

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

September 16, 2021

The Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services Board met via livestream, on Thursday, September 16, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. for the regularly scheduled September monthly meeting.

Members Present:

Keith Van Camp, Chair

Bill Cook, Vice-Chair

Mark Henderson

Thomas A. Wicker

Christa Alexander

Legislative Advisor Present:

Chairman Scott DeLano, Technology Committee, MS State Senate

Representative Kent McCarty, MS House of Representatives

Staff Members Present:

David Johnson, Executive Director

Michele Blocker, Chief Administrative Officer

Sheila Kearney, Procurement Services Director

Tommy Goodwin, Procurement Services Director

Holly Savorgnan, Internal Services Director

Brian Norwood, Telecom Services Director

Steve Patterson, Digital Services Director

Debra Brown, Communication Services Director
Brandon Walker, Special Assistant Attorney General
Michelle Smith, Procurement Process Specialist
Tangela Harrion, Procurement Team Leader
Justin Faucette, Procurement Team Leader
Leah Kathryn Anzenberger, Policy Analyst
Renee Murray, E-Government Program Lead
Robert Martinez, Technology Consultant
Wesley Wright, Technology Consultant
Kimberly Parker, Technology Consultant
Evan Thiemann, Technology Consultant
Debbie Parker, Technology Consultant
Tiffany Hollis-Johnson, Technology Consultant
Roshunda Mitchell, Technology Consultant
Cam Proctor, Network Engineer
Lori Adams, Planning and Policy Specialist
Katie White, Web and Publications Specialist
Lynn Templeton, Business Relationship Manager
Pam Sinclair, Business Relationship Analyst
Leslie Swilley, Administrative Specialist
Emily Grace Cole, Human Resources Specialist

Others Present:

Joe Goff, Department of Education
John Kraman, Department of Education
Felicia Gavin, Ph.D, Department of Education
Aubrey Leigh Goodwin, Department of Finance and Administration

Mackenzie Dickerson, Office of the Governor
Mark Allen, Department of Human Services
Jennifer Wentworth, Division of Medicaid
Grant Banks, Division of Medicaid
Jeanette Crawford, Division of Medicaid
Jill Chastant, Division of Medicaid
Nishanth Rodrigues, University of Mississippi
Mickey Yates, Department of Revenue
Emily Tschiffely, Secretary of State's Office
Carla Thornhill, Secretary of State's Office
Mark Scutch, Secretary of State's Office
Ellen Swoger, University of Mississippi Medicaid Center
Jason Zimmerman, University of Mississippi Medicaid Center
David Sliman, University of Southern Mississippi
Charlie Case, CORE Technology
Laura Killebrew, IBM
Bertram Jenkins, Logista Solutions
JJ Dunn, NTT DATA
Karen Newman, The Clay Firm

Keith Van Camp 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.

Agenda Item No. 1: Keith Van Camp directed the Board's attention to the first agenda item,

approval of the minutes from the ITS Board Meeting on August 19, 2021.

On motion by Tom Wicker and second by Mark Henderson that the minutes of the meeting on August 19, 2021 be approved as written:

Motion carried; unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 2: Kimberly Parker, Ellen Swoger, Chief Information Officer of Applications, and Jason Zimmerman, Chief Nursing Officer, presented Project No. 46600, requesting approval of an exemption for the **UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER (UMMC)** to request proposals for the acquisition of a Telesitter Software, Hardware, and Services Solution. The staffs of ITS and UMMC jointly recommended approval of the exemption request at a total estimated 5-year lifecycle cost of \$1,260,000.00. UMMC will solicit proposals in accordance with all statutory requirements for such acquisitions.

On motion by Mark Henderson and second by Tom Wicker that the staff recommendation be approved:

Motion carried; unanimously, with Christa Alexander abstaining.

Agenda Item No. 3: Robert Martinez, Carla Thornhill, Chief of Staff, Emily Tschiffely, Director of Finance, and Mark Scutch, Chief Information Officer, presented Project 46347, requesting approval of an exemption for the **MISSISSIPPI SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE (MSOS)** to request proposals for the acquisition of Statewide Election Management Systems (SEMS) support. The staffs of ITS and MSOS jointly recommended approval of the exemption request at a total estimated 3-year lifecycle cost of \$4,400,000.00. MSOS will solicit proposals in accordance with all statutory requirements for such acquisitions.

On motion by Tom Wicker and second by Bill Cook that the staff recommendation be approved:

Motion carried; unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 4: Wesley Wright and Jennifer Wentworth, Deputy Administrator of Finance, presented Project 46113, requesting approval of an exemption for the **MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF MEDICAID (DOM)** to request proposals for the acquisition of support and hosting of the Modernized Medicaid eligibility determination system. The staffs of ITS and DOM jointly recommended approval of the exemption request at a total estimated 5-year lifecycle cost of \$50,000,000.00. DOM will solicit proposals in accordance with all statutory requirements for such acquisitions.

On motion by Bill Cook and second by Tom Wicker that the staff recommendation be approved:

Motion carried; unanimously.

Agenda Item No. 5: Joe Goff, General Counsel, Felicia Gavin, Ph.D., Chief of Operations, and John Kraman, Chief Information Officer from the Mississippi Department of Education presented a request for suspension of 1-year restriction on contract(s) resulting from emergency declaration. Under the Governor's Proclamation of March 14, 2020, addressing the COVID-19 pandemic in Mississippi, and in connection with the MDE declared emergency approved by the State Board of Education on September 2, 2021, contingent upon continued cooperation with and input from ITS, on motion by Tom Wicker and second by Bill Cook that ITS temporarily suspend, from present through March 31, 2022, the ITS regulation that restricts contracts to one year for the following MDE projects for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$88,979,600.00: Supplemental Digital Content, Mississippi Student Information System Modernization (MSIS 2.0), School Safety Platform, Mississippi Educator Career Continuum Archive System (MECCA), College and Career Readiness Platform, and Independent Verification and Validation for MSIS 2.0 and MECCA Builds. Said contracts are to not exceed a term beyond September of 2024:

Motion carried; with Mark Henderson opposed.

Agenda Item No. 6: Brian Norwood, Telecom Services Director, provided an update on the RFP No. 5000 Category I: Voice and Data Network migration to C Spire.

The Board acknowledged Agenda Item No. 7 regarding the summary of equipment, software and services, exemptions and sole source procurements approved by the ITS Executive Director.

The Board discussed verification of quorum for next ITS Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 21, 2021.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Keith Van Camp.



Keith Van Camp, Chair



Bill Cook, Vice-Chair