice areas of taxation, commercial matters, intellectual property (including trademark, copyright and patent matters), regulatory matters, litigation, human resource and employment matters, education matters, general administrative matters, general legal advice, and investigations at the request of the University. The term of the contract is one year effective July 1, 2026. The blended hourly rate is \$380 for all attorneys and \$145 for paralegal services with a maximum amount payable of \$125,000 under the term of the agreement. This firm carries professional liability insurance in the amount of \$100 million per claim with an annual aggregate of \$200 million. This request has been approved by the office of the Attorney General.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board Staff recommends approval of this item.

2. **UMMC – APPROVAL OF BUTLER SNOW LLP AS IN-STATE LOBBYING CONSULTANT**

Agenda Item Request: University of Mississippi Medical Center requests approval of an agreement with Butler Snow LLP to provide lobbying services within the State of Mississippi during the 2027 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature.

Contractor’s Legal Name: Butler Snow LLP

Specific Type of Contract: This is a new government relations services agreement.

Purpose: Butler Snow will provide lobbying consulting services within the State of Mississippi during the 2027 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature.

Scope of Work: Butler Snow will provide services which consist of: (a) advice to UMMC; (b) representation of UMMC before appropriate legislative and executive bodies; and (c) related government relations services and assistance necessary and appropriate to perform effectively the foregoing services.

Term of Contract: The term of the agreement is one year from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Contract Amount and Funding Source: The contract amount is \$65,000 and will be paid with private funds.

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Termination Options: Either party may terminate this agreement at any time for any reason subject to those obligations set forth herein which arise upon termination and those which continue beyond termination, specifically any conditions set forth in the confidentiality provision of the agreement. In the event of termination, UMMC will be responsible for paying to Butler Snow, on a pro rata basis, the monthly consultation fee due for the month during which the effective date of termination falls, and UMMC will reimburse Butler Snow for all necessary and reasonable expenses incurred through and including the effective date of termination.

CLIENT LIST:

Apple, Inc.
Arkansas Public Safety Solutions
Atmos Energy
Chevron
City of Picayune
Comcast
Continental
Denbury
Downtown Jackson Partners
Enbridge
Excel in Education
ExxonMobil
FFF Enterprise
Fesenius
Hattiesburg Clinic
Helena Agri-Enterprise
Imagine Learning
JA Memphis
Level Data
Liva Nova
Magnolis Speech School
Main Harbor Development
Mastery Prep
MIPPA
MS Ambulance Alliance
MS Charter School Association
MS Lumber Manufacturers Association
Mississippi Tourism Association
Nationwide Insurance
National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS)
Odyssey
Polimorphic
Private Landowners Association

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RAI
Renaissance Learning
Responsive Gov Action
Silicon Ranch Corporation
University of Mississippi Foundation
University of Mississippi Medical Center

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: The Attorney General's Office has reviewed the agreement and found same to be compliant with applicable law and Board policy. Board Staff recommends approval of this item.

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1. **SYSTEM – APPROVAL TO APPOINT THREE INSTITUTIONAL EXECUTIVE OFFICERS TO SERVE ON THE MISSISSIPPI POSTSECONDARY ACHIEVEMENT COUNCIL (M-PAC) IN ACCORDANCE WITH SENATE BILL 2524**

By virtue of Senate Bill 2524, effective July 1, 2026, the Mississippi Legislature created the Mississippi Postsecondary Attainment Council (M-PAC) whose purpose is establishing the state's postsecondary attainment goals, as well as action-oriented strategies designed to make progress toward that goal. The work of M-PAC shall be conducted in a collaborative manner between Mississippi's public and private education leaders and workforce and economic development leaders to identify and promote solutions to achieve the state's educational attainment goals. The council shall not displace any existing, codified governing or coordinating bodies or their responsibilities. M-PAC replaces the Education Achievement Council.

M-PAC shall have a total membership of twenty-six (26) voting members and six (6) ex officio members, representing academic, private and state sectors. By virtue of Senate Bill 2524, the Commissioner of Higher Education serves as a member of the Council and on its executive committee. The IHL Board must appoint three presidents or chancellors of a public institution of higher learning.

IHL Board approval is requested to appoint the following presidents to M-PAC:

Delta State University President – Dr. Dan Ennis

Jackson State University President – Dr. Denise Jones Gregory

Mississippi State University President – Dr. Mark Keenum

Staff Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

2. **SYSTEM – APPROVAL TO APPOINT PRESIDENT DR. TRACY COOK TO THE UNIVERSITY PRESS OF MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The University Press of Mississippi (UPM) is a not-for-profit corporation supported by the eight public universities under the IHL Board. UPM publishes scholarly books of the highest distinction and books that interpret the South and its culture to the nation and the world. The 19-member Board of Directors for UPM includes one IHL Board member and the Commissioner or his designee.

On October 16, 2025, the Board appointed Trustee Don Clark to serve a four-year term (October 16, 2025 – October 15, 2029) as the IHL Board member representative and appointed President Nora Miller to serve as the Commissioner's designee to serve a four-year team (October 16, 2025 – October 15, 2029). President Miller is retiring on June 30, 2026. IHL Board approval is requested to appoint Dr. Tracy Cook, President of Alcorn State

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University, as the Commissioner's designee to serve the remainder of President Miller's term (July 1, 2026 – October 15, 2029).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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1. **SYSTEM – INTENT TO OFFER CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS**

- A. UM - Certificate program title: **Graduate Certificate in Medical Affairs**
Responsible academic unit: Graduate School, Department of Pharmacy Administration
Level: post-baccalaureate
Total credit hours: 12
CIP code: 51.2010
Effective date: August 2027
- B. USM - Certificate program title: **Museum and Archival Studies**
Responsible academic unit: College of Education and Human Sciences, School of Library and Information Science
Level: pre-baccalaureate
Total credit hours: 15
CIP code: 30.1401
Effective date: August 2026
- C. USM - Certificate program title: **Graduate Performance Certificate**
Responsible academic unit: College of Arts and Sciences, School of Music
Level: post-baccalaureate, post-master's
Total credit hours: 18
CIP code: 50.0309
Effective date: August 2026

2. **USM – INTENT TO OFFER AN EXISTING DEGREE PROGRAM BY DISTANCE LEARNING**

Board Policy 509 states: “*All distance learning courses and programs shall be in accord with Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) Principles of Accreditation and Council of Regional Accrediting Commissions Interregional Guidelines for the Evaluation of Distance Education.*”

Unless otherwise provided, all Board and university policies, standards, and guidelines for on and off campus instruction apply to distance learning.”

In accordance with Board policy, the University of Southern Mississippi submits the intent to offer an already approved degree program by distance learning to the Board for information.

Degree program title: **Bachelor of Science (BS) in Mathematics**
Responsible academic unit: College of Arts and Sciences, School of Mathematics and Natural Sciences
CIP code, sequence: 27.0101, 5616
Total credit hours: 120
Cost to offer by distance learning: \$0 (to be covered by using existing resources)
Effective date: August 2026

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Board staff recommends these items be accepted as information.

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1. **UMMC- ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF A TERM CHANGE TO A MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING LEASE WITH FLOWOOD INVESTORS II, LLC**

Agenda Item Request: The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) has reduced the renewal term and termination date of its Medical Office Building lease with **Flowood Investors II, LLC** for 8,843 square feet of clinical space located in Flowood, MS.

Contractor's Legal Name: Flowood Investors II, LLC

Specific Type of Contract: Medical Office Building Lease

Purpose: UMMC currently leases clinic space from Flowood Investors II, LLC that was approved by the Board on January 17, 2019. The agreement included an initial term of seven (7) years, with options to renew for two (2) additional terms of three (3) years and two (2) years, respectively, for a total potential term of twelve (12) years, with an expected expiration date of October 14, 2029.

In lieu of exercising the renewal options under the original approval, UMMC has reduced the renewal term to eighteen (18) months. Under this revised term, the lease will expire on October 31, 2027.

Term of Contract: The revised term shall commence on May 1, 2026, and expire on October 31, 2027.

Contract Amount: The estimated total of the revised lease is \$1,900,000.

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**SYSTEM: REAL ESTATE ITEMS APPROVED SUBSEQUENT TO THE
MAY 21, 2026, BOARD MEETING SUBMISSION DEADLINE**

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD'S REAL ESTATE AND FACILITIES STAFF IN ACCORDANCE WITH BOARD POLICY §904(A) BOARD APPROVAL:

Change Order Approval Note: No change orders approved by Board staff, as reflected within any of the following informational agenda items, increase the Board approved total project budget. The total project budget as approved by the Board provides for a contingency fund, which allows for an increase in the construction budget of between five and ten percent. Any increase in the total project budget caused by a change order, would require Board approval and could not be approved by Board staff until the budget increase is approved by the Board.

DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY

1. DSU-GS 102-292 HAIL DAMAGE REPAIRS (PHASE I)

Approval Request #1: Construction Documents

Board staff approved Construction Documents as submitted by Shafer Zahner Zahner, PLLC.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, June 4, 2026

Approval Request #2: Advertise

Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, June 4, 2026

2. DSU-GS 102-298 BROOM HALL WINDOWS AND DOORS

Approval Request #1: Construction Documents

Board staff approved Construction Documents as submitted by Burriss/Wagnon Architects, P.A.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, June 4, 2026

Approval Request #2: Advertise

Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.

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Approval Status & Date: Approved, June 4, 2026

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3. MSU-IHL 205-320C PATTERSON ENGINEERING IDEE LAB (PHASE 3)

Approval Request: Design Development Documents

Board staff approved the Design Development Documents as submitted by CDFL Architects & Engineers.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, May 28, 2026

4. MSU-IHL 205-336 SOUTH CAMPUS MECHANICAL PLANT, PKG L – LANDSCAPING & IRRIGATION

Approval Request: Change Order #2

Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the amount of \$8,808.95 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of SGK Landscapes, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, May 19, 2026

Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following: addition of a 4” hardwood mulch service path from the ABE Building to the turf area, river rock installation at the ABE Building, around drains, in the landscape bed on the west side of the building and both sides of the stairs, and installation and grading of Bermuda sod along the south side of Dorman Hall Greenhouse.

Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to user/owner requested modifications.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Two (2) change orders for a total credit amount of \$55,544.42.

Project Initiation Date: June 15, 2023

Design Professional: Eley Guild Hardy Architects, P.A.

CMA: Innovative Construction Management

General Contractor: SGK Landscapes, Inc.

Package L Budget: \$326,681.58

Total Project Budget: \$35,000,000.00

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5. MSU – IHL 205-359A WISE CENTER RENOVATION AND ADDITION – FARM ANIMAL HOSPITAL

Approval Request: Award of Construction Contracts

Board staff approved the Awards of Contracts in the amounts listed below. The project is managed by a Construction Management Advisor (CMA), with each phase being bid and awarded as follows:

Approval Status & Date: Approved, May 19, 2026

Project Initiation Date: October 17, 2024

Design Professional: Eley Guild Hardy Architects, P.A.

CMA: AnderCorp, LLC

Phased Project Budget: \$18,000,00.00

Total Project Budget: \$36,000,000.00

General Contractor: Hannon, LLC (Package A – Site Improvements)

Award Amount: \$417,325.00

General Contractor: Byrum Construction, Inc. (Package B – Concrete)

Award Amount: \$1,091,300.00

General Contractor: Bush Masonry, LLC (Package C – Masonry)

Award Amount: \$895,131.00

General Contractor: Pike Construction of Mississippi, Inc. (Package D – Structural Steel)

Award Amount: \$649,000.00

General Contractor: Advantage Roofing & Construction, Inc. (Package E – Roofing)

Award Amount: \$259,600.00

General Contractor: Target Door & Supply, Inc. (Package F – Doors and Hardware)

Award Amount: \$344,950.00

General Contractor: Kenneth R. Thompson Jr., Inc. (Package H – Framing, Gyp Board, ACT and Painting)

Award Amount: \$545,512.00

General Contractor: Craft Crosswell, LLC (Package I – Flooring)

Award Amount: \$223,965.00

General Contractor: J.E. Stevens Construction Group, LLC (Package K – General Works)

Award Amount: \$1,728,000.00

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General Contractor: Fireline, Inc. (Package M – Fire Protection)
Award Amount: \$160,450.00

General Contractor: Kline Mechanical Systems, Inc. (Package N – Mechanical & Plumbing)
Award Amount: \$5,423,700.00

General Contractor: Shivers Construction Company, LLC (Package O – Electrical)
Award Amount: \$1,406,000.00

6. MSU-IHL 205-359D WISE CENTER RENOVATION AND ADDITION – EQUINE HOSPITAL ENTRANCE

Approval Request: Change Order #2

Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the amount of \$3,661.60 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of M&P Construction, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, June 1, 2026

Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following: hardware changes including the addition of new door closers and arm replacements.

Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to user/owner requested modifications.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Two (2) change orders for a total amount of \$4,440.35.

Project Initiation Date: October 17, 2024
Design Professional: Eley Guild Hardy Architects, P.A.
CMA: AnderCorp, LLC
General Contractor: M&P Construction, LLC
Phased Budget: \$2,266,367.00
Total Project Budget: \$36,000,000.00

7. MSU-IHL 205-360 LEO SEAL JR. FOOTBALL COMPLEX ADDITION AND RENOVATION

Approval Request: Design Development Documents

Board staff approved the Design Development Documents as submitted by CDFL Architects & Engineers, P.A.

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Approval Status & Date: Approved, June 3, 2026

8. MSU-IHL 205-366 WEST SIDE CONNECTIVITY PROJECT – SPRING/BULLY
BLVD TO COLLEGE VIEW DRIVE

Approval Request: Appointment of Design Professional

Board staff approved the appointment of Neel-Schaffer, Inc. as the design professional for the project. MSU utilized a qualifications-based selection process approved by MDOT.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, May 20, 2026

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9. MUW-IHL 204-136 ROOFING PROJECT

Approval Request: Change Order #2

Board staff approved Change Order #2 in the credit amount of \$90,151.14 and forty-four (44) additional days to the contract of Roofing Solutions, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, May 19, 2026

Change Order Description: Change Order #2 includes the following: reconciliations of allowances and liquidated damages for roofing repairs on Fant Hall, Painter Hall, Reneau Hall, Grossnickle Hall, Stark Recreation, Education Building (low roof and high roof), Counseling Center, Pohl Gymnasium, and a reconciliation of Allowance #2 for Fant Hall structural repairs.

Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to user/owner requested modifications.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Two (2) change orders for a total credit amount of \$61,114.37.

Project Initiation Date: November 16, 2023

Design Professional: JBHM Architects, P.A.

General Contractor: Roofing Solutions, LLC d/b/a Roofing Solutions of Louisiana, LLC

Total Project Budget: \$2,752,710.00

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10. MVSU-GS 106-265 CAMPUS ROOFING (LACKEY RE-ROOF)

Approval Request: Change Order #1

Board staff approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$137,700.00 and eighty-five (85) additional days to the contract of Independent Roofing Systems, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, May 20, 2026

Change Order Description: Change Order #1 includes the following: removal and replacement of rotten soffit and fascia at the west entrance of the building, removal and installation of ceiling tiles in the gym area, removal of additional ceiling tiles in halls not covered in previous work, repairs to the ceiling grid, removal of damaged furniture throughout the building, replacement of T-12 lighting with LED lighting, and a credit following reconciliation of unit pricing of tectum decking which was built into the contract.

Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to user/owner requested modifications.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: One (1) change order for a total amount of \$137,700.00.

Project Initiation Date: May 15, 2024

Design Professional: Shafer-Zahner-Zahner, PLLC

General Contractor: Independent Roofing Systems, Inc.

Total Project Budget: \$1,250,000.00

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11. UM-IHL 207-473.4 OLE MISS SOFTBALL COMPLEX ADDITION & RENOVATION - STADIUM

Approval Request: Change Order #3

Board staff approved Change Order #3 in the amount of \$32,611.32 and three hundred sixty (360) additional days to the contract of Audio Communications Consultants, Inc.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, May 12, 2026

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Change Order Description: Change Order #3 includes the following: addition of A/V conferencing in coach's office, multipurpose room, media lounge, conference room and Champions' Corridor, a credit for a TV mount and multipurpose room projection screen, three (3) HDMI to USB video adapters, fire alarm AV interface, and a credit for VITEC IPTV.

Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to errors and omissions in the plans and specifications, and user/owner requested modifications.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Three (3) change orders for a total amount of \$2,848,662.37.

Project Initiation Date: October 21, 2021
Design Professional: McCarty Architects, P.A.
CMA: Innovative Construction Management, LLC
General Contractor: Audio Communications Consultants, Inc.
Phased Project Budget: \$19,096,024.69
Total Project Budget: \$33,250,000.00

12. UM-IHL 207-507 GILLOM SPORTS CENTER IMPROVEMENTS

Approval Request: Design Development Documents

Board staff approved the Design Development Documents as submitted by PryorMorrow PC.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, May 19, 2026

13. UM-IHL 207-524 JOHNSON COMMONS WEST – REBEL MARKET EXPANSION

Approval Request: Schematic Design Documents

Board staff approved the Schematic Design Documents as submitted by EGH Architects, P.A.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, May 15, 2026

14. UM-IHL 407-013 WRITERS CABIN AND COMMUNITY

Approval Request #1: Construction Documents

Board staff approved Construction Documents as submitted by Marlon Blackwell Architects, P.A.

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Approval Status & Date: Approved, June 4, 2026

Approval Request #2: Advertise

Board staff approved request to advertise for receipt of bids.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, June 4, 2026

15. UM-IHL 407-014 NEW SCHOOL OF ACCOUNTANCY (JONES HALL)

Approval Request: Award of Construction Contract

Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of \$113,918,000.00 to the apparent low bidder, Roy Anderson Corp.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, May 27, 2026

Project Initiation Date: January 7, 2026

Design Professional: JH&H Architects Planners Interiors, P.A.

General Contractor: Roy Anderson Corp.

Total Project Budget: \$138,000,000.00

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16. UMMC-IHL 409-005 NEW SCHOOL OF NURSING

Approval Request: Change Order #7

Board staff approved Change Order #7 in the amount of \$4,097.78 and zero (0) additional days to the contract of AnderCorp, LLC.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, May 15, 2026

Change Order Description: Change Order #7 includes the following: addition of floor boxes to the auditorium, changes to the steel structure, a credit for cell foam in the crawl space, a credit for corner guards and a credit for toilet accessories.

Change Order Justification: This change order was necessary due to errors and omissions in the plans and specifications, latent job site conditions and user/owner requested modifications.

Total Project Change Orders and Amount: Seven (7) change orders for a total amount of \$2,780,365.29.

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Project Initiation Date: January 19, 2023
Design Professional: EGH Architects, P.A.
General Contractor: AnderCorp, LLC
Total Project Budget: \$68,675,000.00

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17. USM-IHL 208-301 REED GREEN COLISEUM RENOVATION

Approval Request #1: Construction Documents

Board staff approved Construction Documents as submitted by Wier Boerner Allin Architecture, PLLC for the following phases:

- IHL 208-301.1C Practice Facility
- IHL 208-301.2A Arena Renovations
- IHL 208-301.2B ADA Access Ramp
- IHL 208-301.3A Northeast Concessions / Restrooms
- IHL 208-301.3B Northwest Concessions / Restrooms
- IHL 208-301.3C Front Entry Addition

Approval Request #2: Advertisement

Board staff approved request for advertisement for the receipt of bids for the following phases:

- IHL 208-301.1C Practice Facility
- IHL 208-301.2A Arena Renovations
- IHL 208-301.2B ADA Access Ramp
- IHL 208-301.3A Northeast Concessions / Restrooms
- IHL 208-301.3B Northwest Concessions / Restrooms
- IHL 208-301.3C Front Entry Addition

18. USM-IHL 208-301.1B REED GREEN COLISEUM RENOVATION – DOME PAINTING

Approval Request #1: Award of Construction Contract

Board staff approved the Award of Contract in the amount of \$212,000.00 to the apparent low bidder, Corazon Coatings Group, LLC.

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Approval Status & Date: Approved, May 8, 2026

Project Initiation Date: January 7, 2026

Design Professional: Wier Boerner Allin Architecture, PLLC

CMA: Codaray Construction, LLC

General Contractor: Corazon Coatings Group, LLC

Phased Project Budget: \$244,895.33

Total Project Budget: \$43,170,506.50

19. USM - IHL 208-398 E-SPORTS ARENA AT THE HUB

Approval Request: Initiation

Board staff approved Initiation of the E-Sports Arena at the HUB and appointment of CDFL Architects & Engineers, PLLC.

Approval Status & Date: Approved, May 12, 2026

Project Initiation Date: May 12, 2026

Design Professional: CDFL Architects & Engineers, PLLC

General Contractor: TBD

Total Project Budget: \$1,500,000.00

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1. SYSTEM - REPORT OF PAYMENTS TO OUTSIDE COUNSEL

Legal fees approved for payment to outside counsel in relation to litigation and other matters:

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Brunini, Grantham, Grower and Hewes, PLLC (statement dated 5/20/26) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement, in the amount of \$87.50, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 87.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Copeland, Cook, Taylor & Bush, PA (statements dated 4/27/26, 6/1/26 and 6/1/26) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amount of \$5,233.00, \$4,379.00 and \$161.00, represent services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 9,773.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware|Immigration (statement dated 3/31/26, 5/1/26, 5/1/26, 5/1/26, 5/8/26, 5/15/26, 6/1/26 and 6/4/26) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$2,650.00, \$1,507.50, \$5,000.00, \$543.00, \$2,650.00, \$2,650.00, \$150.00 and \$1,650.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with immigration/labor certification matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 16,800.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Bond, Schoeneck & King (statement dated 5/11/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$647.50, represents services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 647.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mayo Mallette, PLLC (statements dated 5/6/26, 6/1/26, 6/4/26, 6/4/26 and 6/4/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$2,575.00, \$750.00, \$675.00, \$425.00 and \$912.50, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with general legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 5,337.50

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware|Immigration (statements dated 5/1/26, 5/6/26, 5/6/26, 5/6/26 and 5/8/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$547.00, \$2,650.00, \$2,650.00, \$3,925.00 and \$6,330.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with immigration/labor certification matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 16,102.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Alexander Law, P.A. (statements dated 3/23/26, 4/7/26, 4/7/26, 4/7/26, 4/7/26, 5/5/26, 5/5/26, 5/5/26 and 5/5/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$1,650.00, \$2,409.50, \$13,610.00, \$564.50, \$1,317.50, \$1,823.00, \$3,068.50, \$3,303.00 and \$262.50, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 28,008.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statements dated 2/27/26, 3/12/26, 3/12/26, 3/16/26, 3/30/26, 4/9/26, 4/9/26, 4/9/26, 4/9/26, 4/9/26, 4/9/26, 4/15/26, 4/17/26, 4/17/26, 4/17/26, 4/30/26, 5/12/26, 5/12/26, 5/12/26, 5/12/26, 5/12/26, 5/12/26, 5/12/26 and 5/16/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$5,584.50, \$15,229.35, \$2,491.40, \$1,464.20, \$4,635.50, \$3,869.00, \$1,204.50, \$6,570.00, \$3,041.65, \$336.75, \$1,806.50, \$48,150.30, \$580.50, \$15.00, \$34.00, \$27,192.50, \$839.50, \$1,661.50, \$16,880.50, \$1,058.70, \$2,255.85, \$438.00, \$360.00 and \$66.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 145,685.70

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Copeland, Cook, Taylor & Bush (statements dated 3/18/26 and 4/20/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$240.00 and \$4,580.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 4,820.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Currie, Johnson & Myers, P.A. (statements dated 3/23/26 and 4/10/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$3,620.00 and \$2,100.00, respectively represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 5,720.00

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Foreman, Watkins & Krutz, LLP (statement dated 3/12/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (This statement, in the amount of \$7,190.50, represents services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 7,190.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Gore, Kilpatrick & Dambrino, PLLC (statements dated 12/29/25, 2/25/26, 3/26/26, 4/27/26 and 4/27/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$10,606.00, \$677.50, \$160.00, \$140.00 and \$480.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 12,063.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Hogan Lovells, US, LLP (statements dated 4/28/26 and 4/30/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$69,970.50 and \$2,299.50, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 72,270.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mayo Mallette, PLLC (statement dated 4/6/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (This statement, in the amount of \$12,299.12, represents services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 12,299.12

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Page, Kruger & Holland, PA (statements dated 3/31/26, 4/1/26, 4/1/26, 4/1/26, 4/1/26, 5/4/26, 5/4/26, 5/4/26, 5/4/26 and 5/4/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$844.50, \$68.00, \$121.10, \$80.00, \$4,050.50, \$494.45, \$459.00, \$140.00, \$583.30 and \$340.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 7,180.85

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Steen, Dalehite & Pace, LLC (statements dated 3/31/26, 3/31/26, 3/31/26, 3/31/26, 4/13/26, 4/30/26 and 5/5/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$1,243.50, \$377.60, \$4,755.00, \$4,306.50, \$650.00, \$1,424.40 and \$283.60, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 13,040.60

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Vernis & Bowling of Mississippi, PLLC (statements dated 3/25/26, 3/25/26, 3/25/26, 3/25/26, 3/25/26, 3/25/26, 3/25/26, 3/25/26, 3/25/26, 4/22/26, 4/22/26, 4/22/26, 4/22/26 and 4/22/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$145.93, \$763.00, \$165.00, \$247.50, \$115.50, \$882.63, \$2,770.84, \$9,595.30, \$8,30.49, \$1,190.00, \$297.50, \$183.00, \$148.50, \$1,780.50 and \$420.00, respectively represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 19,524.69

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Walker & Ungo Immigration Law Firm (statements dated 1/16/26 and 3/19/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$2,000.00 and \$3,000.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 5,000.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Watkins & Eager, PLLC (statements dated 3/12/26, 3/12/26, 3/12/26, 3/27/26, 4/6/26, 4/8/26, 4/8/26, 4/8/26, 4/8/26, 4/8/26, 4/9/26, 5/6/26, 5/18/26, 5/18/26, 5/18/26, 5/18/26 and 5/18/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$216.75, \$379.50, \$760.00, \$735.00, \$350.00, \$1,400.00, \$210.00, \$1,715.00, \$3,960.00, \$615.00, \$2,310.00, \$70.00, \$33.00, \$66.00, \$6,730.00, \$560.00 and \$175.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 20,282.25

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Wise, Carter, Child & Caraway, P.A. (statements dated 3/12/26 and 4/16/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$1,895.00 and \$75,595.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 77,490.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Scott J. Schwartz, P.A. (statement dated 5/15/26) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$3,900.00, represents services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 3,900.00

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Starnes, Davis, Florie, LLP (statement dated 3/31/26) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (This statement, in the amount of \$10,060.20, represents services and expenses in connection with legal advice.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 10,060.20

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Ware|Immigration (statements dated 5/1/26, 5/7/26, 5/14/26, 5/28/26, 5/28/26, 6/1/26) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$90.00, \$3,610.00, \$3,110.00, \$715.00, \$2,650.00 and \$100.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with immigration/labor certification matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 10,275.00

Legal fees approved for payment to outside counsel in relation to patent and other intellectual property matters:

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler Snow LLP (statements dated 12/17/25, 12/17/25, 12/18/25, 12/22/25, 3/25/26, 3/25/26, 4/23/26 and 4/23/26) from the funds of Jackson State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$1,158.00, \$70.00, \$1,834.00, \$84.00, \$808.00, \$345.00, \$235.00 and \$56.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 4,590.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statement dated 5/21/26) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement, in the amount of \$328.50, represents services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 328.50

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Conley Rose, P.C. (statements dated 5/6/26, 5/6/26 and 5/6/26) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$2,750.00, \$1,266.00 and \$2,500.00, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 6,516.00

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Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mendelsohn Dunleavy, P.C. (statements dated 5/4/26, 5/4/26 and 5/4/26) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$992.50, \$1,997.00 and \$355.50, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 3,345.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Stites & Harbison, PLLC (statements dated 5/18/26, 5/18/26, 5/18/26 and 5/18/26) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (These statements, in the amounts of \$6,859.48, \$1,353.50, \$2,500.00 and \$4,004.50, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 14,717.48

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Weatherly IP Solutions, LLC (statement dated 3/18/26) from the funds of Mississippi State University. (This statement, in the amount of \$362.00, represents services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 362.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statements dated 3/23/26, 3/25/26, 3/25/26, 3/25/26, 3/25/26, 3/25/26, 4/23/26, 4/23/26, 5/21/26, 5/21/26, 5/21/26, 5/21/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$2,007.50, \$1,460.00, \$420.00, \$280.00, \$957.50, \$275.00, \$5,494.50, \$12,519.50, \$14,782.50, \$438.00, \$912.50 and \$6,132.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 45,679.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Stites & Harbison, PLLC (statements dated 1/23/26, 2/24/26, 3/17/26, 3/17/26, 3/17/26 4/23/26, 4/23/26, 5/13/26 and 5/13/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$2,030.00, \$2,812.00, \$1,266.00, \$608.00, \$342.00, \$912.00, \$3,698.00, \$2,432.00 and \$3,028.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 17,128.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Workman Nydegger (statements dated 3/12/26, 3/12/26, 3/12/26, 3/12/26, 3/12/26, 4/13/26, 4/13/26, 4/13/26 and 4/13/26) from the funds of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. (These statements, in the amounts of \$2,750.00, \$1,650.00, \$5,161.00, \$722.12, \$4,800.00, \$254.00, \$200.00, \$2,900.00 and

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\$3,350.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with intellectual property patents.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 21,787.12

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Butler|Snow (statements dated 5/21/26 and 5/21/26) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$1,751.00 and \$1,478.00 represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 3,229.00

Payment of legal fees for professional services rendered by Mendelsohn Dunleavy, P.C. (statements dated 5/5/26, 5/5/26, 5/5/26, 5/5/26, 5/5/26, 5/5/26, 5/5/26 and 5/5/26) from the funds of the University of Southern Mississippi. (These statements, in the amounts of \$385.00, \$1,675.00, \$570.00, \$958.00, \$735.00, \$245.00, \$4,955.00 and \$560.00, respectively, represent services and expenses in connection with patents or intellectual property matters.)

TOTAL DUE.....\$ 10,083.00

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1. SYSTEM – COMMISSIONER’S NOTICE OF APPROVAL

The following items have been approved by the Commissioner on behalf of the Board and are available for review in the Board Office.

- a. **MSU** – On May 7, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Agreement to Terminate Ground Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Housing Corporation of Mississippi Order of the Red Rose and Kappa Alpha Order, Beta Tau Chapter (collectively “Red Rose-KA”), and the new Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Lee Guard, LLC and the Beta Tau Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Order (collectively “Lee Guard-KA”). Red Rose-KA currently holds a 50-year ground lease with the University that received Commissioner approval on May 7, 2015 and is dated May 11, 2015, for Lot #2, Fraternity Hill Revised Plat, MSU, Oktibbeha County, MS, on which was constructed the MSU Chapter of the Kappa Alpha fraternity house. The MSU Chapter of Kappa Alpha plans to demolish the existing structure and build a new chapter house on the same lot. The termination of the original ground lease and approval of a new ground lease agreement between the University and the new housing corporation, Lee Guard-KA, is needed to establish the new house corporation and detail the financing associated with construction of a new chapter house. The new ground lease has a term of 50 years and will be effective upon approval and signature. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.
- b. **MSU** – On May 11, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved Amendment #1 to the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University (lessor) and the East Mississippi Center for Educational Development (EMCED) (lessee). The one-year term of this lease began July 1, 2024 with an option to renew for up to four additional one-year terms by written agreement of the parties. The “Demised Premises” subject to the lease included approximately 300 square feet of space on MSU’s Meridian Campus located at 1000 Highway 18 North, specifically Rooms #076 and #078. It was renewed for a one-year term effective July 1, 2025 with no amendments. The University now seeks retroactive approval of Amendment #1 which was effective October 1, 2025, amending the definition of the “Demised Premises” to mean approximate 1,200 square feet of office space including Rooms #024, #025 and #026 and increasing the annual rent from \$7,401.29 to \$12,000. All other provisions of that agreement remain unchanged. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.
- c. **MSU** – On May 13, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Right-of-Way Easement Agreement between Mississippi State University and Entergy Mississippi, LLC to allow Entergy to move power poles so that Hinds County may replace the Learned Oakley Road bridge that lies adjacent to MSU’s Brown Loam property on Learned Oakley Road. This is a perpetual easement with MSU having the option to terminate the right-of-way following one-year of continuous non-use of the

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- easement and easement area by Entergy. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.
- d. **MSU** – On May 13, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and GCC, LLC for space located at 2012 US-90, Suites 5 and 5A, Gautier, MS for a Resource and Referral Center operated by the University in accordance with the terms of a grant awarded to the University by the Mississippi Department of Human Services. The term of the lease is two years effective July 15, 2026. The total cost of the agreement is \$60,000 payable in 12 monthly installments of \$2,525 each with payments due on the first of each month. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts and Policy 707.03 Approval for Prepayment for Goods or Services. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.
- e. **MSU** – On May 20, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Cornerstone Properties of Brookhaven, LLC for space located at 202 N. Jackson Street, Brookhaven, MS for a Resource and Referral Center operated by the University in accordance with the terms of a grant awarded to the University by the Mississippi Department of Human Services. The term of the lease is twenty (20) months effective August 1, 2026. The total cost of the agreement is \$97,000 payable in monthly installments of \$4,850 each with payments due on the first of each month. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts and Policy 707.03 Approval for Prepayment for Goods or Services. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.
- f. **MSU** – On May 22, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College for space on the MGCCC campus in which to temporarily house the Mississippi Cyber Initiative until a new facility is constructed. MSU had a prior lease with MGCCC that was effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025. Due to administrative delays, the lease renewal was not executed prior to the expiration of the previous lease. The term of the new lease is 26 months and is effective July 1, 2025 through August 30, 2027 at a cost of \$2,512.57/month for 4,153 square feet of space. Funding for this lease is provided through a contract from the MS Development Authority specifically for the Mississippi Cyber Initiative. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts and Policy 707.03 Approval for Prepayment for Goods or Services. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.
- g. **MSU** – On May 22, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Lease Agreement between Mississippi State University and Rice Road Retail, LLC for space located at 7157 Old Canton Road, Ridgeland, MS for a Resource and Referral Center

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operated by the University in accordance with the terms of a grant awarded to the University by the Mississippi Department of Human Services. The term of the lease is two years effective August 1, 2026. The total cost of the agreement is \$98,880 payable in 24 monthly installments of \$4,120 each with payments due on the first of each month. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts and Policy 707.03 Approval for Prepayment for Goods or Services. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.

- h. **USM** – On May 22, 2026, Commissioner Alfred Rankins, Jr. approved the Sublease Agreement between the University of Southern Mississippi and Saronic Technologies, Inc. for approximately 1,996 square feet of space in the USM Roger F. Wicker Center for Ocean Enterprise. The lease is effective upon approval and execution and will expire on the last day of the 5th full month following that execution. Saronic will pay the university \$9,815.44 per month or \$49,077.20 for the 5-month term of the lease. The IHL Associate Commissioner for Legal Affairs and Risk Management reviewed this item and found it compliant with Board Policy 707.01 Land, Property, and Service Contracts. A copy of the document is on file in the IHL Board Office.

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PERSONNEL ACTION REPORT

1. **Sabbatical**

University of Mississippi

FROM: Laura Sheppardson; Associate Chair and Associate Professor of Mathematics; salary \$90,542 per annum, pro rata; E&G Funds; 9-month contract; no change in salary during sabbatical period; E&G Funds; effective January 19, 2027 to May 8, 2027; professional development

[Originally approved by IHL Board February 19, 2026]

CORRECTED: This item was rescinded.