

## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

### **MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES**

May 20, 2021

The Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services Board met via livestream, on Thursday, May 20, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. for the regularly scheduled May monthly meeting.

#### Members Present:

June Songy, Chair

Keith Van Camp, Vice Chair

Bill Cook

Mark Henderson

Thomas A. Wicker

#### Legislative Advisor Not Present:

Chairman Scott DeLano, Senate Technology Committee

#### Staff Members Present:

David Johnson, Executive Director

Michele Blocker, Chief Administrative Officer

Sheila Kearney, Procurement Services Director

Jay White, Data Services Director

Brian Norwood, Telecom Services Director

Holly Savorgnan, Internal Services Director

Steve Patterson, Digital Services Director

Debra Brown, Communication Services Director

Michelle Smith, Procurement Process Specialist

Tangela Harrion, Procurement Team Leader  
Leah Kathryn Anzenberger, Policy Analyst  
Renee Murray, E-Government Program Lead  
Jill Chastant, Technology Consultant  
Paula Conn, Technology Consultant  
Kimberly Parker, Technology Consultant  
Jordan Barber, Technology Consultant  
Justin Faucette, Technology Consultant  
Jay Woodruff, Technology Consultant  
Jeff Jennings, Data Center Infrastructure Manager  
Katie White, Web and Publications Specialist  
Kevin Gray, IT Planning Coordinator  
Lori Adams, Planning and Policy Specialist  
Lynn Templeton, Business Relationship Manager  
Leslie Swilley, Administrative Specialist  
Emily Grace Cole, Human Resources Specialist

Others Present:

Donna Hayden, Alcorn State University  
Rodney Moore, Alcorn State University  
Jim Hood, Institutions of Higher Learning  
Phil Cumberland, Institutions of Higher Learning  
David Sliman, University of Southern Mississippi  
Robert Anderson, Mississippi Department of Human Services  
Brian Wardlaw, Mississippi Department of Human Services  
Mark Allen, Mississippi Department of Human Services

Sharon Butler, Mississippi Department of Human Services

Jackie Surrell, Mississippi Department of Human Services

Jordan Nohra, Cisco

Janice Fitzgerald, C Spire

Nathan Slater, C Spire

Laura Killebrew, IBM

Karen Newman, The Clay Firm

Bryce Yelverton, Yelverton Consulting

June Songy called the meeting to order and asked guests to send an email with their name and the entity they represent to [meetingminutes@its.ms.gov](mailto:meetingminutes@its.ms.gov).

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Agenda Item No. 1: June Songy directed the Board's attention to the first agenda item, approval of the minutes from the ITS Board Meeting on April 15, 2021.

On motion by Tom Wicker and second by Mark Henderson that the minutes of the meeting on April 15, 2021 be approved as written:

Motion carried; unanimously.

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Agenda Item No. 2: Kimberly Parker and Donna Hayden, Interim Chief Information Technology Officer, presented Project No. 46502, requested approval of an exemption for **ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY (ASU)** to request proposals for the acquisition of a Turnkey E-Learning Collaboration Solution. The staffs of ITS and ASU jointly recommended approval of the exemption request at a total estimated 5-year lifecycle cost of \$2,500,000.00. ASU will solicit proposals in accordance with all statutory requirements for such acquisitions.

On motion by Tom Wicker and second by Keith Van Camp that the staff recommendation be approved:

Motion carried; unanimously.

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Agenda Item No. 3: Jordan Barber, Jim Hood, Assistant Commissioner for Strategic Research, and David Sliman, Chief Information Officer, University of Southern Mississippi, presented Project No. 4388-46189, requesting approval for the sole source acquisition of the high-performance optical and packet backbone research network from Internet2 for the **STATE OF MISSISSIPPI INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING (IHL)**. The staffs of ITS and IHL jointly recommended Internet2 as the sole-source provider of a high-performance optical and packet backbone research network, at a total 3-year life cycle cost of \$1,402,192.00.

On motion by Bill Cook and second by Mark Henderson that the staff recommendation be approved:

Motion carried; unanimously.

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Agenda Item No. 4: Paula Conn, Mark Allen, Chief Information Officer, and Sharon Butler, Division Director of Economic Assistance Eligibility, presented the recommendation for Project Number 46498 for an increase to the Agreement with Conduent State and Local Solutions, Inc. for the facilitation of Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) services for **MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (MDHS)**, Economic Assistance Eligibility. The staffs of ITS and MDHS jointly recommended approval of the increase to the Agreement with Conduent State and Local Solutions, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$4,030,500.00 for the facilitation of Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) services. With this increase, the revised total not-to-exceed lifecycle cost of this project is \$13,157,857.68.

On motion by Keith Van Camp and second by Bill Cook that the staff recommendation be

approved:

Motion carried; unanimously.

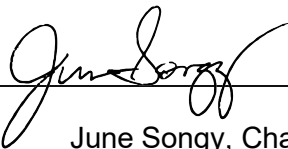
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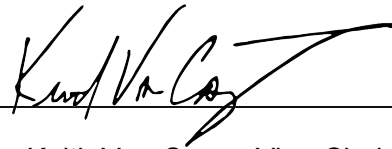
The Board acknowledged Agenda Item No. 5 regarding the summary of equipment, software and services, exemptions and sole source procurements approved by the ITS Executive Director.

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The Board discussed verification of quorum for next ITS Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 17, 2021.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by June Songy.

  
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June Songy, Chair

  
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Keith Van Camp, Vice-Chair